

### 2nd Lieutenant John L. Johnson

Second Lieutenant John L. Johnson of Columbia County received his commission on 5 February 1862 with rank from 17 January and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 23 years old and married.

He resigned on Island Number 10 on 15 May 1862, pursuant to special order number 60 from General Halleck dated the following 22 May.

### 2nd Lieutenant Martin A. Erickson

Second Lieutenant Martin A. Erickson of Sparta enlisted under Captain Torkildson on 23 October 1861 and was mustered in on 18 November in Madison. He was 22 years old and single.

He enlisted as a private and was put into Company D by mistake; was named sergeant on 17 January 1862; was promoted to sergeant major and was transferred to the Staff; was promoted to 2nd lieutenant on 3 June with rank from 27 May; and was taken prisoner on the following 20 September (at Chickamauga) and sent to Richmond. He had also been promoted then to 2nd lieutenant by Wisconsin's governor and had been in the company expecting to be mustered in as such. According to orders from the War Department dated 9 January 1868 he was mustered out as a 2nd lieutenant on 7 June 1863. This order corrects a mistake in the Rolls, because he was mustered out as a sergeant in Madison, Wisconsin, on 27 May 1865.

It was a great misfortune for Erickson that he was not mustered in as a lieutenant before he was taken prisoner, because he was now treated as a private while he was imprisoned. He escaped from Danville once, but was caught and then had to endure being in the hands of the Rebels until April 1865, when he was exchanged.

After the war he ran a business in Sparta and was successful, but during the marches and hardships of the war he had injured one leg. Gangrene developed in it and it had to be amputated. This is what killed him. Lieutenant Erickson had many friends both in the army and outside of it.

## Noncommissioned Officers and Privates

### Private Gabriel Agar

Private Gabriel Agar of Fillmore County, Minnesota, enlisted under Captain Sime on 29 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 36 years old and single; had blue eyes, blond hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 9" tall; and was a farmer.

He was left behind on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862 because of illness; was sick in Monterey, Mississippi, on the following 20 July; died in the Jefferson Barracks on 28 August that year; and is buried there, section 37, grave number 65.

### Private Torvald Anderson

Private Torvald Anderson of Houston, Minnesota, enlisted under Captain Sime on 13 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 26 years old and single.

He was sick on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862, and later in Libanon [sic] and Louisville; became unfit for service; and was discharged in Nashville on 5 May 1863.

### Private Ole Anfinson

Private Ole Anfinson of Lodi enlisted under Captain Johnson on 2 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was sick in Nashville on 12 December 1862; was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps at Strawberry Plains on 25 March 1864; and was mustered out of Company F, 2nd Regiment, same Corps, in Detroit, Michigan, on the following 5 September in order to re-enlist for a term of three years.

### Corporal Lars Berg

Corporal Lars Berg of Deerfield, Dane County, enlisted under Captain Johnson on 22 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 25 years old and single.

He died on Island Number 10 on 22 May 1862 and is buried in the Mississippi River Cemetery near Memphis.

### Sergeant Stener E. Bilstad

Sergeant Stener E. Bilstad of Christiana, Dane County, enlisted under Captain Johnson on 21 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 33 years old and single.

*[photo of Sergeant Stener E. Bilstad] [page 554]*

He was named sergeant in the beginning of 1862; was with the provision transport from Stevenson in October 1863; was sick in Chattanooga on the following 28 November; and was mustered out with the company.

### Private K. Bjørnson

Private Knud Bjørnson of Cambridge enlisted under Captain Sime on 12 February 1862 and was mustered in on the 13th in Madison. He was 21 years old and single; had blue eyes, blond hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 8" tall; and was a farmer.

He was wounded in the Battle of Chickamauga on 19 September 1863 and died of his wounds in the hands of the enemy on 4 December 1864. He is entered on the Roll of Honor, 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps.

**Private C. E. Bolstad**

Private Christen E. Bolstad of Rising Sun, Crawford County, enlisted under Captain Sime on 22 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 22 years old and single.

He was wounded at Stones River on 31 December 1862 and was sent to the hospital in the convalescent camp at Nashville, and later to the North; was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps on 1 March 1864; and was discharged from the 160th Company, 2nd Battery, same Corps, in Nashville on 13 February 1865 when his term of service expired.

**Undercook Robert Cheaton**

Undercook Robert Cheaton, Negro, enlisted under Captain Grinager in Winchester, Tennessee, on 1 August 1863. He had brown eyes, curly hair, and dark skin; stood 5' 10" tall; and was a servant. He was 21 years old.

He was transferred from Company K on 10 February 1865, was then transferred to the 24th Infantry, and from there was transferred to Company I in the 13th on 10 June of that year.

**Private G. Christianson**

Private Gulbrand Christianson of Clermont, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 28 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He was sick in various places and hospitals throughout the war until he was killed at Atlanta, shot through the head, on 2 August 1864. He was transported to the cemetery in Marietta, section C, grave number 718.

**Private Ole Christenson**

Private Ole Christenson of Windsor, Dane County, enlisted under Lieutenant Glover on 5 January 1864 and was mustered in on the 11th in Madison. He was 40 years old.

He was in Company K and joined them at Strawberry Plains on 31 March 1864; suffered minor wounds at New Hope Church on the following 27 May; was transferred to Company H on 10 February 1865; was then transferred to the 24th Infantry; and finally was transferred to Company I in the 13th on the following 10 June.

#### Private Frank Christopherson

Private Frank Christopherson of Clermont, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 10 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 45 years old and married.

He died of disease on board the steamship *Graham* near Island Number 10 on 9 April 1862 and is buried in the Mississippi River Cemetery near Memphis.

#### Private Lars O. Dokken

Private Lars O. Dokken of Perry enlisted under Captain Ingmundson on 2 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862. He was 23 years old and single; had blue eyes, blond hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 8" tall; and was a farmer.

He was wounded at Stones River on 31 December 1862 and died of his wounds in Hospital Number 8 in Nashville on 1 April 1863. He is buried in the cemetery there, section E, grave number 255.

#### Private K. O. Dokken

Private Knud O. Dokken of Perry enlisted under Captain Ingmundson on 23 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He died of disease on Island Number 10 on 7 May 1862 and is buried in the Mississippi River Cemetery near Memphis. "UNKNOWN" GRAVE

#### Corporal Nels J. Eide

Corporal Nels J. Eide of New Galena, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 10 February 1862 and was mustered in on the 13th in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

He was named corporal on 1 July 1862; was seriously wounded at Stones River and was sent to the hospital in Nashville on 31 December of that year. He was wounded again at Chickamauga on 19 September 1863 and was sent to the hospital, then to the North. He was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps on 25 March 1864.

#### Private Niels Einarson

Private Niels Einarson of Perry enlisted under Captain Ingmundson on 8 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He suffered minor wounds at Stones River and was sent to the hospital; was taken prisoner at Chickamauga on 20 September 1863 and was sent to Richmond; and was mustered out in Madison, Wisconsin, on 20 April 1865.

#### Private Christen Ellingson

Private Christen Ellingson of Decorah, Iowa, enlisted under ——— on 6 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was with the provision transport from Stevenson in October 1863; re-enlisted on 1 January 1864; was temporarily transferred to the 24th Infantry; and was transferred to Company I in the 13th on 10 June 1865.

#### Private Erick Evenson

Private Erick Evenson of Spring Grove, Green County, enlisted under Captain Sime on 13 December 1861 and was mustered in on the same day in Madison. He was 23 years old and single.

He was left behind on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862 because of illness, and he ran away on 31 March 1863. He is assumed to have been discharged.

#### Private Ole Evenson

Private and Brevet Captain Ole Evenson of Stoughton enlisted under Captain Johnson on 26 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

*[photo of Private Ole Evenson] [page 558]*

He was sick and was sent to the convalescent camp at Murfreesboro on 17 May 1863; was a wagoner with the provision transport on the following 5 August and was sick in Chattanooga on the following 28 November; was transferred to the 68th Regiment (Indiana?) at Maryville on 31 January 1864 and was transferred back at Strawberry Plains on the following 1 April; was with the ambulance corps on the 29th of that month; and was mustered out with the company. He is entered on the Roll of Honor for the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps. He was also named brevet captain on 22 May 1867 with rank from 27 June 1864 in recognition of the bravery he displayed in the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, where he ran outside the defenses under heavy fire and carried an injured comrade out of danger and inside the earthworks. In 1894 he was living on his farm near Stoughton, Wisconsin.

#### Wagon Master Ole L. Fosse

Wagon master Ole L. Fosse of Deerfield enlisted under Captain Johnson on 17 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 23 years old and single.

Wagoner. He was sick in Chattanooga on 28 November 1863, was seriously wounded in both legs at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864, and was sent to the hospital. He was mustered out with the company.

### Corporal A. L. Fosse

Corporal and Brevet Captain Andrew L. Fosse of Deerfield enlisted under Captain Johnson on 17 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 26 years old and single; had blue eyes, dark hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 8" tall; and was a farmer.

He was killed at Stones River on 31 December 1862 and is buried in the national cemetery there, section <sup>G</sup> ~~C~~, grave number <sup>2669</sup> 36. He was transported there from the battlefield. He was named brevet captain on 4 April 1864 (it should be 1867) with rank from 31 December 1862 in memory of the courage and bravery he displayed during the Battle of Stones River, where he fought with courage, despite being seriously wounded in the right leg, and maintained his position—fighting courageously—until he fell down dead, pierced through by a bullet.

### Private S. L. Fosse

Private Stephen L. Fosse of Leeds enlisted under Captain Johnson on 2 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 22 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863, was detached and assigned to brigade headquarters on 18 August 1864, and was mustered out with the company.

(They were three cheerful and brave brothers.)

