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While much has been written lately about Swedish immigrant soldiers in the American Civil War, less attention has been paid to Swedish immigrants serving in the Great War of 1914-1918, i.e., the First World War or World War I. This article highlights the WW I service records of sixty-five Swedish immigrants living in and around Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois. It also attempts to supplement the military dossiers of these individuals with personal history information from both American and Swedish sources. The Knox County communities represented in this study include Galesburg (with 41 individuals), Oneida (with 8), Altona (with 6), Rio (with 4) Dahinda (with 1), Wataga (with 1), and Maquon (with 1). Two individuals from Henry County, one each from Galva and Woodhull, were also included. The residence of one individual was not listed.

The impetus for this study was a book, Knox County, Illinois: The Honor Roll 1917-1918-1919. Being a Record of What Was Done in Knox County in those three eventful years and Who Did It (Galesburg, IL: Wagoner Printing Company, 1920). Among the 2341 veterans listed in this book, I extracted and compiled information on those who were clearly listed as being born in Sweden.

The resources of the Galesburg Public Library and the Knox County, Illinois Genealogical Society (with resources located in a section of the library) were absolutely vital in researching the life histories of these WW I veterans. Of particular value were the Knox County Gravestone Records, obituaries in Galesburg’s newspaper, the Register-Mail (on microfilm), and the 1910 and 1920 U.S. Censuses for Knox Co., IL (on microfilm). A collection of Declarations of Intention (dated Jan. 1909 to April 1912) at the Knox County, Illinois Circuit Court, Galesburg, which was compiled by Mrs. Shirley (Dredge) Graham and

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published by the Knox County, Illinois Genealogical Society, also proved to be extremely helpful.

The staff and resources of the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL were also very helpful and important to the successful completion of this study. At the Swenson Center, I used the following materials: Swedish-American Church Records (on microfilm), the Swedish Passenger List Index/Register (on the CD-ROM Databasen Emigranten, ‘The Emigrant’), and U.S. Social Security records (on CD).

A cursory look at the birth and emigration data contained herein reveals that the majority of these immigrants were born in the 1890s and emigrated from Sweden after the turn of the century. More specifically, it shows the following:

Decade of Birth
• 27.7% (18/65) of individuals were born in the 1880s
• 58.4% (38/65) of individuals were born in the 1890s
• 13.9% (9/65) no birth data available

Decade of Emigration
• 7.7% (5/65) of individuals emigrated in the 1890s
• 16.9% (11/65) of individuals emigrated in the 1900s
• 20.0% (13/65) of individuals emigrated in the 1910s
• 55.4% (36/65) no emigration data available

The format used for the remainder of this paper is consistent with that used in Knox County, Illinois: The Honor Roll 1917–1918–1919, i.e., veterans are listed alphabetically under each of the following six headings:

• Valhalla Honor Roll (Soldiers Killed in Battle) 3 individuals
• Military Service Connected Deaths 5 individuals
• Soldiers Wounded in Battle 4 individuals
• U.S. Army Soldiers 51 individuals
• U.S. Navy Serviceman 1 individual
• U.S. Army Nurse 1 individual

Information contained within each individual military dossier, however, has not been transcribed verbatim from Knox County, Illinois: The Honor Roll 1917–1918–1919. For the sake of consistency, such material has been subjected to minor editing and/or rearranging. Obvious spelling and typographical errors have also been corrected. Any supplementary information added by me, however, has been placed in brackets.
VALHALLA HONOR ROLL (SOLDIERS KILLED IN BATTLE)

Anderson, Joseph B., Galesburg
Top Sergeant. Born in Oskarshamn [Parish (Kalm.)], Sweden 27 June 1889, son of Mrs. E. A. Hammerstein. Came to this country with his parents. Enlisted in the English Army at Edmonton, Canada in 1915. Trained in Calgary during the winter of 1915-16. Left for France with the 49th Canadian Battalion in April 1916. Served in the trenches two years. Killed in action in No Man's Land on 13 Aug. 1918, the day Cambridge [Cambrai?] was taken. - Knox County, Illinois: The Honor Roll 1917–1918–1919 (hereinafter HR), 70.

