

CASUALTY SHEET.

Name: *Nels Nelson*
Rank: *Pvt* Company: *G* Regiment: *15th*
Arm: _____ State: *Wis*
Nature of Casualty: *Death*

CAUSE OF CASUALTY—(NAME OF DISEASE, &c.)
Killed in Action

BY WHOM DISCHARGED.

DEGREE OF DISABILITY.

FROM WHAT SOURCE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED.
Register Document

BY WHOM CERTIFIED.
Capt Seward

REMARKS.
No Effects

DATE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, &c.
Dec 31 1862

PLACE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, &c.
Murphy's Barracks

R. S. Smith
Clerk.

No 81 Index 11. signed by Col. Hans C. Steg County regt. Charles Nils Nelson
July 18. 79

N | 15 | Wis.

Nels Nelson
Pvt, Co. D, 15 Reg't Wisconsin Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for July & Aug, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:

(858) Kirby Copyist

N | 15 | Wis.

Nels Nelson
Pvt, Co. D, 15 Reg't Wisconsin Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Sep & Oct, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:

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N | 15 | Wis.

Nels Nelson
Pvt, Co. D, 15 Reg't Wisconsin Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Nov & Dec, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:

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N | 15 | Wis.

Nels Nelson
Pvt, Co. D, 15 Reg't Wisconsin Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Jan & Feb, 1863.

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Killed in battle near Murfreesboro Tenn See 31/62

Book mark:

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N | 15 | Wis.

Nels Nels^x

P. 10, Co. 2, 15 Reg't Wisconsin Infantry.

Age 22 years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated

Chattanooga Tenn Feb 13, 1865.

Muster-out to date _____, 186 .

Last paid to _____, 186 .

Clothing account:

Last settled _____, 186 ; drawn since \$ _____ 100

Due soldier \$ _____ 100; due U. S. \$ _____ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ _____ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ _____ 100

Bounty paid \$ _____ 100; due \$ _____ 100

Remarks: Killed in action at
Stone River Tenn Dec
31/62.

† Filed with Nels Nelson

name Nels Nels on home

as per records of Co.

Book mark : _____

Bethel

J. | 15 | Wis.

John Ingmundson
Capt., Capt. Ingmundsen's Co., 15 Reg't Wis. Inf.*

Age 29 years.

Appears on

Company Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Madison Wis., Feb 28, 1862

Muster-in to date Dec 20, 1861

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Dec 9, 1861

Where Lacross

Period 3 years.

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Remarks:

*This organization subsequently became Co. E, 15 Reg't Wis. Inf.

Book mark:

W. H. Thompson
Copyist.

J | 15 | Wis.

John Ingmundson
Capt., Co. E, 15 Reg't Wisconsin Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Nov & Dec, 1862

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Killed in the
Battle near Murfreesboro,
Tenn. Dec 30/62.

Book mark:

W. H. Thompson
Copyist.

J | 15 | Wis.

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Age 29 years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec 20, 1864.

Muster-out to date

Last paid to

Clothing account:

Last settled 186; drawn since \$ 100

Due soldier \$ 100; due U. S. \$ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ 100

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Remarks: Killed in the Battle
of Stone River, Tenn., Dec
30/62

Book mark:

Bowman

N | 15 | Wis.

Nels Nelson

Prvt, Capt. Campbell's Co., 15 Reg't Wis. Inf.*

Age 24 years.

Appears on

Company Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Madison Wis, Feb 28, 1862.

Muster-in to date Feb 13, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Nov 23, 1861.

Where Spring Prairie

Period 3 years.

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Remarks:

*This organization subsequently became Co. D, 15 Reg't Wis. Inf.

Book mark:

Kirby

N | 15 | Wis.

Nels Nelson

Prvt, Co. D, 15 Reg't Wisconsin Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Sep 27/1 to Feb 28, 1862.

Present or absent ⁶¹ not stated

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

From Second Auditor's Roll.

Book mark:

Kirby

N | 15 | Wis.

Nels Nelson

Prvt, Co. D, 15 Reg't Wisconsin Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for mch & apr, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:

Kirby

N | 15 | Wis.

Nels Nelson

Prvt, Co. D, 15 Reg't Wisconsin Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for May & June, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:

Kirby

Lois	Harr	12893 Fieldcrest Rd.	Sparta	WI	54656	n/a	jlharr@centurytel.net
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Gravestone Marker Nels E. Nelson

Nels (Nils) (Niels) Einerson

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Einar (Nels E.) Nelson

Private in Company H

15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry

The Scandinavian Regiment

*great
grandfather*

Born Nils Enersen Nilsen, January 18, 1842, Lærdal, Borgund, Sogn, Kingdom of Norway

Parents were Einer Nelson and Gure Paulson

Immigrated to America, 1854/1855

Married May 3, 1869, to Betsey (Barbro) Johnson at Hillsboro, Vernon County, State of Wisconsin

Died January 12, 1913, Town of Stoughton, Dane County, Wisconsin

Buried Greenwood Township Lutheran Cemetery, Town of Hillsboro, Vernon County, Wisconsin