### Corporal A. P. Gjerde

Corporal Andrew P. Gjerde of Deerfield enlisted under Captain Johnson on 30 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 21 years old; had blue eyes, dark hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 10" tall; and was a farmer.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863, was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864, and died in Andersonville (date unknown).

**Private Hans Gulbranson**

Private Hans Gulbranson of Halfway Creek enlisted under Captain Johnson on 20 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He was killed in the Battle of Stones River on 30 December 1862.

**Private A. Halvorson**

Private Abraham Halvorson of Decorah, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Johnson on 30 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He became unfit for service and was discharged in Jacinto on 6 August 1862.

**Private E. Halvorson**

Private Even Halvorson of Arendahl, Minnesota, enlisted under Captain Johnson on 28 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 35 years old and single.

He was left behind on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862 because of illness; likewise in Iuka on the following 20 August; became unfit for service; and was discharged in Murfreesboro on 9 April 1863.

**Private Nels Halvorson**

Private Nels Halvorson of Christiana, Dane County, enlisted under Captain Johnson on 12 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 45 years old and single.

He was sick on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862, likewise in Farmington, Mississippi, on the following 28 July; became unfit for service; and was discharged in Cincinnati on 16 October that year.

#### Private Ole Halvorson

Private Ole Halvorson of Sun Prairie enlisted under Captain Johnson on 18 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He served on military police duty on 20 December 1862; was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863; suffered minor wounds in one leg at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864 and was sent to the hospital; was in prison in Chattanooga on 14 January 1865 awaiting court-martial (there is nothing more about this in the records); and was mustered out in Madison, Wisconsin, on 20 March 1865.

#### Private Ole L. Haugnes

Private Ole L. Haugnes of Clermont, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 10 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 23 years old and single; had blue eyes, brown hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 9" tall; and was a farmer.

He was sick in Bowling Green on 4 November 1862; was wounded at Chickamauga on 19 September 1863 and was sent to the hospital, later to the North; was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864; and died in Andersonville on 22 January 1865. He is entered on the Roll of Honor for the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps.

#### Private A. Helgeson

Private Arne Helgeson of Clermont, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 29 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 34 years old and married.

He was sick on Island Number 10 on 11 June and in the hospital in Bowling Green on 17 September and in Nashville on 26 December 1862; was sick in Knoxville on 28 February 1864; was sick and was sent to the hospital on 18 July, likewise in Chattanooga on the 23rd of that month; and was mustered out with the company. In 1892 he was a farmer living in Lyon County, Iowa.

#### Private J. Helgeson

Private John Helgeson of Moscow, Iowa County, enlisted under Captain Ingmundson on 28 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 33 years old and married.

He was with the Pioneer Corps on 24 and 26 November 1862 and was mustered out with the company.

#### Corporal Ole Helgeson

Corporal Ole Helgeson of Elgin, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Johnson on 26 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 44 years old and married.

He was left behind on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862 because of illness and was listed as a deserter on 31 March 1863, but he is thought to have been discharged.

#### Private Lars Pederson

Private Lars Pederson Hauff of Christiana, Dane County, enlisted under Captain Sime on 29 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 45 years old and married.

He was sick in the hospital in Labangor, Kentucky, on 27 October 1862, and the same in Louisville; became unfit for service; and was discharged on 10 June 1863.

#### Private Ole Iverson

Private Ole Iverson of Elgin, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 27 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 35 years old and married.

He was left behind on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862 because of illness; was sick in Iuka on the following 20 August; was taken prisoner at Stones River on 31 December that year,

but was back in the convalescent camp at Murfreesboro on 27 May 1863; was in Chattanooga on the following 27 October; and was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps on 1 August.

#### Private A. Johnson

Private Andrew Johnson of Sparta enlisted under Captain Sime on 27 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 20 years old and single.

He was sick on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Winchester or Nashville, Tennessee, on 27 July 1863.

#### Private I. Johnson

Private Ingebrigt Johnson of Primrose enlisted under Captain Gordon on 17 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 38 years old and single.

He died of diarrhea in Nashville on 23 December 1862 and is buried in the cemetery in Nashville.

#### Private M. Johnson

Private Marcus Johnson of Columbia County enlisted under Captain Johnson on 10 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

He died of disease in Corinth, Mississippi, on 22 July 1862 and is buried in the cemetery there.

#### Private Nils N. Johnson

Private Nils N. Johnson of Leeds Centre, Columbia County, enlisted under Captain Sime on 2 February 1862 and was mustered in on the 13th in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He ran away from Camp Randall on 15 February 1862.

### Corporal William Johnson

Corporal William Johnson of Christiana, Dane County, enlisted under Captain Sime on 28 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 27 years old and single; had blue eyes, dark hair, and a dark complexion; stood 5' 9" tall; and was a sawyer.

He was sick in Chattanooga in November 1862 and was wounded at Resaca on 14 May 1864 when a piece of shrapnel hit him and shattered his skull. He died of these wounds in the hospital in Nashville on the following 10 June and is buried in the cemetery there, section J, grave number ~~239~~ <sup>13726</sup>.

### Private Christian Knudson

Private Christian Knudson of Spring Grove, Green County, enlisted under Captain Sime on 7 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was left behind in Iuka on 20 August 1862 because of illness, was reported as a deserter on 31 March 1863, but is thought to have been discharged.

### Private Erick Knudson

Private Erick Knudson of Clermont, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 28 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 44 years old and married.

He died of disease on Island Number 10 on 14 May 1862 and is buried in the Mississippi River Cemetery near Memphis.

### Private K. Knudson

Private Knud Knudson of Clermont, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 27 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 25 years old and married.

He was sick in the convalescent camp in New Albany, Indiana, in August 1863; died of chronic diarrhea in Louisville, Kentucky, on the following 16 October; and is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, section B, grave number 19.

**Private H. C. Larmoe**

Private Hans C. Larmoe of Rising Sun enlisted under Captain Johnson on 25 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863; was sick in Chattanooga on the following 19, 25, and 28 November; was in jail there awaiting court-martial on 17 December 1864 (but the reports don't say anything more about this); and was mustered out in Madison, Wisconsin, on 6 March 1865.

**Private Halvor Larson**

Private Halvor Larson of Durand, Illinois, enlisted under Captain Sime on 30 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He was sick on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862; was in the hospital in Bowling Green on the following 17 September and on military police duty on the 20th; was with the transport to [from?] Stevenson in October 1863; and was mustered out with the company.

**Private K. Larson**

Private Knud Larson of Leeds Centre enlisted under Captain Sime on 29 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 21 years old and single; had blue eyes, red hair, and fair skin; stood 6' tall; and was a farmer.

He was wounded in the hip at the Battle of Stones River and was sent to the hospital. He died of these wounds in Hospital Number 14 in Nashville on 18 July 1863 and is buried in the cemetery there, section B, grave number <sup>6307</sup>704.

#### Private Lars Larson

Private Lars Larson of Wishicot, Manitowoc County, enlisted under Captain Sime on 5 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 30 years old and single.

He was sick in the hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, on 27 October 1862, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Louisville on the following 4 November.

[photo of Private Torger Larson] [page 566]

SEE COMPANY E FOR OLE LARSON WHO WAS TRANSFERRED  
TO COMPANY H - BURIED IN NASHVILLE CEMETERY SEC. E, # 1265  
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#### Private Torger Larson

Private Torger Larson of Madison enlisted under Captain Grinager on 9 February 1864 and was mustered in on the 16th. He was 19 years old.

He joined the company on 31 March 1864; was wounded at New Hope Church on 27 May and was sent to the hospital; was sick on Keokuk, Iowa, on the following 22 June; was transferred to the 24th Infantry; and was transferred from there to Company I in the 13th on 10 June 1865. But according to authorities in the War Department he had already been mustered out in Davenport, Iowa, on the previous 20 May.

#### Corporal B. O. Lee

Corporal Berge O. Lee of Deerfield enlisted under Captain Johnson on 22 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 25 years old and single.

He was named corporal on 16 January 1862, was mustered out with the company, and is entered on the Roll of Honor for the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps.

#### Private S. A. Lee

Private Syvert A. Lee of Deerfield enlisted under Captain Grinager on 25 January 1864 and was mustered in on 16 February in Madison. He was 19 years old.

He joined the company at Strawberry Plains on 31 March 1864; was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May that year; was back on the following 4 August; and was transferred to the 24th Infantry and then to Company K in the 13th on 10 June 1865.

(See also his contribution about his imprisonment.)

#### Sergeant O. H. Locken

Sergeant Olavus H. Locken (Løkken) of Madison enlisted under Captain Johnson on 24 September 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862. He was 28 years old and single.

He was named sergeant on 16 January 1862; was sick in the hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, on 1 October that year; was acting regiment commissary<sup>#</sup> for a time in 1864; was later a standard-bearer; and was mustered out with the company. He is entered on the Roll of Honor for the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps. In 1892 he was living in Crookston, Minnesota, and at that time was colonel at Colham Post Number 90, G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic].

#### Private Ole B. Locken

Private Ole B. Locken of Clermont, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 28 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 25 years old and single.

He was left behind on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862 because of illness and in Monterey, Mississippi, on the following 20 July, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Cincinnati on 22 October that year.

[photo of Private Syvert A. Lee] [page 568]

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<sup>#</sup> Translator's note: *fungerende Regimentskommissær*

#### Private T. L. Mosefin

Private Tosten L. Mosefin of Cambridge enlisted under Captain Johnson on 19 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 26 years old and single.

He was sick in the hospital in Bowling Green on 4 November 1862; was sent to the convalescent camp at Murfreesboro on 17 May 1863; was sick in Murfreesboro on the following 19 September; and suffered minor wounds to the head near Atlanta on 17 August 1864 and was sent to the hospital. He is entered on the Roll of Honor for the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps.

#### Private Knud Nilson

Private Knud Nilson of Leeds Centre enlisted under Captain Sime on 21 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 31 years old.