Franson, Gust, Galesburg

Johnson, John Edwin, Oneida, Rural Route 1

MILITARY SERVICE CONNECTED DEATHS

Johnson, John Wilfred, Altona
Nearest relative, John Johnson, Sweden. - HR, 74.

Johnson, Jonas Ossian, Galesburg
Corporal, 6th Company, Coastal Artillery Corps. Born in Sweden 29 March 1894, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson and nephew of Mrs. Carl Lindquist, 1459 N. Seminary Street, Galesburg. Entered service at Galesburg 3 April 1918 and assigned to Fort Screven, GA. Promoted to corporal in Aug. 1918. Embarked 25 Sept. 1918 and was lost at sea 6 Oct. 1918, when the transport Otranto collided with the steamer Kasmito off the Island of Islay, Scotland. - HR, 62.

Linner, Emil Theodore, Galesburg
Private, Student Army Training Corps, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. Born in Sweden 9 Nov. 1896, the son of A. V. and Alma Linner. Enlisted at Evanston 14 Oct. 1918. Died of pneumonia 22 Nov. 1918 at the camp hospital. His remains were brought to Galesburg and buried at Linwood Cemetery. - HR, 71.

He emigrated from Döderhult (Kalm.) in 1909 with his parents. - Contract 1909:926:9195, Malmö, Swedish Passenger List Index/Register.
Nelson, Otto Henning, Galesburg

Tornquist, Sven Gottfrid, Galesburg

SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN BATTLE

Carlson, Ture, Galesburg
Private, Company D, 39th Regiment, 4th Division. Born in Sweden 13 Sept. 1894, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Carlson. Entered service at Galesburg 20 Sept. 1917 and assigned to Camp Dodge, IA. In the trenches 60 days; in major offensives at St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne; wounded at the battle of Meuse-Argonne. Served a total of 500 days. Discharged 16 April 1919. - HR, 117.

Dahlstrom, Ajnar [Ejnor, Einar], Rio

Ejnor Dahlstrom was born in Bronas, Kristdala [Parish (Kalm.)], Sweden. He arrived in New York aboard the Carmania 21 Jan. 1912. At this time, he resided at 633 Willard St., Galesburg and listed farm laborer as his given occupation. He married the former Elsie Gamble 28 Feb. 1926. She preceded him in death. Einar Dahlstrom of Galva, formerly of Woodhull [both in Henry Co., IL], died 29 July 1968. He was a member of the American Legion in Galesburg. He was survived by two brothers, Stewart of Woodhull and Nels of Sweden, and a sister, Mrs. Agda Anderson of Alpha [Henry Co., IL]. - Declaration of Intention, No. 285, dated 26 Feb. 1912, filed at Knox County Circuit Court, Galesburg; Register-Mail, 29 July 1968, 22; Morton Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987), 158.

Fredrickson, Albert N., Oneida
Private First Class, Company K, 326th Regiment, 82nd Division. Born in Sweden 14 April 1892. Entered service at Galesburg 20 Sept. 1917 and assigned to Camp Dodge, IA. Transferred to Camp Gordon, GA 4 April 1918. Wounded at the battle of Argonne. In the trenches 110 days; in a major offensive 2 days. Served a total of 571 days. Discharged 17 April 1919. - HR, 87.
Hoogburg, Karl H., Dahinda

U.S. ARMY SOLDIERS

Anderson, Anders Paul, Woodhull [Henry Co.]
Nearest relative, Peter Anderson, Sweden. - HR, 185.

Anderson, Anders Verner, Galesburg

Anderson was born at Tjärstad Parish (Ög.), near Rimforsa, Sweden. He died 20 July 1937 at the VA hospital in Dwight, Livingston Co., IL after a month's undisclosed illness. He was not married at the time of death and his occupation was not specified. Survivors included his sisters, Adele Anderson and Anna Anderson Fagerberg, and two brothers, Thure and Herman, all in America. His father and two other brothers survived in Sweden. He was a member of First Lutheran Church, Galesburg and a member of the church choir. He sang for many years in a church quartet. He was also a member of Ralph M. Noble Post American Legion and of local Swedish-American fraternal organizations. - Membership records, First Lutheran Church, Galesburg; Knox County Gravestone Records; Register-Mail, 20 July 1937.

