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Silfversparre's Battery During the Civil War

A Roster of the Swedish born Officers and Men of
Company H, 1st Illinois Light Artillery 1862-1865

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The Swedish artillery officer Axel Silfversparre organized Silfversparre's battery during the end of 1861 and the beginning of 1862, with men from Chicago and surrounding Cook County, and with men from the Swedish immigrant communities in northern Illinois, including Andover, Galesburg, Knoxville, Moline, Rock Island, Rockford, Geneva and St. Charles. The German immigrant community in eastern Missouri, with towns such as Cape Girardeau, St. Louis, and Blue Island, also contributed to the battery. In Silfversparre's Battery Scandinavians were not even half the battery, although Swedes were the largest ethnic group, then came Americans, followed by Germans.

Silfversparre's Battery was mustered into service as Company H, 1st Illinois Volunteer Light Artillery, on 20 February 1862, with Silfversparre as captain. Due to his unpopularity among his men, and trouble with his superiors -- he was court-martialed, but acquitted, twice -- Silfversparre was in August 1862 relieved from command by order of Major General W. T. Sherman. Lieutenant Levi W. Hart of Company B, 1st Illinois Volunteer Light Artillery, superseded him. Silfversparre's friend, and co-organizer, the German born Francis DeGress, succeeded Hart in August 1863, and commanded the company to the end of the war. In spite of the change of commanders, the Swedish immigrant press called the company Silfversparre's battery throughout the war.

Silfversparre's Battery was the Swedish American unit that fought in most battles. Along with other Swedish American units from Illinois, the Silfversparre battery took part in the bloody battle of Shi-

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loh, Tennessee 6-7 April 1862. The battery formed a prominent part of the line of heavy guns near the Tennessee River that on the first night beat back the attacking enemy. After the battle of Shiloh it participated in the capture of Corinth, Mississippi, on 30 May 1862. In December 1862 it took part in Sherman's Yazoo expedition, one of the many failed attempts to take Vicksburg, Mississippi, and in January 1863 in the successful capture of Arkansas Post, Arkansas. During the rest of the spring of 1863 the battery belonged to the large Union force that besieged Vicksburg until the capitulation of that city on 4 July 1863. After the battle the battery contributed to the capture of Jackson, Mississippi 16 July 1863. It then stayed in Mississippi until fall, when the battery participated in the campaign to relieve Chattanooga, Tennessee, besieged by a Confederate army.

After the successful relief of Chattanooga, Silfversparre's battery wintered in northern Alabama. In the spring of 1864, the unit joined Sherman's army in the Atlanta campaign, fighting in the battles of Kennesaw Mountain 27 June 1864 and of Atlanta 22 July 1864. During the last battle the battery lost all its guns to the attacking enemy, but the Union infantry retook them the next day. The battery then took part in Sherman's march through Georgia and the Carolinas during the fall of 1864 and the spring of 1865. Finally it participated in the grand victory review in Washington, D.C., 24 May 1865, before being mustered out at Springfield, Illinois, 14 June 1865. The battery figures prominently in the pages of *Hemlandet*, as the editor of the newspaper took a stand against Captain Silfversparre in his conflict with the men.

A total of 182 soldiers served in Silfversparre's Battery during the Civil War. The present roster only contains information about the 68 of them that stated that they were born in Sweden.

Abrahamson, John, 17, laborer, Rockford, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 3" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 25 Feb. 1862 in Rockford for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Discharged 7 Oct. 1862 for disability at Quincy, IL.

Alstrand, Gustav, 22, laborer, Andover, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 28 Jan. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as

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private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Taken prisoner at the battle of Atlanta, GA, 22 July 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Gustaf Johanson Ahlstrand was born 25 April 1840 in Mellby Parish (Jön.). - *ALCR*, book 1, p. 22.