He was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864 and died of scurvy in Andersonville on the following 30 July. He is buried there in grave number 4,289.

#### Private L. Nilson

Private Lars Nilson of Neenah enlisted under Captain Johnson on 22 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 20 years old and single; had blue eyes, dark hair, and a dark complexion; stood 5' 6" tall; and was a miller.

He died in the hospital in Nashville on 25 February 1863 and is buried in the cemetery in Nashville, section E, grave number 875.

#### Private Asmund Nerison

Private Asmund Nerison of Perry enlisted under Captain Ingmundson on 1 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He was sick in Monterey, Mississippi, on 20 July 1862, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Cincinnati on 6 October that year.

**Private Ole O. Nerjord**

Private Ole O. Nerjord of Clermont, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 30 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was under arrest on Island Number 10 on 28 May 1862, was absent without leave on the following 24 November, and was listed as a deserter on 31 March 1863.

**Private Erik P. Oiene**

Private Erik P. Oiene of De Soto, Vernon County, enlisted under Captain Johnson on 25 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 20 years old and single; had blue eyes, blond hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 6-1/2" tall; and was a farmer.

He was sick in Iuka on 20 August 1862 and was killed at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864.

**Private I. Olson**

Private Ingebret Olson of Elgin, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 1 February 1862 and was mustered in on the 13th in Madison. He was 32 years old and married.

He was sick in the hospital on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862 and died of disease in Columbus, Kentucky, on the following 9 September.

**Private Ole Olson**

Private Ole Olson of Stoughton enlisted under Captain Johnson on 26 November 1861 and was mustered on in 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 32 years old and single.

He was shot in the head at Atlanta on 23 July 1864 and died of his wounds in the general hospital in Chattanooga on the following 5 August. He is buried in the national cemetery there, section F, grave number <sup>✓</sup> ~~285~~ <sup>1887</sup>.

**Private Sven Olson**

Private Sven Olson of Elgin, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 3 February 1862 and was mustered in on the 13th in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was sick on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Cincinnati on the following 6 October.

**Corporal Tobias Olson**

Corporal Tobias Olson of Cambridge enlisted under Captain Johnson on 18 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 43 years old and married.

He was sick in Nashville on 12 December 1862 and died of disease in the hospital there on 8 March 1863. He is buried in the cemetery there, section E, grave number 29.

**Private A. Pederson**

Private Anders Pederson of East Troy enlisted under J. H. Johnson on 3 February 1864 and was mustered in on the 17th in Madison. He was 18 years old.

*[photo of Private Anders Pederson] [page 571]*

He joined the company at Strawberry Plains on 31 March 1864; was sick in the Division Hospital on the following 17 August and then in various other places; was transferred to the 24th Infantry on 13 February 1865; was transferred to Company I in the 13th on the following 10 June; and was mustered out with Company H, 15th Wisconsin, on 29 July 1865 in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, according to orders from the War Department dated 29 April 1865. This is clearly a mistake, because Company H, 15th Wisconsin, was mustered out in Chattanooga.

#### Private Peter Peterson

Private Peter Peterson of Freeborn County, Minnesota, enlisted under Captain Gordon on 22 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He was wounded at Stones River on 31 December 1862 and was sent to the hospital; was an orderly in Murfreesboro on 20 March 1863; was sick in Chattanooga on the following 28 November; was sick in Knoxville on 18 February 1864; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Corporal A. T. Rothe

Corporal Andrew T. Rothe of Deerfield enlisted under Captain Johnson on 22 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was taken prisoner at Stones River on 31 December 1862; was exchanged in St. Louis; was taken prisoner again at Chickamauga on 20 September 1863 and was sent to Richmond; and died in Augusta, Georgia, on 11 May 1864. He is buried in the cemetery in Marietta, Georgia, section K, grave number 173. He was transported there from where he died.

#### Private Ole H. Rome

Private Ole H. Rome of Rising Sun enlisted under Captain Johnson on 25 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 24 years old.

He was wounded at Chickamauga on 19 September 1863; was with the transport from Stevenson in October of that year; was sick in Chattanooga on the following 28 November; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Sam Samson

Private Sam Samson of Leeds enlisted under Captain Johnson on 2 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 28 years old and single.

He was wounded at Chickamauga on 19 September 1863 and was sent to the hospital and later to the North. On 9 January 1865, he was discharged from Harvey Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, because of his wounds.

#### **Private Thomas A. Sandvig**

Private Thomas A. Sandvig of Rising Sun enlisted under Captain Johnson on 25 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was sick on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862; was seriously wounded at Stones River on the following 31 December and was sent to the hospital in Nashville, then to the convalescent camp; was sick in Chattanooga on 28 November 1863; and was mustered out with the company.

#### **Private Edlen P. Sime**

Private Edlen P. Sime of Cambridge enlisted under Captain Sime on 23 October 1861 and was mustered in on the same day in Madison. He was 22 years old and single.

He was left behind on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862; was seriously wounded at Stones River on 31 December that year; and was sent to the hospital in the convalescent camp and later to the North. He was mustered out on 13 February 1865 in Madison, Wisconsin. (See also the anecdotes to follow.)

#### **Private Aslak Siverson**

Private Aslak Siverson of Decorah, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 6 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863 and was sick in Chattanooga on the following 28 November. He was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Gunder Siverson

Private Gunder Siverson of Primrose enlisted under Captain Gordon on 2 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He was sick in the hospital in Cincinnati on 14 March 1862, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Keokuk, Iowa, on the following 16 December.

#### Private Nils N. Slaaten

Private Nils N. Slaaten of St. Ansgar, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 15 January 1862 and was mustered in on 15 February in Madison. He was 37 years old and married.

*[photo of Private Edlen P. Sime] [page 574]*

He was sick in the hospital in Nashville on 26 December 1862 and died of disease there on 14 February 1863. He is buried in the cemetery there, section E, grave number 646.

#### Private Sivert Starkson

Private Sivert Starkson of Cambridge enlisted under Captain Sime on 22 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He was taken prisoner at Chickamauga on 20 September 1863 and died of scurvy as a prisoner of war (in Danville?) on 3 April 1864. He is buried in the cemetery in Danville, Virginia, and is entered on the Roll of Honor for the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps.

#### Private Christopher Sundby

Private Christopher Sundby of Chicago enlisted under Captain Gustavson on 5 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 29 years old and single.

He became unfit for service and was discharged on Island Number 10 on 21 May 1862.

#### **Private L. Thompson**

Private Lars Thompson of Clermont, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Sime on 10 January 1862 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 39 years old and married.

He was sick on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862 and died of disease in the hospital in Columbus, Kentucky, on the following 3 November.

#### **Sergeant A. T. Thompson**

Sergeant Andrew T. Thompson of Deerfield enlisted under Captain Johnson of 15 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February in Madison. He was 22 years old and single.

He died of disease in the hospital on Island Number 10 on 22 May 1862 and is buried in the Mississippi River Cemetery near Memphis.

#### **Private Anfind Thompson**

Private Anfind Thompson of Hampden, Columbia County, enlisted under Captain Sime on 15 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 29 years old and married.

Nothing else is reported about him except that he was mustered out with the company.

#### **Private Sylfest Thompson**

Private Sylfest Thompson of McFarland enlisted under Captain Johnson on 1 November 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 21 years old.

He was sick in Madison, Wisconsin, on 1 March 1862 and had probably been discharged from there on the previous 28 February.

*[photo of Corporal Thomas Thompson] [page 576]*

#### **Corporal T. Thompson**

Corporal Thomas Thompson of Utica enlisted under Captain Johnson on 28 October 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 18 years old and married.

He was seriously wounded at Stones River on 31 December 1862 and was sent to the hospital in Nashville, became unfit for service because of his wounds, and was discharged on 10 June 1863.

#### **Private Asbjørn Torgerson**

Private Asbjørn Torgerson of Springvale enlisted under Captain Grinager on 22 February 1862 and was mustered in on the 26th in Madison. He was 29 years old and single.

He was sick in Bowling Green on 17 September and was with the Pioneer Corps on 26 November and 24 December 1862. He was at the Chattanooga waterworks on 14 September 1864 and had been there previously, in 1862, and was mustered out with the company.

#### **Private Stephen Torgerson**

Private Stephen Torgerson of Christiana enlisted under Captain Sime on 29 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 32 years old and single.

He became unfit for service and was discharged on Island Number 10 on 15 April 1862.

#### **Sergeant Iver Torkelson**

Sergeant Iver Torkelson of Melrose enlisted under Captain Ingmundson on 4 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 23 years old and single.

He was named sergeant on 16 January 1862; was sent to the hospital in Farmington on the following 28 July; was with the Pioneer Corps on 26 November that year; was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps at Strawberry Plains on 1 November 1863; and was discharged from

Company C (the same corps?) in Chicago on 19 December 1864 when his term of service had expired.

#### Sergeant Ole Tostenson

Sergeant Ole Tostenson of Christiana enlisted under Captain Sime on 14 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He was named corporal on 16 January (the company was organized before it was mustered in, in Madison) and sergeant on 1 August 1862; was on recruiting duty in November 1863; was sick in the hospital in Keokuk, Iowa, on 22 June 1864; and later was sick in the hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, where he was mustered out on 12 February 1865.

#### Private Herbrand G. Traaen

Private Herbrand G. Traaen of Richfield, Minnesota, enlisted under Captain Sime on 7 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

*[photo of Sergeant Ole Tostenson] [page 578]*

He was left behind on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862 because of illness; was sick in the hospital in Bowling Green on the following 17 September; died there of disease on 5 October that year; and is buried in the cemetery in Nashville, section N, grave number ~~439~~<sup>10348</sup>. He was transported there from where he died.

#### Private Ole T. Westby

Private Ole T. Westby of Bad Ax County enlisted under Captain Sime on 24 December 1861 and was mustered in on 13 February 1862 in Madison. He was 22 years old and single.