Anderson, Carl C., Galesburg

Anderson, Frank S., Galesburg

Anderson, Ivar, Altona, Walnut Grove Twp.
1918 and assigned to Camp Grant, IL. Overseas service included 25 days in the trenches. Discharged 6 June 1919. - HR, 105.

He was born at Mörrum Parish (Blekinge) 6 Dec. 1895 and came to America 3 March 1913. He was the father of two children. Dale Eileen Anderson, born 28 June 1924, and Selma Iona Anderson, born 17 April 1927. - Membership records, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altona, IL.

Blixt, Henry Adolph, Galesburg
Private, Company A, 3rd Machine Gun Battalion. Born in Sweden 8 July 1882, son of August and Helen Blixt. Entered service at Columbus Barracks, OH 16 March 1917, in Company H, 28th Infantry Headquarters Training, 1st Division (this designation was later changed to Company A, 3rd Machine Gun Battalion). Transferred to Rio Grande Camp, TX. Mobilized and sent to France 12 June 1917. The sectors he saw action in included Lunéville, 23 Oct. to 3 Nov. 1917; Toul, 16 March to 3 April 1918; Cantigny, 28 May to 2 June 1918; Noyon-Montdidier, 14 May to 24 June 1918; Aisne-Marne, 18 to 24 July 1918; Sayyres, 14 to 24 Aug. 1918; St. Mihiel, 12 to 13 Sept. 1918; Meuse-Argonne, 4 to 11 Oct. and 1 to 11 Nov. 1918. His unit was marching 600 kilometers into Germany when the armistice was signed. Served with the American Expeditionary Force in France and Germany from 12 June 1917 to 19 July 1919. Awarded the Bronze Victory Button. Served a total of 2 years, 7 months, and 3 days; and of that, 2 years, 1 month overseas. Discharged 10 Oct. 1919. - HR, 151.

He was born at Ljusdal Parish (Gävle) and came to America in 1909. He was naturalized in 1914 and worked as a machinist in 1920. - Membership records, First Lutheran Church, Galesburg, IL; 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL.

Carlson, Albin, Galesburg

Albin came to Galesburg in 1910 and was employed as a railroad carpenter. He died in Galesburg 21 April 1924. - 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL; Knox County Gravestone Records.

Carlson, Axel Fredrick, Galesburg
Private, Battery C, Coastal Artillery Corps. Born in Sweden 7 Dec. 1887, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swanson. His wife was Nellie Swanson Carlson. Entered service at Galesburg 3 April 1918 and assigned to Fort Screven, GA. Shipped overseas 5 Sept. 1918 and returned 24 March 1919. Discharged 31 March 1919. - HR, 143.

He was born in Småland and resided in Ingatorp Parish (Jön) prior to emigrating in 1910. His wife Nellie preceded him in death. He then married Alice Merrill 5 March 1955. He died 11 Dec. 1972. Survivors included his widow; a son, Paul of San Diego, CA; a daughter, Bernice Carlson of Decatur, IL; two step-children; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was also survived by two brothers and three sisters in Sweden. He was employed as a locomotive engineer by the former C. B. & Q. Railroad and retired in 1956. His memberships included First Lutheran Church, Galesburg and The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. - 1910 Galesburg Passenger Index; 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL; Register-Mail, 11 Dec. 1972, 15.
Carlson, Carl A., Galesburg

He came to America in 1896 and lived in the Galesburg and Chicago areas before moving to Oneida, IL in 1958. He married the former Myrtle Taylor at Galesburg 27 May 1920. He was employed as a tool and die maker until retiring in 1958. His memberships included the Wataga [Knox Co., IL] American Legion Post and Wataga Congregational Church. He died 5 Dec. 1972 in Galesburg and was survived by his widow; a brother, Edwin from Tarpon Springs, FL; and nieces and nephews. - Register-Mail, 5 Dec. 1972, 11.

Carlson, Carl E., Oneida

Carlson, Oscar M., Galesburg
Nearest relative, Sophia Carlson, Långemåla [Parish (Kalm.)], Sweden. - HR, 188.

Eck, Hendal Elmer A., Oneida
Nearest relative, Mrs. Christina Eck, Klevihult [Klevshult, Åker Parish (Jön.)], Sweden. - HR, 190.