Anderson, Anders [Andrew] E., 28, blacksmith, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 5" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 21 Feb. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Formerly belonged to 18th Ills. Vols. Inf. Sent to general hospital at Hamburg, TN, 30 May 1862. Deserter per order of Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, being absent 18 Aug. 1862. Discharged for disability 24 Oct. 1862.

Born in Jönköping (Jön.) 24 Sept. 1834. Later served in the 19th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment. - *JP*, p. 426.

Anderson, Andrew L., 20, farmer, Andover, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 5" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 25 Feb. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Sent to general hospital at Moscow, TN, 7 June 1862. Discharged 24 Sept. 1862 on surgeon's certificate of disability at Quincy, IL.

He may be identical to Anders Larson, born in Källunga Parish (Älvs.) 26 Oct. 1841. Arr. in the U.S. in 1860. - *ALCR*, book 1, p. 58.

Anderson, John, 26, mechanic, Chicago, IL. He had brown hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 6' 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 30 March 1864 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 30 March 1864 in Chicago. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Anderson, John A., No. 1, 28, carpenter, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 6' 3/4" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 6 Jan. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as sergeant 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Reduced to ranks and promoted to corporal 17 Nov. 1863, on account of battery only being allowed four sergeants. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 26 Feb. 1864. Reduced to ranks for insubordination 21 May 1864. Wounded in action at Dallas, GA, and sent to hospital 24 May 1864. Discharged for disability 4 Jan. 1865 at St. Louis, MO.

Born in Näshult Parish (Jön.) 18 May 1834. Arr. in the U.S. in 1853. - *JP*, p. 415.

Anderson, John A., No. 2, 30, carpenter, Moline, IL. He had black hair, brown eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 29 Jan. 1862 in Moline for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865 as corporal.

Johan August Anderson was born in Västra Eneby Parish (Ög.) 22 Feb. 1832. - *MLCR*, book 1, p. 14.

Anderson, N. J., 31, tailor, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 8 March 1862 in Chicago for three years. Missing in action at Pittsburg Landing, TN, 6 April 1862.

Anderson, Peter, 23, laborer, Galesburg, IL. He had black hair, brown eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 9" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 15 Jan. 1862 in Galesburg for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Sent to general hospital 3 May 1862. Died of typhoid fever 9 May 1862 on hospital boat at Pittsburg Landing, TN.

Beckman, Charles, 34, tailor, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 4" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 24 Feb. 1862 in Moline for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Drowned at sea 31 March 1865 in the burning of the steamer *General Lyon* off Cape Hatteras.

Benson, Henk, 26, tailor, Rockford, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 11" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 15 Feb. 1862 in Rockford for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 6 March 1864. Promoted to corporal 1 July 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865 as corporal.

Buckland, John, 27, shoemaker, Rockford, IL. He had dark hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 6" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 15 Jan. 1862 in Rockford for three years. Mustered into service as corporal 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Reduced to ranks by his own request 17 Nov. 1863 and made bugler; afterwards promoted again to corporal. Re-

enlisted as veteran volunteer 6 March 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865 as corporal.

Charleston, Aaron, 18, farmer, Andover, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 6" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 25 Feb. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Promoted to corporal 12 May 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865 as corporal.

Aron Carlson was born in Målilla Parish (Kalm.) 25 July 1844. Arr. in the U.S. in 1853 with his parents. He died 7 Feb. 1935 as the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) in Andover. - *ALCR*, book 1, p. 62; book 5, page 9.

Charleston, Nils Peter, 26, wagonmaker, Rock Island, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 7 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 25 Feb. 1862 in Rock Island for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Died of dysentery 4 Oct. 1864 in the ambulance while in pursuit of John Hood in Georgia.

Erickson, Sven, 19, farmer, Knoxville, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 26 Feb. 1862 in Knoxville for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Was left sick at St. Louis, MO, 1 April 1862. Returned to battery 1 May 1862. Died of remittent fever 19 Sept. 1862 in the regimental hospital at Memphis, TN.