He was sick in the hospital in Monterey, Mississippi, on 20 July 1862; was wounded in the arm at Lovejoy Station, Georgia, on 4 September 1864; and was mustered out with the company.

[photo of Private Ole T. Westby] [page 579]

Ole T. Westby was one of the two unarmed orderlies who were with Colonel Heg when they captured two armed Rebel sentries by surprising them.

In 1894 he was a respected merchant in Westby, Vernon County, Wisconsin.

This company was mustered out in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 13 February 1865.

**Company I**  
Term of service: 3 years

**Captain August Gasman**

Captain August Gasman of Waupun received his commission on 15 January 1862 and was mustered in on the same day in Madison. He was 33 years old and married.

He was detached with his company on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862; was listed by the post commander on Island Number 10 on the following 7 December as having resigned, but the resignation was not accepted and he was sent back to the Regiment and was assigned temporarily to Company D, which he led; and was wounded in the Battle of Chickamauga on 19 September 1863. Resigned? and the resignation was accepted on 3 April 1863. (This must be a mistake.) According to official documents from the War Department dated 24 May 1892, August Gasman was mustered in again as captain of Company I, effective from 15 January 1862, "under the act approved June 3rd, 1884, and acts amendatory thereof." This shows that he was still alive in 1892, because this correction in his war record was certainly made because of the Pension Bureau. Captain Gasman's services to the 15th can not be judged accurately on the basis of the reports because these are complicated. But since he found grounds to resign so quickly one can well believe that recruiting the company was among the most important.

**Captain Reynard Cook**

Captain Reynard Cook of Quincy, Illinois, was named sergeant on 18 January 1862 and received his commission as 1st lieutenant the same month. He was 24 years old and single.

He was promoted to captain on 31 October 1862 with rank from the 27th; is entered on the Rolls and was paid as captain from 27 October 1862 until 21 January 1863, but was never mustered in as such; and resigned on 21 January 1863. There is also something in these reports that indicates a certain carelessness. Cook was not mustered in as captain, but Gasman may have felt he was justified in resigning just for Cook's sake. The commander on Island Number 10

was now Captain Gordon, and if nationality had anything to do with the fact that Companies G and I were preferred and detached from the Regiment instead of a couple of other companies, then it was now very easy for the detached officers to favor men of their own nationality.

Whatever the case, Gasman washed his hands of the whole situation, and Cook drew captain's pay without having been mustered in as a captain. Not everyone who led a company by chance received captain's pay.

### Captain William A. Montgomery

Captain William A. Montgomery of Beloit enlisted on 18 September 1861 and was mustered in, in Madison. He was 23 years old and single.

He was promoted to 2nd lieutenant, Company G, where he was serving, on 11 June 1863 (1862?) with rank from 14 December 1861, and to 1st lieutenant on 8 November 1862 with rank from the previous 1 October; was acting post adjutant, provost marshal, and commander; was promoted to captain, Company I, on 7 February 1863 with rank from the previous 21 January; was mustered out of Company G in order to accept his captain's commission on the following 3 April and was mustered in as captain, Company I, in Chattanooga on the next day; was the district provost marshal; was on recruiting duty on 24 December, also in 1863; and was mustered out with the company.

Captain Montgomery was a student and went to war because of principle. That is, he was an abolitionist by principle, as many were—certainly most of the 15th's officers and men—but he had no secondary considerations, and if he was not the most tireless in all the hardships, then he was the most good-natured and kindest. The surviving privates are all agreed that he was like a private and did not regard himself as being any better than they were, and he lives in their memories as a good old friend.

*[photo of Captain William A. Montgomery] [page 582]*

In 1893 he was living in Chicago and was a very prominent lawyer, but it was not possible to get him to talk about any his own accomplishments; rather, he wrote the historical sections about Companies G and I.

#### **1st Lieutenant L. M. Gasman**

First Lieutenant Lindonus M. Gasman of Ashippun, Dodge County, enlisted under Captain Gasman on 6 February 1862 and was mustered in, in Madison. He was 26 years old and married.

He was named sergeant on 26 February 1862; was named 1st lieutenant on the following 31 October; was acting post adjutant; was in special service as a recruiting officer for the 2nd Tennessee Heavy Artillery (Corps De Afrique); was sick in the hospital on 26 September 1863; was with the transport from Stevenson on the following 13 October; was detached and commander of a unit of scouts, as ordered by Brigadier General Smith, Commander of the Etowah District; was also commander of a mounted unit for a time; and led the company from 1 January 1864 until the following 1 July. He was mustered out with the company.

Men who were in this company believe that some of these reports are incorrect. They do not believe that he recruited for the Negro corps or that he commanded the scouts.

It is possible that the government has mixed him up with someone else, but it seems that the name would ensure that such a mix-up would not happen, especially when one knows that one of the Regiment's first officers supervised the collection of these reports.

#### **2nd Lieutenant M. Russell**

Second Lieutenant Martin Russell of Randolph, Dodge County, enlisted under Captain Berg, Company C, on 2 December 1861 and was mustered in, in Madison. He was 38 years old and married.

He was transferred to Company I pursuant to Colonel Heg's orders, was named 2nd lieutenant on 17 November 1862 with rank from the 3rd, and resigned on 3 November 1863.

### 2nd Lieutenant C. Olson

Second Lieutenant Christian Olson of Mt. Morris enlisted under ——— and was mustered in, in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was named sergeant on 20 December 1861; was promoted to 2nd lieutenant on 17 November 1862 with rank from the 3rd; was supervisor for a time over a unit of laborers who were building a battery; was also in special service as post adjutant; was with the transport from Stevenson in October that year; was in special service in 1864 as commander of Company H; and likewise was in special service as commander of Companies E, A, F and B. He was also commanding officer for a time that year over (a squadron at?) a stockade on Lookout Creek; was commanding officer of a squadron of recruits who had not been inducted; and was mustered out with the company.

### Noncommissioned Officers and Privates

#### Musician Bernert Anderson

Musician Bernert Anderson of Chicago enlisted under Captain Torkildson on 7 October 1861 and was mustered in on 20 February 1862 in Madison. He was 17 years old and single.

He was a musician until 29 February 1864 and after that he carried a rifle. He was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Eric Anderson

Private Erik Anderson of Pepin, Pepin County, enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 4 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 44 years old and married.

He was sick in Louisville, Kentucky, on 12 September 1863 and died there of disease on the 22nd of that month.

#### Private H. Anderson

Private Herman Anderson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 4 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 35 years old and married.

He was sick in Stevenson, Alabama, on 15 September 1863, was assigned as a baker there on the following 20 December, and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Jens Anderson

Private Jens Anderson of Chippewa enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 9 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

He was sick in Chattanooga on 17 October and 28 November 1862; was sick in Knoxville on 25 February 1864; was sent to the Division Hospital in Nashville on 11 August that year; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Ole P. Anderson

Private Ole P. Anderson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Ingmundson on 2 January 1862 and was mustered in on the 18th in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He was with the provision transport from Stevenson in September and October 1863; was sick in the Division Hospital for a time in 1864; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Corporal Newton K. Andrew

Corporal Newton K. Andrew of Primrose enlisted under Captain Gasman on 15 January 1862 and was mustered in on the 27th in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He was with the provision transport from Stevenson in September and October 1863; was an orderly in the camp hospital on 4 May 1864; was promoted to corporal on 1 September that year; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Oluf Andreason

Private Oluf Andreason of Mt. Morris enlisted under Captain Johnson on 29 October 1861 and was mustered in on 16 November in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He became unfit for service and was discharged on Island Number 10 on 30 January 1863, re-enlisted in Madison under Captain Grinager on 9 January 1864, and was mustered in as a veteran on 17 February. He joined the company at Strawberry Plains on 31 March and suffered a minor wound in the hand at the Allatoona Mountains on the following 6 June. He was sent to the hospital, later to Madison, Wisconsin, and was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps on 20 December that year.

#### Wagon Master Dreng Arneson

Wagon master Dreng Arneson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 20 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 31 years old and single; had blue eyes, blond hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 10" tall; and was a farmer.

He was sick in Columbus, Kentucky, on 30 December 1862; was with the transport from Stevenson in September and October 1863; was sick in Knoxville on the following 16 December, likewise on 22 January 1864; and died of chronic diarrhea in the general hospital there on 4 February 1864.

#### Private I. O. Baalstad

Private Ingebret O. Baalstad of Primrose enlisted under Captain Johnson on 22 October 1861 and was mustered in on 9 January 1862 in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He had home leave to Primrose on 11 May 1862; was absent without leave on 11 June 1863; was sick in the hospital in Madison on 11 May 1862 and 6 June 1863; was with Bridge's Battery in November 1863, and in the 6th Ohio Battery in February 1864; and was a wagoner in Chattanooga on 17 October that year. He was mustered out with the company.

**Private Ben. Bedickson**

Private Ben. Bedickson of Mt. Morris enlisted under Captain Gasman on 14 January 1862 and was mustered in on the 18th in Madison. He was 26 years old and single.

He served as a baker in Stevenson in September and December 1863, was sick in the hospital in Chattanooga on 29 May 1864, and was mustered out with the company.

**Private Nils Bjørnson**

Private Nils Bjørnson of Spring Prairie enlisted under Captain Johnson on 30 October 1861 and was mustered in on 16 November in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

He was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864 and died of scurvy in Andersonville on the following 14 October, where he is buried in grave number 10,919. He is entered on the Andersonville lists as W. Bohnson; but "N" as that letter is usually written in this country is often very much like "W" so they cannot be distinguished, and "Bohnson" speaks for itself. Incidentally, there was no other Bohnson in Company I, 15th Wisconsin, and that fact is decisive in this case.

**Private Anton Boason**

Private Anton Boason of Halfway Creek enlisted under Captain Ingmundson on 16 December 1861 and was mustered in on 18 January 1862 in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

He became unfit for service and was discharged on Island Number 10 on 7 August 1862.