Hendel Einar Artur Eck was born in Åker Parish (Söd.), Sweden 16 Oct. 1887. He arrived in New York aboard the Cedric 28 April 1906. He was a farmer and resided at Victoria, Knox Co., IL. - Declaration of Intention, No. 125, dated 17 April 1909, filed at Knox County Circuit Court, Galesburg; Morton Allan Directory, 117.

Erickson, Julius, Galesburg

He was born in Gammlastorp Parish (Blek.) and came to America and to Galesburg in 1911, where he resided and worked as a farmer until his death. He married Elsa Olivia Peterson in Monmouth, Warren Co., IL 6 Sept. 1928. He was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church, Henderson Grove, Knox Co., IL. He enjoyed reading as a hobby. He died 7 March 1953 after suffering a heart attack. He was survived by his widow; a daughter, Martha Louisa Erickson; two sons, Carl Richard and John Edward; a brother, John in Sweden; and a half-brother, Edward, also in Sweden. - Membership records, Messiah Lutheran Church, Henderson Grove, IL; Register-Mail, 7 March 1953, 16.

Fransen, Oscar, Galesburg

**Gibson, Olaf**, Galesburg


Olaf Gibson was born at Kyrkhult Parish (Blek.), the brother of Swan Hanson. He came to America in 1906 and was naturalized in 1917. In 1920 he was working as a railroad carpenter. - Membership records, First Lutheran Church, Galesburg, IL; 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL.

**Gustafson, Axel Julius**, Deceased.


**Hager, Frithiof B. N.**, Galesburg


Frithiof “Fritz” Hager came to America in 1895 and was naturalized in 1900. He was employed as a refrigeration and air conditioning engineer and was a life member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He died 7 Feb. 1981, survived by a sister, Mrs. Frank (Mahelle) Cunningham of Galesburg. - 1910 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL; *Register-Mail*, 7 Feb. 1981, A8.

**Hanson, Swan**, Galesburg


Swan Hanson was born at Kyrkhult Parish (Blek.), the brother of Olof Gibson. He died in Dec. 1970. - Membership records, First Lutheran Church, Galesburg, IL; U.S. Social Security records.

**Hogland, Joel Enoch**, Galesburg

Nearest relative, Johan Hogland, Bygget [Vapnö Parish (Hall.)], Sweden. - *HR*, 193.

Joel Enoch Hogland was born 31 May 1888 at Halmstad Parish (Hall.), Sweden. He came to America from Göteborg aboard the *Celtic*, which landed in New York 4 April 1909. He was naturalized in 1914. Joel was employed as a railroad steam helper. - Declaration of Intention, No. 268, dated 4 Dec. 1911, filed at Knox County Circuit Court, Galesburg; 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL; *Morton Allan Directory*, 140.
Johnson, Carl E., Galesburg
Private, Company G, 129th Infantry [Regiment], 33rd Division. Born in Sweden 25 March 1890, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Johnson. Entered service at Galesburg 20 Sept. 1917 and assigned to Camp Dodge, IA. Transferred to Company G, 129th Infantry Regiment, 33rd Division at Camp Logan, TX 4 Nov. 1917. Sent overseas and was involved in the following major offensives in France: Somme, Troyon Sector, Verdun Sector, Meuse-Argonne, and Marchville. He was part of the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was overseas one year. Served a total of 1 year, 8 months, 11 days. Discharged at Camp Grant, IL 30 May 1919. - HR, 161.
Carl was born in Kalmar (Kalmar and came to America in 1893. He was initially employed as a brickyard laborer, but retired as a printing pressman for the Galesburg Register-Mail about 1961. He died 21 Feb. 1970. His memberships included the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Eagles Lodge. He never married and was survived by three sisters, Mrs. Bushong and Mrs. Myrtle McKay, both of Galesburg, and Mrs. Ethel Anderson of Silvis, Rock Island Co., IL. - 1910 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL; Register-Mail, 21 Feb. 1970, 14.

Johnson, Carl Magnus, Altona
He was born at Bäckefors, Bäcke Parish (Alvs.) and came to America in Aug. 1912. - Membership records, Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altona, IL

Johnson, Fritz J., Galesburg
He was born in Valinge Parish (Hall.). He died in Feb. 1976. - Membership records, First Lutheran Church, Galesburg, IL; U.S. Social Security records.