Gommerson, Clement, 36, shoemaker, Chicago, IL. He had brown hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 7" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 15 Jan. 1862 in Rockford, IL, for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Sent to general hospital at St. Louis, MO, 25 March 1862. Discharged for disability 24 Sept. 1862 at Quincy, IL. Enlisted again as recruit 30 March 1864 in Chicago, for three years. Mustered into service as private 30 March 1864 in Chicago. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Godee, Seth, 26, student, Galena, IL. He had brown hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 7" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 2 March 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Discharged for disability 20 Oct. 1862 at Mem-

-phis, TN. Enlisted again as recruit 11 Aug. 1864 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 11 Aug. 1864 in Chicago. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865 as corporal.

Hagerstrom, John C., 35, soldier, Chicago, IL. He had dark hair, hazel eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 10" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 4 Feb. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as corporal 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Reduced to ranks 4 May 1863 for disobedience of orders. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 26 Feb. 1864. Sent to hospital 25 Aug. 1864. Died of unknown cause 15 Nov. 1864 in hospital at Chattanooga, TN.

Hogberg, Olof, 44, painter, Chicago, IL. He had dark hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 28 Feb. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Discharged 19 June 1863 for disability at Memphis, TN.

Hult, Peter Olsen, 45, farmer, St. Charles, IL. He had dark hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 6" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 5 Feb. 1862 in Andover, IL, for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 at St. Charles. Drowned at sea 31 March 1865 in the burning of the steamer *General Lyon* off Cape Hatteras.

Hultgren, John N., 28, laborer, Andover, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 8 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 28 Jan. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 at Chicago. Had his hand blown off and severely wounded in chest at the siege of Corinth 28 May 1862. Sent to hospital and discharged. Deserter per order of Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, being absent 18 Aug. 1862. Discharged 9 May 1863 at Keokuk, IA by reason of amputation of arm caused by gunshot wound received in action.

Johannson, Johann, 15, laborer, Chicago, IL. He had sandy hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 24 Feb. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Remained at Larkinsville, AL as a non-veteran. Drowned at sea 31 March 1865 in the burning of the steamer *General Lyon* off Cape Hatteras.

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Johnson, Andrew J., 18, laborer, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 4" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 26 Jan. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Johnson, August, 19, gardener, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 11" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 22 Feb. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Johnson, Axel, 33, laborer, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 7" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 23 Jan. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864 and mustered again 28 Feb. 1864 at Larkinsville, AL. Severly wounded 22 July 1864 and sent to general hospital. Absent in hospital by reason of wounds; not mustered out.

Johnson, Charles Julius, 19, sailor, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 20 Jan. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Johnson, Charles P., 25, laborer, Moline, IL. He had sandy hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 6" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 31 Jan. 1862 in Moline for three years. Mustered into service as wagonmaker 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Died of fever 17 May 1862 in camp No. 5 near Corinth, MS.

Johnson, John A., 26, wagonmaker, Rockford, IL. He had brown hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 9 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 13 Jan. 1862 in Rockford for three years. Mustered into service as wagonmaker 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Sickly until sent to general hospital 7 June 1862. Reported as discharged, but the battery never received official notice. Deserter per order of Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, being absent 18 Aug. 1862.

Johnson, Sven J., 22, laborer, Galesburg, IL. He had light hair,

blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 1 Feb. 1862 in Galesburg for three years. Sent to general hospital 22 March 1862. Reported discharged, battery never received official notice. Deserter per order of Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, being absent 18 Aug. 1862.

Landstrom, John, 44, carpenter, Knoxville, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 9" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 26 Feb. 1862 in Knoxville for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Sent to general hospital 15 April 1862. Died at Paducah, KY. Deserter per order of Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, being absent 18 Aug. 1862.