**Private Peter Clausen**

Private Peter Clausen of Amherst enlisted under Captain Gasman on 20 October 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 18 years old and single; had blue eyes, blond hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 10" tall; and was a farmer.

He died of chronic diarrhea in Chattanooga on 23 November 1863 and is buried in the national cemetery there, section A, grave number ~~215~~<sup>216</sup>.

#### Private Andrew Erickson

Private Andrew Erickson of La Crosse enlisted under ——— on 18 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 27 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in September and October 1863; re-enlisted on 1 January 1864; was given leave on the following 5 May; was transferred to the 24th Infantry on 10 February 1865; and was away too long and was supposed to be court-martialed, but nothing more is said about this. He was transferred to Company I in the 13th on 10 June 1865.

#### Private Michael Fegan

Private Michael Fegan of Chicago enlisted under Sergeant Rosenberg on 14 September 1862. There is no more personal information about him.

He was taken prisoner at New Hope Church and died in Andersonville on 2 October 1864. He is buried there in grave number 10,234.

#### Private Evan H. Floen

Private Even Helgeson Floen of Albert Lea, Minnesota, enlisted under Lieutenant Chantland on 6 March 1862 and was mustered in on the same day in Madison. He was 22 years old and single.

He was sick in Mound City, Illinois, on 17 September and 2 December 1862, became unfit for service, and was discharged on 31 December that year.

[photo of Corporal Torger Gilbertson] [page 588]

#### Corporal T. Gilbertson

Corporal Torger Gilbertson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 16 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 29 years old.

He was named corporal on 1 January 1862 and was with the provision transport in September and October 1863. He was reported sick in July, August, September and October 1864 and was then in Nashville, Tennessee, and Jeffersonville, Alabama. He became ill on the march through Georgia and was sent back from Atlanta, and was mustered out with the company. In 1894 he was living on his farm near Iola, Wisconsin.

#### Private Nils P. Gram

Private Nils P. Gram of Stockholm, Pepin County, enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 5 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 44 years old and single.

He was sick in Mound City in September and December 1862, became unfit for service because of chronic diarrhea, and was discharged on 16 June 1863.

#### Private A. Grund

Private Andrew Grund of Stockholm, Pepin County, enlisted under M. J. Marks on 4 January 1864 and was mustered in on 16 March in Madison. He was 34 years old.

He joined the company at McDonald's Station; was sick in the Division Hospital in August 1864; was transferred to the 24th Infantry; and was transferred from there to Company I in the 13th on 10 June 1865.

#### Private Louis Grund

Private Louis Grund of Stockholm, Pepin County, enlisted under M. J. Marks on 4 January 1864 and was mustered in on 16 March in Madison. He was 42 years old; had blue eyes and red hair; stood 5' 10" tall; and was a farmer.

He joined the company at McDonald's Station and was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864. He died of diarrhea in Andersonville on the following 31 August and is buried there in grave number 7,355.

#### Sergeant Hans Gunderson

Sergeant Hans Gunderson of Scandinavia (Iola) enlisted under Captain Gasman on 12 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

He was named sergeant on 1 February 1862; was sick in Chattanooga in September 1863; was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864; and died of scurvy in Andersonville on 11 October that year. He is buried there in grave number 10,691.

#### Corporal Peter O. Haarstad

Corporal Peter O. Haarstad of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 2 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 32 years old and single; had blue eyes, blond hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 11" tall; and was a blacksmith.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863; was sick in Chattanooga in November and in Knoxville in December that year, likewise in January 1864; was fatally wounded at Resaca on 14 May 1864; and died in the camp hospital on the 21st. He is buried in the national cemetery in Chattanooga, section K, grave number <sup>9802</sup> 37. He was moved there from Resaca.

#### Private Helge Halvorson

Private Helge Halvorson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 9 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He became unfit for service and was discharged on Island Number 10 on 7 August 1862.

#### Private Lars Halvorson

Private Lars Halvorson of New Hope enlisted under Captain Gasman on 26 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 25 years old and single.

He became unfit for service and was discharged on Island Number 10 on 4 April 1863.

#### Private A. Hanson

Private Andrew Hanson of Mt. Morris enlisted under Captain Gasman on 14 January 1862 and was mustered in on the 18th in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He was discharged on Island Number 10 on 31 January 1863 because of consumption.

#### Private Casper Hanson

Private Casper Hanson of Eau Claire enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 14 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 33 years old and single.

He was sick in Chattanooga on 17 October and 28 November 1863, likewise on 23 May 1864; was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps on the following 10 April; and was sick in Nashville on 23 May 1865.

#### Private H. Hanson

Private Hans Hanson of Stockholm, Pepin County, enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 6 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 31 years old and single.

He was sick in Chattanooga in October and November 1863 and in Knoxville on 2 February 1864; suffered minor wounds in the arm at Kennesaw Mountain on the following 22 June and was sent to Nashville and then to Jeffersonville, Indiana; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private H. O. Hove

Private Halvor O. Hove of Dodgeville enlisted under Captain Gasman on 15 January 1862 and was mustered in on the 18th in Madison. He was 42 years old and married.

He was with the provision transport from Stevenson in October 1863; was sick in Chattanooga on the following 28 November, likewise on 23 May 1864; and was mustered out with the company. In 1893 he was living with his son in Eureka, Greenwood County, Kansas.

#### Private A. Ingebretson

Private Andrew Ingebretson of Stockholm, Pepin County, enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 6 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 33 years old and single.

He was sick in Chattanooga on 28 November 1863 and in Knoxville on 2 February 1864; was sick in Bridgeport on 3 May that year; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Sergeant Julius Ingebretson

Sergeant Julius Ingebretson of Iola enlisted under Captain Gasman on 20 October 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 22 years old and single.

He was sick in the hospital in Madison on 30 October 1862; was also sick on the following 7 November, when he was given sick leave; and was discharged on Island Number 10 because of chronic diarrhea on 1 October 1863. In 1894 he was living on his farm near Iola, Wisconsin.

*[photo of Private Halvor O. Hove] [page 592]*

#### Corporal C. Jacobson

Corporal Christian Jacobson of Helvitia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 5 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863; served at brigade headquarters at some point in 1864; was promoted to corporal on 1 September 1864; and was mustered out with the company. In 1894 he was living near Iola, Wisconsin.

#### Private Jacob Jackson

Private Jacob Jackson of La Crosse enlisted under Captain Ingmundson on 25 December 1861 and was mustered in on 18 January 1862 in Madison. He was 20 years old and single.

*[photo of Corporal Christian Jacobson] [page 593]*

He was discharged on Island Number 10 on 15 February 1863 because of a heart problem.

In 1893 Jacob H. Jackson was a businessman in Butte, Montana. One letter from him includes a historical point that is not known by very many people. He was born in upper Braadahl, Hvideseid, in upper Telemark in 1840, and came to America in 1861. He joined the 15th, became unfit for service, and was discharged. He then got a position in Ill. Ry. [sic] County Land Department<sup>#</sup>, but re-enlisted in Captain Henry Seigel's independent company, which later became Company K in the 23rd Illinois Veteran Volunteers.

He was mustered out as sergeant in Richmond, Virginia, in July 1865 and resumed working for the Land Department, but moved to Montana in 1867.

*[photo of Private Jacob Jackson] [page 594]*

#### Private M. Jenson

Private Martin Jenson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 14 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

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<sup>#</sup> Translator's note: It is unclear what this abbreviation stands for.

He was with the provision transport from Stevenson in September and October 1863 and was later mustered out with the company. In 1894 he was living near Iola, Wisconsin.

#### Corporal Amos Johnson

Corporal Amos Johnson of Waushara enlisted under Captain Gasman on 4 January 1862 and was mustered in on the 18th in Madison. He was 29 years old and single.

He was sick in Stevenson in September, in Chattanooga in November, and in Knoxville in December 1863; was wounded at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864; was then gone for a time; and was promoted to corporal on 1 November 1864.

*[photo of Private Ole Johnson]* [page 595]

#### Private Ole Johnson

Private Ole Johnson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 4 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 20 years old and single.

He was sick in Chattanooga on 28 November 1863 and in Knoxville on 25 February 1864, and was later mustered out with the company. His full name is Ole Johnson Nustad and in 1893 he was living in Westby, Wisconsin.

#### Private S. Johnson

Private Søren Johnson of Iola enlisted under Captain Gasman on 4 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 19 years old and single; had blue eyes, dark hair, and a dark complexion; stood 5' 7" tall; and was a farmer.

He was sick on Island Number 10 in September and October 1863, was killed—shot in the head—at Resaca on 15 May 1864, and was transported to the national cemetery in Chattanooga, section L, grave number ~~317~~ <sup>9293</sup>.

**Private Lars Jørgenson**

Private Lars Jørgenson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 4 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He became unfit for service and was discharged on Island Number 10 on 21 May 1862.

**Private Paul Kittelson**

Private Paul Kittelson of Gallageher [sic], Iowa, enlisted under Captain Gasman on 14 January 1862 and was mustered in on the 18th in Madison. He was 44 years old and married.

He became unfit for service and was discharged on Island Number 10 on 20 September 1862.

**Private A. Knutson**

Private Arne Knutson of More County, Minnesota, enlisted under Lieutenant Chantland on 6 March 1862 and was mustered in on the same day in Madison. He was 20 years old.

He was sick and was given leave on 2 June 1863; was sick in Chattanooga in November and in Knoxville in December that year; was transferred to the 24th Infantry on 10 February 1865; and was discharged in Huntsville, Alabama, on 13 March 1865 when his term of service had expired.

**Private Samuel Knudtson**

Private Samuel Knudtson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 5 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 18 years old.

He died of disease in Mound City, Illinois, on 28 October 1862 and is buried in the cemetery there, section A, grave number 873.

**Private Tolloff Knudtson**

Private Tolloff Knudtson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 19 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 23 years old and single.

He died of disease in Mound City, Illinois, on 26 October 1862 and is buried there, section A, grave number 875.

**Undercook Buck Kirk**

Undercook Buck Kirk, Mulatto, enlisted under Captain Montgomery on Island Number 10 on 6 September 1863 and was formally mustered in on the following 27 November in Chattanooga. He was 22 years old.

He was transferred to Company I in the 13th Wisconsin on 10 June 1865.

**Musician Peter Larson**

Musician Peter Larson of Primrose enlisted under Sergeant Martin Norde on 15 February 1864 and was mustered in on 20 April in Madison. He was 17 years old.

He was sick in Chattanooga and in Nashville in October 1864; was transferred to the 24th Infantry in February and to Company I in the 13th on 10 June 1865; and was mustered out in Madison, Wisconsin, on 2 February 1866. He was never actually in the 15th.

**Private Peter Long**

Private Peter Long of Stockholm, Pepin County, enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 5 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 35 years old and single.

He was sick in Bridgeport, Alabama, in September and in Chattanooga in November 1863; was sick again in Bridgeport in May 1864; was later sick in Chattanooga; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Jens Lorenson

Private Jens Lorenson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 18 November 1861 and was mustered in, in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was with the provision transport from Stevenson in September 1863 and was mustered out with the company.

#### Corporal Peter N. Lund

Corporal Peter Nilson Lund of Stockholm, Pepin County, enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 5 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 27 years old and single.

He was named corporal on 26 June 1863; was sick in Chattanooga in November 1863; was sick in Knoxville in January 1864; was wounded in the head at Kennesaw Mountain on the following 21 June; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private H. A. Myhre

Private Hans A. Myhre of St. Lawrence enlisted under Captain Gasman on 9 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was with the provision transport from Stevenson in October 1863; was sick in the camp hospital on 29 May 1864; was absent because of illness in June, July, and August that year; and was mustered out with the company. In 1894 he was living on his farm near Iola, Wisconsin.

#### Private P. A. Myhre

Private Peter A. Myhre of St. Lawrence enlisted under Captain Gasman on 16 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

He was detached and assigned to the 6th Ohio Battery on 28 October 1863; suffered minor wounds in the head at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864; and was mustered out with the company. He died in Scandinavia several years ago.

### Corporal S. A. Myhre

Corporal Simon A. Myhre of St. Lawrence enlisted under Captain Gasman on 9 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 26 years old and single.

He was named corporal on 5 December 1862; was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863; was sick in Chattanooga on the following 28 November; was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864; and died of scurvy in Andersonville on the following 4 October. He is buried there in grave number 10,289.

*[photo of Private Hans A. Myhre] [page 599]*

Hans, Peter, and Simon Myhre were three brother who came from Ringebo, Norway. Hans and Simon joined the Regiment immediately after their arrival here, while Peter had already been here for some years.

### Private James K. Nilson

Private James K. Nilson of Dover, Racine County, enlisted under Sergeant M. J. Nordre on 5 February 1864 and was mustered in on 16 March in Madison. He was 43 years old.

He joined the company at McDonald's Station on 26 April 1864; was sick in Chattanooga on the following 28 July; was transferred to the 24th Infantry; and was transferred from there to Company K in the 13th on 10 June 1865.

*[photo of Private Peter A. Myhre] [page 600]*

### Private Ben Nilson

Private Ben Nilson of Dane County enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 8 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He had leave and was in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in May 1862; was with the transport from Stevenson in September and October 1863; was on brigade military police duty on 23 May 1864; and was mustered out with the company.

#### **Private John Nilson**

Private John Nilson of Waupaca enlisted under Captain Gasman on 30 October 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 27 years old and single.

*[photo of Corporal Simon A. Myhre] [page 601]*

He was given leave and was in Waupaca in July 1863; was with the transport from Stevenson in September and was sick in the hospital in Chattanooga in October 1863; was serving at brigade headquarters for a time in 1864; was sick again in Chattanooga in July of that year; and was mustered out with the company.

#### **Sergeant M. Nordre**

Sergeant Martin Nordre of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 10 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 19 years old.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863, was sent on recruiting duty on the following 21 November, and was named 1st sergeant or orderly on 1 January 1865.

*[photo of Sergeant Martin Nordre] [page 602]*

Martin Nordre was from Ringebo, Norway, and was best known in Waupaca County by the name of Lille-Morten. He was a successful businessman and died as such in Alexandria, Minnesota, some years ago.

#### Private Albert Olson

Private Albert Olson of New Hope enlisted under Captain Gasman on 19 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 33 years old.

He died of disease on Island Number 10 on 24 May 1862 and is buried in the Mississippi River Cemetery near Memphis.

#### Private Charles Olson

Private Charles Olson of Stockholm, Pepin County, enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 5 December 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 31 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863, was with Bridge's Battery in November and with the 6th Ohio Battery in February 1864, and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Hans Olson

Private Hans Olson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 9 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 29 years old and married.

He became unfit for service and was discharged on Island Number 10 on 21 May 1862.

#### Private Ivar Olson

Private Ivar Olson of Albert Lea, Minnesota, enlisted under Lieutenant Tjentland on 2 March 1862 and was mustered in on the same day in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in September and October 1863; was seriously wounded in both legs at Bald Knob (Kennesaw) on 21 June 1864; and died of his wounds in the hospital in Chattanooga on the following 2 July. He is buried there in the national cemetery, section E, grave number ~~470~~ <sup>11668</sup> GRAVE STONE HAS 5<sup>TH</sup> WIS INF

#### Private Knudt Olson

Private Knudt Olson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 9 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 24 years old and married.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in September and October 1863 and was killed at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864.

#### Private M. Olson

Private Martin Olson of Mt. Morris enlisted under Captain S. V. Shipman (for 1 year) on 30 September 1864 and was mustered in on 4 October in Madison. He was 35 years old and married.

He joined the company at Whiteside on 29 December 1864, was transferred to the 24th Infantry, and from there was transferred to Company I in the 13th on 10 June 1865.

#### Private Olavus Olson

Private Olavus Olson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 9 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863, was sick for a time in 1864, and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Tolloff Olson

Private Tolloff Olson of Primrose enlisted under Captain Ingmundson on 16 December 1861 and was mustered in on 11 January 1862 in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He suffered from consumption and was therefore discharged on Island Number 10 on 23 June 1863.

#### Private D. Peterson

Private Daniel Peterson of Porter, Rock County, enlisted under Captain Johnson on 9 November 1861 and was mustered in on the 16th in Madison. He was 28 years old and single; had blue eyes, blond hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 9-1/2" tall; and was a farmer.

He was transferred to the 68th Indiana on 31 January 1864 and was transferred back on the following 1 April. He was accidentally killed by a falling tree near Bald Knob, Georgia, while he was on pioneer duty on 23 June that year and was transported to the cemetery in Marietta, section G, grave number 1,660.

#### Private Elias Peterson

Private Elias Peterson of La Crosse enlisted under B. F. Cooper on 4 January 1864 and was mustered in on the same day in La Crosse. He was 20 years old.

He joined the company at Knoxville on 19 February 1864, was transferred to the 24th Infantry, and from there was transferred to Company I in the 13th on 10 June 1865.

#### Private J. P. Peterson

Private John P. Peterson of Mt. Morris enlisted under Captain Gasman on 4 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 23 years old and single.

He had consumption and was therefore discharged on Island Number 10 on 4 October 1862.

#### Private J. Peterson

Private John Peterson (Jo Mælingen) of Scandinavia (Iola) enlisted under Captain Gasman on 9 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 27 years old and single.

He was sick in Stevenson, Alabama, on 15 and 16 September 1863, was sick in the Division Hospital for a time in 1864, and was mustered out with the company. He died on his farm in the Town of Iola some years ago.

**Private Ole Peterson**

Private Ole Peterson, No. 1, of St. Lawrence enlisted under Captain Gasman on 4 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863, was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864, and died of scurvy in Andersonville on the following 21 September. He is buried there in grave number 9,461.

**Private Ole Peterson**

Private Ole Peterson, No. 2, of Jackson, La Crosse County, enlisted under B. F. Cooper on 15 January 1864 and was mustered in on the same day in La Crosse. He was 36 years old.

He joined the company at Strawberry Plains on 15 March 1864; was sick in the camp hospital; was sick in Keokuk, Iowa, on 28 June that year; was transferred to the 24th Infantry; and from there was transferred to Company K in the 13th on 10 June 1865.

**Private Samuel Peterson**

Private Samuel Peterson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 6 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

*[photo of Private Ole Peterson] [page 606]*

He was sick in Louisville in September 1863, was sick in Knoxville in December that year, and was mustered out with the company.

#### Corporal Simon Peterson

Corporal Simon Peterson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 9 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December that year. He was 19 years old and single.

He was with the provision transport from Stevenson in October 1863, was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864, and died of scurvy in Andersonville on the following 27 September. He is buried there in grave number 9,902.

#### Corporal J. J. Rambeck

Corporal John J. Rambeck of New Hope enlisted under Captain Gasman on 30 October 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 24 years old and married.

He became unfit for service and was discharged on Island Number 10 on 26 August 1862, but re-enlisted under M. J. Norde on 22 January 1864 and was mustered in again on the 28th in Madison. He joined the company at Strawberry Plains on 31 March, suffered minor wounds at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864, and was sent to Nashville. He was transferred to the 24th Infantry and then to Company I in the 13th on 10 June 1865. He died in New Hope, Wisconsin, several years ago.

#### Sergeant John Rosenberg

Sergeant John Rosenberg of Stockholm, Pepin County, enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 5 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 32 years old and single.

He was acting sergeant major on Island Number 10 in March, April and May 1863; was assigned as steward in the Contraband Hospital<sup>#</sup> in Columbus, Ohio, the following June; and was discharged from there on 12 November 1864 because of complete deafness.