Johnson, John August, Oneida
John, also known as "Jack," was born at Bäckefors, Bäcke Parish (Alvs.), Sweden and came to America in 1909. He married Lien "Dolly" Foster in Oneida 4 July 1918. He owned and operated a blacksmith and welding shop in Oneida for more than 50 years. His memberships included Oneida United Methodist Church, the former Galva Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Milroy-Rylander American Legion Post, Oneida, of which he was also a past commander. He died 25 April 1981 at Galesburg. In addition to his widow, other survivors included a son, John Foster Johnson of Modesto, CA; a sister, Hulda Alfredsson, and a brother, Eric Olson, both of Sweden; and four grandchildren. - Register-Mail, 25 April 1981, A11.

Karlberg, Carl W., Galesburg
Private, First Class, Company K, 358th Infantry [Regiment], 90th Division. Born in Sweden 15 Feb. 1891, son of Mrs. P. J. Karlberg. Entered service at Galesburg 29 April 1918 and assigned to Camp Travis, TX. Sailed overseas 9 June 1918 and arrived in Le Havre, France 8 July. Reached the front lines 24 Aug. 1918 and served 75 days under fire (of that, 19 days in the front lines). In a major offensive at St. Mihiel. Arrived in Germany with the Army of Occupation 19 Dec. 1918. Left France 29 May 1919 and arrived in the U.S. 8 June 1919. Served a total of 410 days. Discharged 14 June 1919. - HR, 159.

Carl was born in Småland (the passenger index reported Jönköping [Jön.] as his last place of residence). He and two brothers, Gustaf and Leonard, were brought to America by their mother, Mrs. Paulina I. (née Petersson) Carlberg. Carl was listed as "John" on the passenger list. In a 1902 Galesburg City Directory, his father was listed as Carl J. Carlberg. He had a younger brother, Henry, born in Galesburg, who was also in the Army. Carl worked for the former C. B. & Q. Railroad, retiring as a locomotive engineer. He died in Galesburg 14 Dec. 1971. His memberships included Grace Episcopal Church, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the American Legion, and Alpha Lodge #155, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was not married at the time of his death. One survivor was Carl T. Karlberg, Sherard [Mercer Co., IL]. - Swedish Passenger List Index/Register 4 May 1894, Contract 53:504:1108; Colville-Perry City Directory, 1902-1903, Galesburg, IL, 88; Register-Mail, 14 Dec. 1971, 13.

Krantz, Gustav P., Galva [Henry Co.]

Larson, Gust, Galesburg
Private, Company E, 56th Regiment, 7th Division. Born in Sweden 26 Oct. 1890, son of L. J. and Lisa Anderson. Entered service at Galesburg 23 June 1918 and assigned to Camp Grant, IL. Transferred from the 342nd Infantry [Regiment], 86th Division to the 56th Infantry [Regiment], 7th Division at St. Andre, France 5 Oct. 1918. Served a total of 382 days, including 16 days in the trenches. Discharged 9 July 1919. - HR, 93.

Bror Gustav Larson was born in Öckelbo Parish (Gäv.) and came to America 9 Oct. 1910 aboard the Cedric, which landed in New York. He was a farmer who listed his residence as Lynn Township, Knox Co., IL (his mailing address, however, was Galva, Henry Co., IL). - Declaration of Intention, No. 229, dated 7 Feb. 1911, filed at Knox County Circuit Court, Galesburg; Morton Allen Directory, 148.

Larson, John H., Wataga

John was born in Öckelbo Parish (Gäv.) and came with his parents and siblings to America in 1893. He was naturalized in 1898. He worked as a coal miner and a farmer; and, in later years, was
employed by the Lily Tulip Corporation in Galva. He died in Galva, Henry Co., IL of an apparent heart attack 9 Nov. 1951. He was survived by his parents, ages 92 and 89; a brother, Elmer; and two sisters, Mrs. Ed Boeckstrom and Mrs. Fred Lind. All survivors lived in Galva. He had never married. - Register-Mail, 9 Nov. 1951, 21; 1920 U.S. Census, Wataga, IL.