Larson, Charles W., 18, laborer, Andover, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 4" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 27 Jan. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Carl Wilhelm Larson was born in Kristdala Parish (Kalm.) 19 Feb. 1846. Arr. in the U.S. in 1857 with his parents. His father, Charles J. Larson, served in Co. C., 43rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry. - C.J. Larson Papers; *ALCR*, book 1, p. 152.

Larson, Lewis, 24, cabinetmaker, Knoxville, IL. He had sandy hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 10" in height. Born in Kristianstad, Sweden. Enlisted 27 Jan. 1862 in Knoxville for three years. Mustered into service as sergeant 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Promoted to quartermaster sergeant 15 Oct. 1863 at Iuka, MS. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 26 Feb. 1864. Commissioned second lieutenant but not mustered. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Larson, Peter, 19, laborer, Galesburg, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 4" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 27 Jan. 1862 in Galesburg for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865 as corporal.

Born in Axelstorp, Skåne, 31 March 1843. Came to America in 1854 with his parents. Prisoner of war at the Battle of Atlanta, GA, 22 July 1864. - *JP*, p. 396.

Lindman, Axel, 17, laborer, Moline, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 4" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 30 Jan. 1862 in Moline for three years. Mustered into service as private 20

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Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

He was born in Järsnäs Parish (Jön.) 1 Jan. 1845. - *MLCR*, book 1, p. 65.

Lindquist, Charles, 21, farmer, Andover, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 25 Feb. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Died of pneumonia 20 Feb. 1863 in the regimental hospital of the 47th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Young's Point off Vicksburg, MS.

Carl Johan Jonsson Lindquist was born in Järeda Parish (Kalm.) 21 Nov. 1841. Arr. in the U.S. in 1861. - *ALCR*, book 1, p. 138.

Lindvall, August, 23, farmer, Rockford, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 11" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 5 March 1862 in Rockford for three years. Corporal. Sent to general hospital at Pittsburg Landing, TN, 5 May 1862. Reported dead, but battery never received official notice. Deserter per order of Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, being absent 18 Aug. 1862.

Lindvall, Lewis, 29, tailor, Andover, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 2 March 1862 in Galesburg, IL for three years. Sent to general hospital 15 April 1862. Deserter per order of Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, being absent 18 Aug. 1862.

Lofgren, Charles, 25, farmer, Andover, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 7 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 25 Feb. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Carl Johan Claesson Löfgren was born in Kristdala Parish (Kalm.) 16 May 1833. Arr. in the U.S. in 1857. - *ALCR*, book 1, p. 34.

Lundgren, John A., 21, farmer, Andover, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 6 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 25 Feb. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

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Johan August Johanson Lundgren was born 7 Aug. 1842 in Källunga Parish (Älvs.). Arr. in the U.S. in 1860 from Skölvene Parish (Älvs.). - *ALCR*, book 1, p. 58.

Munson, Peter, 40, tailor, Knoxville, IL. He had dark hair, black eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 6 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 19 Feb. 1862 in Knoxville for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Drowned at sea 31 March 1865 in the burning of the steamer *General Lyon* off Cape Hatteras.

Nanson, Andrew, 22, laborer, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 11" in height. Born in Denmark. Enlisted 22 Feb. 1862 in Rock Island for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Sent to general hospital 15 April 1862. Deserter per order of Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, being absent 18 Aug. 1862.

Nelson, August, 27, laborer, Rock Island, IL. He had light hair, gray eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 25 Feb. 1862 in Rock Island for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Sent to general hospital 12 May 1862. Deserter per order of Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, being absent 18 Aug. 1862.

Nelson, John, 24, teamster, Galesburg, IL. He had light hair, black eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 7" in height. Born in Denmark. Enlisted 26 Feb. 1862 in Galesburg for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865 as bugler.

Nelson, Peter, 24, tailor, Geneva, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 5" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 4 March 1862 in Chicago for three years. Missing in action at Shiloh, TN 6 April 1862.