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<sup>#</sup> Translator's note: *Kontraband-Hospitalet*

#### Private Ole H. Rust

Private Ole Hanson Rust of Mitchell, Minnesota, enlisted under Lieutenant Tjentland on 18 February 1862 and was mustered in on 3 March in Madison. He was 26 years old and single.

He was sick in Louisville, Kentucky, on 10, 11, and 12 September 1863; was sick in Chattanooga on 4 July 1864; was transferred to the 24th Infantry on 10 February 1865; and was discharged in Huntsville, Alabama, on the following 13 March when his term of service had expired.

#### Private Casper Simonsen

Private Casper Simonsen of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 9 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 21 years old and married.

He was absent without leave on 24 September 1863; was a prisoner of war on the following 22 October; and was sick in St. Louis in May 1864 and was sent to Louisville, Kentucky. However, one report from January 1865 says that he was last heard from in the Jefferson Barracks (at St. Louis) on 24 August 1863. The reports say nothing about where he was taken prisoner, but the conclusion is that he left the Jefferson Barracks, was snapped up by the Rebels, and was later sent back for exchange.

#### Private J. Sørensen

Private John Sørensen enlisted in Sparta under O. R. Dahl on 9 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was married, but no age is listed.

He died at Bird's Point, Missouri, on 7 April 1862.

#### Sergeant Nils Stenson

Sergeant Nils Stenson of Chicago enlisted under Captain Torkildson on 10 October 1861 and was mustered in on 15 November in Madison. He was 39 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863; was a standard-bearer in 1864; was seriously wounded in the arm at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864; and died of his wounds in Chattanooga on the following 8 July 1864. *CHATTANOOGA HAS NO BURIAL RECORD*

#### Private Nils Storkson

Private Nils Storkson of Norway Grove, Dane County, enlisted under Captain Johnson on 16 November 1861 and was mustered in on the same day in Madison. He was 31 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863, suffered a minor wound in the head at Kennesaw Mountain on 21 June 1864, and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private B. Thompson

Private Bjørn Thompson of Chippewa enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 5 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 33 years old and single.

He was sick in Chattanooga in September 1863, was with the transport from Stevenson the following October, and was mustered out with the company.

#### Sergeant M. Thompson

Sergeant Michael Thompson of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 18 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 25 years old and single.

He was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863; was sick in Chattanooga on the following 16 December; was sick in the Division Hospital in Nashville for a time in 1864; was named sergeant on 1 January 1865; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Edward Thorson

Private Edward Thorson of Pepin enlisted under O. R. Dahl on 10 December 1861 and was mustered in on the 20th in Madison. He was 26 years old and single.

He was sick in the Division Hospital in Knoxville on 6, 16, and 18 December 1863, and was mustered out with the company. In 1893 he was living in Highland Township, Winnesheik County, Iowa.

#### **Private Gullack O. Tilden**

Private Gullack O. Tilden of Nevada, Minnesota, enlisted under Lieutenant Tjentland on 1 March 1862 and was mustered in on the following day in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was sick in Mound City, Illinois, on 17 September and 2 December 1862; was discharged from the hospital there on 16 November 1862 because of bronchitis and dysentery; and was listed as a deserter, but official information has invalidated this accusation.

#### **Private A. Torkilson**

Private Andrew Torkilson (Torguson) of Scandinavia enlisted under Captain Gasman on 5 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 27 years old and single.

He was sick in Bridgeport, Alabama, on 15, 16 and 18 September 1863, was seriously wounded in the right hand at Resaca on 16 May 1864, and was in Nashville on the 27th. The last thing the reports say about him is that he was in the hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Incidentally, he was mustered out on 2 February 1865. In 1866 he moved to Glenwood, Minnesota, where he was living in 1893. He has been sheriff, has been Register of Deeds in Pope County, Minnesota, three times, and has also held other positions of honor.

*[photo of Private Andrew Torkilson] [page 610]*

**Private Arne Torkilson**

Private Arne Torkilson of Spring Prairie enlisted under Captain Johnson on 9 November 1861 and was mustered in on the 25th in Madison. He was 20 years old and single.

He was sick in Nashville on 13 September 1863 and in Chattanooga on 18 October 1864, is missing from the Rolls for a while, and was supposedly in Keokuk, Iowa, in the fall of 1864.

**Private Ole E. Troan**

Private Ole E. Troan of Madison enlisted under Captain Johnson on 16 September 1861 and was mustered in on the 27th in Madison. He was 17 years old and single.

He was detached and assigned to the 6th Ohio Battery on 28 October 1863; was seriously wounded in the leg by a shell at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864; was sick in Jeffersonville, Indiana, in October, November and December (same year?); and was mustered out from Harvey Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, on 8 December 1864 because of his wounds and because his term of service had expired.

**Sergeant John Wasarud**

Sergeant John Wasarud of St. Lawrence enlisted under Captain Gasman on 4 December 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was sick in Chattanooga on 7 October 1863 and on 28 November that year; suffered minor wounds in the hand at Kennesaw on 21 June 1864; was promoted to sergeant on 1 September that year; and was mustered out with the company. He died some years after he came home from the war.

**Private Robert Watson**

Private Robert Watson of Primrose enlisted under M. J. Nordre on 18 February 1864 and was mustered in on 16 March in Madison. He was 43 years old.

He joined the company on the battlefield on 1 July 1864; was sick in the Division Hospital for a while in August that year; was transferred to the 24th Infantry; and from there was transferred to Company I in the 13th on 10 June 1865.

### Sergeant John O. Wraalstad

Sergeant John Olson Wraalstad (Wrolstad) of New Hope enlisted under Captain Gasman on 5 November 1861 and was mustered in on 20 December in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

*[photo of Sergeant John O. Wraalstad] [page 612]*

He was named sergeant on 1 February 1862, was with the provision transport from Stevenson in October 1863, and was mustered out with the company.

John Wrolstad had a characteristic that made him a brave man in the hour of danger: he was very cold-blooded. Together with Andrew Torguson and several others he was the first up Rocky Face on that memorable May morning in 1864. (See also the anecdotes to follow.)

He was born in Turdal, Drangedal parish, Norway, on 8 April 1839 and came to America with his parents in 1843. They spent the first year in the Muskego settlement, then 12 years in the Rock River settlement, and then moved to New Hope, Portage County, where they were living when the war broke out. John has run a lumber business for a long time and in 1894 was living in Scandinavia, Wisconsin.

This company was mustered out in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 10 February 1865.

**Company K**  
Term of service: 3 years

**Captain Mons Grinager**

Captain Mons Grinager of Freeborn County, Minnesota, received his commission in Madison, Wisconsin, on 31 January 1862 with rank from the 30th, and was mustered in there on 11 February. He was 29 years old and married.

He was wounded at the Battle of Stones River and was given 20 days leave starting 23 January 1863. He was on recruiting duty in November that year and was mustered out with the company.

There is too little information in the reports about Mons Grinager because he was both a prisoner of war and a regimental commander, neither for very long, but history and his own reports from that time show that this was the case. He was also one of the 15th's most outstanding men, both as a soldier and as a person.

He was born on the Grinager farm in Hadeland, Norway, on 7 October 1832. He received a good general education and came to America in 1853, at which time he worked on a farm for an American. At the same time he set himself to learning the English language—practically, through daily association with Americans, and theoretically, by going to school a little bit. He moved to Decorah, Iowa, the next year and was a clerk for three years in a business there. He moved to Freeborn County, Minnesota, in 1859 and became a farmer.

During the war—as well as later—he was a respected and popular man. At Stones River he was wounded in one leg and while his blood streamed out of the wound he stayed to put his company in order after it had been frightfully scattered by enemy fire. At last he allowed himself to be taken to the rear troops, but he had not gone many steps before he sank down on the ground because of loss of blood. He was taken to the hospital, but fell into the hands of the Rebels the next day and remained there until they fled from Murfreesboro—that is, from Monday to Friday. Grinager avoided being taken away with the other prisoners

because he had crawled into an out-of-the-way hiding place where he hid himself as well as he could. He suffered terribly from lack of food and care, but felt he was rewarded for his suffering when saw the Stars and Stripes waving in the wind. According to the reports, he then got home leave for a while, but after that he was with the company the whole time except for the winter of 1864 when he was home on recruiting duty. Mons Grinager was a real gentleman with a sunny nature and died as such several years ago.

*[photo of Captain Mons Grinager] [page 615]*

#### **1st Lieutenant Ellend Erickson**

First Lieutenant Ellend Erickson of Freeborn County, Minnesota, enlisted (under Captain Grinager?) on 22 November 1861 and was mustered in, in Madison. He was 26 years old and married.

He was named corporal on 1 January 1862, was named sergeant on the following 1 May, was named 2nd Lieutenant on 3 June 1863 with rank from the previous 27 May and was mustered in as such in Chattanooga on 9 June; was with the provision transport from Stevenson in October that year; was taken prisoner at New Hope Church on 27 May 1864; was exchanged on the following 29 September and returned to the Regiment; had leave from the following 11 November; was promoted to 1st lieutenant the previous day; and was mustered out with the company. He is entered on the Roll of Honor for the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps.

Lieutenant Erickson was born on the Trytten farm in Vig parish, Bergen Diocese, Norway, on 7 October 1835. He came to America with his parents in 1857, was a laborer in Chicago the first year, and moved to Freeborn County, Minnesota, in 1860 where he settled as a farmer. He was the first to enlist under Grinager—or perhaps more correctly, the first man who entered Company K. He was a quiet man and had the reputation of being a clever soldier and officer. After the war he returned to his farm.

### 1st Lieutenant Ole Peterson

First Lieutenant Ole Peterson of Freeborn County, Minnesota, received his commission on 31 January 1862 with rank from the 30th and was mustered in at the same time in Madison. He was 29 years old and married.