Larson, Reuben, Galesburg,

Reuben Larson died 8 April 1942 at his home, two miles northeast of Bishop Hill, Henry Co., IL. He was reported to have been ill and despondent. On the basis of evidence at an inquest by the county coroner, the death was ruled a suicide by means of a gunshot wound. He was a bachelor and the sole occupant of the farm house in which he lived. He worked as a farm hand. Two nephews survived him, Martin Johnson of Galesburg and Eskil Johnson of Andover, Henry Co., IL. - Register-Mail, 8 April 1942, 2.

Larson, Swan O., Galesburg

Lindroth, Joseph Richard, Galesburg

Joseph Richard Lindroth came to America in 1911 and was naturalized in 1919. He was working as a railroad foreman at the time. - 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL.

Nelson, August Elmer, Oneida

A. Elmer Nelson was killed in a single automobile accident in rural Galesburg 2 Dec. 1945. He was a passenger in a car driven by his landlady. Three other passengers and the driver were not injured. He had been employed as a boilermaker helper in Galesburg at the former C. B. & Q. Railroad roundhouse. He was also in partnership with Walter Peterson in farming three properties. He had never married. Surviving relatives were unknown, but may have included his parents, brothers, and sisters in Sweden. - Register-Mail, 2 Dec. 1945, 2.
Nelson, Carl A., Galesburg

Carl Albert Nelson was born in Vena Parish (Kalm.) and came to America on the Cedric, which sailed from Göteborg, Sweden and landed in New York 14 June 1907. He married Anna Ostlund in Monmouth, Warren Co., IL 22 July 1922. Carl died 9 Jan. 1981 in Galesburg. Survivors included his widow; one son, Robert F. of Galesburg; one brother and two sisters in Sweden; and one sister, Mrs. Ebba Anderson of Salt Lake City, UT. He was a cabinetmaker for Hawkinsan Manufacturing Company and Mayo (Army) General Hospital, both in Galesburg. His memberships included First Lutheran Church, Galesburg, the American Legion, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Swитshod Lodge 17, the Monitor Lodge, and the Carpenters Union. - Declaration of Intention, No. 100, filed 17 Dec. 1906 at Knox County Circuit Court, Galesburg; Register-Mail, 9 Jan. 1981, A11; Morton Allan Directory, 125.

Nelson, Gust I., Oneida

Gust married Carrie Ringberg in Woodhull, Henry Co., IL. She died in 1950. He died in Galesburg 5 May 1987. Survivors included several nieces and nephews. He was a farmer all of his life and a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, Woodhull, the American Legion Post of Woodhull, and the Knox County Farm Bureau. - Register-Mail.

Nelson, Ivan (Ivar) W., Rio
Private, Company D, 55th Infantry [Regiment], 7th Division. Born in Västanå [Hallingeberg Parish (Kalm.)], Sweden 22 March 1896, son of Nels and Kersti Nelson. Entered service at Galesburg 22 June 1918 and assigned to Camp Grant, IL. Transferred to Camp Upton 15 Aug. 1918. His service included 10 months overseas, 30 days in the trenches, and 31 days in a major offensive. Served a total of 370 days. Discharged 28 June 1919. - HR, 95.

Ivar W. Nelson came to America in 1916 and was naturalized in 1918. He married Elizabeth Lundein at Alexis [Mercer Co.], IL 24 Feb. 1927. She was born 7 April 1904 at Varna Parish (Ög.), Sweden. Ivar died in a Galesburg hospital 15 March 1973, and his wife died the same day at their home in Galesburg. Both died of natural causes, within 90 minutes of each other. They had farmed in the Altona, Victoria, and Oneida areas, retiring in 1962. They were members of First Lutheran Church, Galesburg. Ivar was a member of the Vikings. Survivors included three daughters, Mrs. Don (Joyce) Swedlund, rural Galesburg; Mrs. Frank (Bonnie) Turnbull, Griggsville, IL; and Mrs. Darlene Brown, Medford, WI; and nine grandchildren. Ivar had two brothers and a sister in Sweden. Mrs. Nelson had a sister, Mrs. Axel Steenfeldt, Joy [Mercer Co.], IL. - 1920 U.S. Census, Rio, IL; Register-Mail, 15 March 1973, 11.

Nelson, John A., Rio
Nearest relative, Nels Johnson, Sweden. - HR, 198.

Nelson, Johannes L., Galesburg
Private, First Class, 54th Regiment, Coastal Artillery Corps. Born in Sweden 1 Aug. 1890, son of B. and A. Nelson. