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**From the Ninth Regiment**

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The Ninth Regiment is now stationed here about twenty miles below Louisville, and although sickness prevails among us to a considerable extent. I believe it has in the least hampered the ardor of the gallant Michiganders for the cause in which they have embarked. We are now encamped on the west side of Salt river, in Abe Lincoln's native county. The Thirty-seventh Indiana are encamped but a short distance from us, and three thousand more troops are on the way to reinforce us, and will probably arrive tonight.

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Companies E and G, of the 9<sup>th</sup>, under Major Fox are now occupying the unfinished fort. They had an alarm last night, owing to one of the sentinels mistaking a mule for a secesh because he was unable to give the countersign.

Arms are an entirely scare article in Louisville, and the arms furnished to our regiment by the United States are almost worse than useless. If by any means the State could be induced to furnish us with good arms, it would be no detriment to the good cause, and would materially increase the confidence of the men in their ability to cope with the enemy. It seems to be a great pity that so fine a body of men should be allowed to go into the field crippled, not for want of either personal courage or want of confidence in their officers, but by want of efficient arms.

We had a most fatiguing journey from Detroit to our present quarters, being constantly on the move from Friday morning when we left Detroit to Monday evening late when we arrived here. The Regiment behaved splendidly the whole time; not a murmur escaped their lips. Their good discipline and fine appearance and good equipments, carried forth the warmest encomiums from all who saw them. Their good conduct called forth a general order from our well beloved Colonel, complimenting and thanking the men for their good conduct on so fatiguing a march, which, as he said, was a better proof on their mettle than a battle.

Tell our friends that next to letters from home, that newspapers from home would be most welcome to us. We have not seen a Detroit paper since we started.

THE NINTH REGIMENT – Colonel Duffield's regiment is now at West Point, Hardin Co., Ky., and the Sergeant Major of the Regiment, A.M. Dobbelaire, now in the city, desires us to say that the Regiment requires fifty more recruits. All persons desirous of enlisting and engaging in active service with this Regiment, can do so by application made to him during this week. He will be found at the State Adjutant General's Office until Monday next, when he returns to Kentucky.

The Post Office address of the Regiment is West Point, (via Louisville,) Hardin Co., Ky.