He was sick on 11 June 1862 and resigned on the following 30 August. His resignation was accepted by General Halleck.

### 1st Lieutenant Andrew Clement

First Lieutenant Andrew Clement of Waupun enlisted under Captain Campbell on 5 October 1861 and was mustered in on the same day in Madison. He was 29 years old and single.

*[photo of 1st Lieutenant Andrew Clement] [page 617]*

He was named corporal on 1 January 1862 and was appointed as a musician on 10 May that year. He was first a member of Company D, but was promoted to 1st lieutenant, Company I on 8 November 1862 with rank from the previous 10 October. He was taken prisoner (during the exchange of newspapers with the Rebels, as mentioned earlier in this history) on the picket line near Chattanooga on 8 August 1863; was sent back on parole that month; was then sent back to Chattanooga; was sick and had leave on 1 February 1864; and died of chronic diarrhea while he was away in Brigsville, Portage County, Wisconsin, on 23 September 1864 (though another report says that he died on that day in Portage). According to special order 343 from the War Department in Washington and dated 12 October 1864, he was given a discharge because of physical disability to be effective from 1 March that year.

### 2nd Lieutenant Olaus Solberg

Second Lieutenant Olaus Solberg of Freeborn County, Minnesota, received his commission on 31 January 1862 with rank from the 30th and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 49 years old and married.

He resigned already on 7 May 1862 in accordance with special order number 154 from General Halleck and dated the 6th of that month.

### 2nd Lieutenant J. S. Irgens

Second Lieutenant John S. Irgens of St. Ansgar, Iowa, enlisted as a private on 1 March 1862 and was mustered in, in Madison. He was 29 years old and married.

He was named sergeant on 1 May 1862; was promoted to 2nd lieutenant on the following 5 June and was mustered in as such on the 10th of that month; and resigned on 3 September that year.

He had already sent in his resignation in July, but it was not accepted then. But because of his deafness and swollen legs, his second resignation was accepted.

Lieutenant Irgens was born in Modum, Norway, in 1832; came to America in 1849; ran a manufacturing business in Chicago for some years; moved to Minnesota in 1857; and after the war was a station master for the railroad in Adams, Minnesota.

### 2nd Lieutenant John P. Strømer

Second Lieutenant John P. Strømer (no residence entered) received his commission on 28 November 1862 and was mustered in on 4 December in Chicago. He was 45 years old.

He resigned on 4 May 1863 and his resignation was accepted by General Rosecrans that day. Special field order number 121 from the Cumberland Army's headquarters gives disability as the reason the resignation was accepted.

Strømer was an odd character—he is mentioned in the historical section of this book and in the anecdotes to follow.

### Noncommissioned Officers and Privates

#### Private S. Aaneson

Private Simon Aaneson of Winnesheik County, Iowa, enlisted under Ole Peterson on 26 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 39 years old and married.

He was sick in the general hospital in Farmington, Mississippi, on 28 July 1862, ran away on 31 March 1863, and was found on 24 September 1864. But this report is nonsense and is only included because it is entered in the government's books. The truth is that he died of disease in the camp at Dennison, Ohio, on 23 August 1862 and is buried in the cemetery there.

#### Private Engebret Amundson

Private Engebret Amundson of Freeborn County, Minnesota, enlisted under Ole Peterson on 20 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He died of disease on Island Number 10 on 6 May 1862 and is buried in the Mississippi River Cemetery near Memphis.

#### Corporal Knud Amundson

Corporal Knud Amundson of Nevada, Minnesota, enlisted under C. L. Clausen on 29 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

He was seriously wounded at Stones River and was sent to the hospital in Nashville on 31 December 1862, was sick in Stevenson on 28 August 1863, and was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps on the following 1 September.

#### Private Tolef Anderson

Private Tolef Anderson of Worth, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Grinager on 11 December 1861 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 19 years old and single.

He was sick in Union City on 20 June, in Iuka on the 21st, and in Florence on 28 August 1862. He was with the Pioneer Corps in February 1863 and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Halvor Aslakson

Private Halvor Aslakson of Freeborn County, Minnesota, enlisted under Ole Peterson on 18 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 18 years old and single.

He was left behind because of illness in Iuka on 20 August 1862, died of disease in Nashville on the following 11 November, and is buried in the cemetery there, section A, grave number ~~627~~ <sup>4464</sup>.

#### Private Torger Aslakson

Private Torger Aslakson of Worth, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Grinager on 10 December 1861 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 30 years old and married; had blue eyes, red hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 3-3/4" tall; and was a farmer.

He died in the Regimental Hospital on Island Number 10 on 2 June 1862 and is buried in the Mississippi River Cemetery near Memphis.

#### Private Ole Asleson

Private Ole Asleson of Winnesheik County, Iowa, enlisted under Olaus Solberg on 6 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 20 years old and single.

He was detached and on military police duty on 27 October 1862 and was wounded and taken prisoner at Chickamauga on 19 September 1863. In the hospital register, volume no. 23, page 187, he is entered as No. 6,473 and the man who bears this number is buried in the cemetery

in Marietta, Georgia, section A, grave number 216. He was transported there from Atlanta. The date and cause of death are not known.

#### Private Peter Bjerk

Private Peter Bjerk of Freeborn County, Minnesota, enlisted under Captain Grinager on 28 December 1861 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 30 years old and single.

He was detached and assigned as a hospital cook in Chattanooga on 28 November 1863, was sick in Knoxville on 25 February 1864, and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private F. Christopherson

Private Fingal Christopherson of Worth, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Grinager on 12 December 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 45 years old and single.

He was left behind because of illness on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Jacinto on the following 22 July.

#### Private Iver G. Dahl

Private Iver G. Dahl of Worth, Iowa, enlisted under Captain Grinager on 29 November 1861 and was mustered in on 11 February 1862 in Madison. He was 32 years old and married; had blue eyes, red hair, and fair skin; stood 5' 5" tall; and was a carpenter.

He was left behind on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862 because of illness; was sick in Knoxville on the following 26 December; was taken prisoner at Chickamauga on 20 September 1863; and died of scurvy in Richmond on 10 March 1864. He is buried in the cemetery in Danville, Virginia.

**Corporal O. N. Damness**

Corporal Ole Nilson Damness of Freeborn County, Minnesota, enlisted under Captain Grinager on 18 December 1861 and was mustered in on 11 February 1862 in Madison. He was 33 years old and single.

He was sick in Bardstown in October 1862 and was killed at Chickamauga on 20 September 1863.

**Private Jens Enger**

Private Jens Enger of Fillmore County, Minnesota, enlisted under Olaus Solberg on 26 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 23 years old and single.

He was sick in Nashville in December 1862, was taken prisoner at Chickamauga on 20 September 1863, and died of dysentery in Andersonville on 24 June 1864. He is buried there in grave number 2,419.

**Private E. Erickson**

Private Erick Erickson of La Fayette County enlisted under Captain Grinager on 22 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 22 years old and single.

He was sick in Bardstown in October, in Bowling Green in September and November 1862, and died in the hospital in Bowling Green on the following 1 December. He was transported to the cemetery in Nashville, section N, grave number ~~714~~<sup>10923</sup>.

**Private Helge Erickson**

Private Helge Erickson of Fillmore County, Minnesota, enlisted under Ole Peterson on 22 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 24 years old and single.

He was left behind on Island Number 10 in June because of illness, in Iuka in August, and then died of disease in the hospital in Jackson on 26 September 1862. He was transported to the cemetery in Corinth, Mississippi.

### Sergeant T. Erickson

Sergeant Tosten Erickson of Freeborn County, Minnesota, enlisted under Captain Grinager on 30 November 1861 and was mustered in on 11 February 1862 in Madison. He was 28 years old and married.

He was named sergeant on 1 February 1862, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Jacinto on 22 July 1862.

### Private Ole Evenson

Private Ole Evenson of Freeborn County, Minnesota, enlisted under Ole Peterson on 18 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 20 years old and single.

He was sick in Union City on 20 June and in Nashville on 12 and 26 December 1862; was with the transport from Stevenson in October 1863; was wounded in the hand at Resaca on 14 May 1864 and was sent to the general hospital; and was mustered out with the company.

### Corporal Anders Gulbranson

Corporal Anders Gulbranson of Green County enlisted under Captain Grinager on 21 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 33 years old and married.

He was named corporal on 1 February 1862; was on military police duty on the following 27 October; was seriously wounded at Stones River on 31 December that year and was sent to the hospital in Nashville; was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps on 15 January 1864; and is entered on the Roll of Honor for the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps. In 1892 he was living near Dunlap, Iowa.

#### Private C. Gulbranson

Private Christopher Gulbranson of Worth County, Iowa, enlisted under Ole Peterson on 20 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 45 years old and married.

He was left behind because of illness on Island Number 10 on 11 June 1862, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Cincinnati on the following 10 October.

#### Musician C. Gulbranson

Musician Christian Gulbranson of Freeborn County, Minnesota, enlisted under Captain Grinager on 16 December 1861 and was mustered in on 11 February 1862 in Madison. He was 43 years old and married.

He was appointed as a musician on 18 February 1862; was sick in Winchester, Tennessee, on 17 August 1863; was sick later the same year in Nashville; and was mustered out with the company.

#### Private Halvor Gullikson

Private Halvor Gullikson of Winnesheik County, Iowa, enlisted under Ole Peterson on 25 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 21 years old and single.

He was sick in the hospital in Farmington, Mississippi in July 1862, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Cincinnati on 11 March 1863.

#### Private K. Gullikson

Private Knud Gullikson of Mitchell, Iowa, enlisted under O. Solberg on 28 January 1862 and was mustered in on 11 February in Madison. He was 33 years old and married.

He was sick in Union City in June and in the hospital in Farmington in July, became unfit for service, and was discharged in Cincinnati on 9 September 1862.