Nerro, Samuel John, 19, tailor, Geneva, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 4" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 4 March 1862 in Geneva for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 6 March 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Oberg, Pehr Alfred, 20, laborer, Rockford, IL. He had brown hair, dark eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 5" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 15 Jan. 1862 in Rockford for three years. Mustered into service as

private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Olson, Abraham, 18, laborer, Andover, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 6" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 27 Jan. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

He was born in Bergsjö Parish (Gävl.) 2 Sept. 1844. Arr. in the U.S. in 1850. - *ALCR*, book 1, p. 22; *SPAUS*, p. 440.

Olson, Gustaf, 23, blacksmith, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 2 March 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as corporal 20 Feb.(!) 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 6 March 1864. Promoted to sergeant 1 July 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865 as sergeant.

Olsson, Henry Olof, 25, clerk, Chicago, IL. He had dark hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 9 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 12 Feb. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as sergeant 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Reduced to ranks 20 Feb 1863 for insubordination against quartermaster sergeant John R. Scupham. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 26 Feb. 1864 and mustered again 28 Feb. 1864 at Larkinsville, AL. Sent to hospital 21 Nov 1864. Discharged for disability 24 March 1865.

Olson, Nils, 23, laborer, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 10 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 30 March 1864 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 30 March 1864 in Chicago. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Olsson, Peter, 27, shoemaker, Rockford, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a dark complexion and was 5' 9" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 13 Jan. 1862 in Rockford for three years. Mustered into service as sergeant 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Sent to general hospital at Pittsburg Landing, TN, 7 May 1862. Mustered as deserter 21 Aug. 1862. Returned to duty 24 Jan. 1863 and reduced to duty and pay shortly afterwards as private. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 26 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Pearce, Samuel, 19, machinist, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 6 3/4" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 15 Jan. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Pearson, Olof, 18, farmer, Rockford, IL. He had dark hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 4 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 5 March 1862 in Rockford for three years. Discharged for disability 20 Oct. 1862 at Memphis, TN.

Peters, Jonas, 18, laborer, Rockford, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 4" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 25 Feb. 1862 in Rockford for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. (!) 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Petersen, John G., 44, carpenter, Chicago, IL. He had brown hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 30 March 1864 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 30 March 1864 in Chicago. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Peterson, Sven, 24, blacksmith, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 7 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 26 Jan. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Wounded at Vicksburg, MS, 3 July 1863. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Promoted to corporal 1 May 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Born in Kristdala Parish (Kalm.) in 1843. - *JP*, p. 434.

Quillen, Charles G. L., 29, blacksmith, Moline, IL. He had dark hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 9" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 30 Jan. 1862 in Moline for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Sent to general hospital 7 May 1862. Reported discharged, battery never received official notice. Deserter per order of Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, being absent 18 Aug. 1862.

Carl Gustaf Leonard Qvillen was born in Linköping (Ög.) 7 Oct. 1825. Arr. in the U.S. in 1862. - *MLCR*, book 1, p. 89.

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Rouget, Emile, 39, lumberman, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 5" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 2 March 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. (!) 1862 in Chicago. Detailed as clerk at Memphis, TN, in April 1863. Discharged for disability 19 June 1863 in Memphis.

Silfversparre, Axel, 28, soldier, Springfield, IL. He had blue eyes, dark hair, a light complexion and was 5' 10" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 25 Dec. 1861 in Springfield, for three years. Mustered into service as captain 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Relieved from command 4 Aug. 1862. Detached 15 Sept 1862 to take charge of siege guns in Fort Pickering, near Memphis, TN. His resignation accepted to take effect 22 Feb. 1863.

Born in Strängnäs (Söd.) 8 May 1834, the son of Gustaf Johan Silfversparre and Eva Nadeschda Groen. Came to America in 1861. - *SAÄ*, vol. 7, p. 208.