Nels E. Nelson

Nils E. Nilsen was enlisted under the name Nels Einerson by Captain John Ingmundson on November 8, 1861. Nels joined up at Madison, Wisconsin, for a 3 year term of service in Company H of the 15th Wisconsin. The men of Company H called themselves "*Heg's Rifles*," but they were also known as the "*Voss Company*" because a large number of its members were from that area of Norway. Nels was mustered into Federal service as a Private (Menig) on February 13, 1862, at Camp Randall, near the City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin. At the time he was 21 years old and not married. He is recorded as having blue eyes, light colored hair and complexion, standing 5 feet 6 1/2 inches tall, and being by occupation a Farmer. His residence was listed as the Town of Perry, Dane County, Wisconsin. Before enlisting he was working as a farm laborer.

After only several weeks at Camp Randall learning to be a soldier, Private Einerson left there on March 2, 1862, with his company and regiment to join the war. He was "*present*" at the successful siege of Island No. 10, on the Mississippi River in the State of Tennessee, and the surprise raid on Union City, Tennessee, in March and April, 1862. That summer he would have been with the 15th on campaign through Tennessee and the States of Mississippi and Alabama. In August and September he would have participated in the grueling 400 mile retreat with U.S. Major General Don Carlos Buell up to the City of Louisville, State of Kentucky, with the last 2 weeks being on half rations and short of water.

Private Einerson fought at the October 8, 1862, fighting at the Town of Perryville, Boyle County, Kentucky, which is also called the Battle of Chaplin Hills. While this was the 15th's first big battle, it emerged without any fatalities. On December 26, 1862, he participated in the 15th's desperate charge upon a Confederate artillery battery at Knob Gap, Tennessee, just south of the City of Nashville. There the 15th captured a brass cannon. Starting December 30, 1862, Private Einerson fought at the long, cold, wet, and bloody Battle of Stone River, Tennessee, also called the Battle of Murfreesboro. It is there that the

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15th first suffered serious battle casualties, and was cited for bravery. One of the casualties was Private Einerson. On January 1, 1863, he was "*wounded in right arm below elbow while in the act of loading his gun*" on the 3rd day of the battle.

Nels was sent to an Army hospital in Nashville, where he spent 6 months recovering. The following description of his wound is taken from his post-war pension application.

"The ball passed [through the] back of his neck and entered his arm from above protruding the bone and cutting the cords causing the flesh to grow fast to the bone and fingers to become weak as well as his entire arm."

Private Einerson was once again present with Company H in June, 1863. Starting June 23, 1863, the regiment took part in General Rosecrans' Tullahoma campaign. On July 3, 1863, the 15th went into camp at the Town of Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee, for 6 weeks.

On August 17, 1863, the 15th left Winchester to participate in General Rosecrans' Chickamauga campaign. Private Einerson is believed to have been present at the daring early morning crossing of the Tennessee River on August 28th, which the 15th led. He was present at the September 19-20, 1863, fighting at Chickamauga, Georgia -- the second bloodiest battle of the Civil War. Nels survived the vicious fighting around Viniard's Farm on the first afternoon, but was captured around midday on the 20th near Brotherton Field during Longstreet's Breakthrough. Some 63% of the 15th's soldiers who were at Chickamauga were killed, wounded, or taken prisoner there.

Private Einerson was subsequently held for nearly 18 months in Confederate prisons at the Cities of Richmond and Danville in the State of Virginia, at Andersonville in Georgia, and in the Cities of Charleston and Florence in the State of South Carolina. At Danville he and several comrades dug a tunnel under the prison wall and escaped, but were quickly recaptured. Nels then spend 6 months at the notorious Andersonville Prison Camp. It is said that while there he entertained himself by collecting fleas in a bottle to watch them fight. He suffered from scurvy at Andersonville, as he also did at Florence.

From Florence Private Einerson was sent back to Richmond, Virginia, where he was paroled to Union forces in early 1865. After his release Nels came down with Typhoid Fever and was confined in a hospital at the Town of Annapolis, State of Maryland. He was released from there on furlough (leave) back to Wisconsin, where he was treated at the Harvey Hospital in Madison. Nels Einerson was finally mustered out of Federal service on July 6, 1865, at Madison, retroactive to April 20, 1865. Even the earlier date was several months after his company and regiment had mustered out and his 3 year term of service had expired. It is said Nels weighed 185 pounds when he entered the Army, but only 95 pounds when he left it.

After regaining some of his strength Nels returned to farming, this time in Greenwood Township, Bad Ax (now called Vernon) County, Wisconsin. There in 1866 he purchased

his father's farm, which was located on section 26 of the Town of Greenwood. He also resumed using his father's last name, being known after the war as Einar Nelson or Nels E. Nelson.

Nels E. Nelson became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), the Union veterans organization. His 1880 application for an Invalid's Pension stated that he was partially unable to earn a living by manual labor because of "*gun shot wound right fore arm, heart disease, rheumatism, general disability.*" His marriage yielded 9 children, of which 6 were living in 1884: James A., Edward N., Cara P., Ojerte R., Robert, and George

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