Svenson, Sven, 23, laborer, Chicago, IL. He had brown hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 11" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 30 March 1864 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 30 March 1864 in Chicago. Absent sick, not mustered out with battery. Mustered out 3 July 1865.

Swanson, Nils P., 23, laborer, Andover, IL. He had brown hair, dark eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 9" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 28 Jan. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Promoted to corporal 20 Feb. 1863. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Died of congestion fever 7 May 1864 while on the march in Alabama.

Nils Peter Swensson was born in Kristdala Parish (Kalm.) 27 Oct. 1836. Arr. in the U.S. in 1854. Brother of Sven M. Swanson (c.f. below). - *ALCR*, book 1, p. 14.

Swanson, Sven M., 18, laborer, Andover, IL. He had dark hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 6" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 28 Jan. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Died of congestion fever 17 Sept. 1863 while at home on furlough.

Swen Magnus Swensson was born 20 Jan. 1845 in Kristdala Parish (Kalm.). Arr. in the U.S. with his parents in 1852. Brother of Nils P. Swanson (c.f. above). - *ALCR*, book 1, p. 14.

Sword, Andrew, 21, farmer, Chicago, IL. He had light hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 6 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 22 April 1864 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 22 April 1864 in Chicago. Absent sick, not mustered out with battery.

Tragarth, Lewis, 18, laborer, Chicago, IL. He had brown hair, dark eyes, a dark complexion and was 5' 3 1/2" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 30 March 1864 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as private 30 March 1864 in Chicago. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Ludvig (Lewis) Trägårdh was born in Nikolai Parish in Stockholm 1 Jan. 1846, the son of Sven Mattisson Trägårdh and Maria Håkansdotter and arr. in the U.S. in 1857 together with his parents. He died in Chicago 26 May 1868 of injuries sustained in the war. - Kurt G. Trägårdh, "Sven Mattison Trägårdh, Swedish Labor Leader and Emigrant" in *Swedish American Genealogist*, 1987, p. 154.

Wahlborg, Louis, 31, joiner, Rockford, IL. He had dark hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 5 3/4" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 15 Jan. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Mustered out with battery 14 June 1865.

Westerlund, Eric A., 23, carpenter, Andover, IL. He had dark hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 8" in height. Enlisted 28 Jan. 1862 in Andover for three years. Mustered into service as private 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Promoted to corporal 4 May 1863. Died of congestion chills 3 Sept. 1863 in the camp of the company at Camp Sherman, MS.

He was born in Bergsjö Parish (Gävl.) 23 March 1838. Arr. in the U.S. with his parents in 1850. His brother Anders Westerlund served in Co. C, 43rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry. - *Hemlandet*, 23 Oct. 1861; *ALCR*, book 1, p. 8; *SPAUS*, p. 438.

Winlof, Nils, 26, student, Chicago, IL. He had auburn hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion and was 5' 7" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 28 Jan. 1862 in Chicago for three years. Mustered into service as corporal 20 Feb. 1862 in Chicago. Died of remittent fever 19 Nov. 1862 in the regimental hospital at Memphis, TN, after a short illness. "Very good soldier."

Wyman, Peter S., 25, blacksmith, Galesburg, IL. He had sandy hair, blue eyes, a light complexion and was 5' 6" in height. Born in Sweden. Enlisted 26 Feb. 1862 in Galesburg for three years. Mustered into

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service as artificer (blacksmith) 20 Feb. (!) 1862 in Chicago. Unable to work on account of sickness, assigned to work with the ranks. Promoted to corporal 7 Sept 1862 for good service and behavior during the siege of Vicksburg, MS, and Jackson, MS. Re-enlisted as veteran volunteer 27 Feb. 1864. Promoted to sergeant 12 May 1864. Killed in action 22 July 1864 by gunshot wound at the battle of Atlanta, GA.

He came from Ysane Parish (Blek.), where he was born in 1836. - *JP*, p. 278.



Peter S. Wyman.

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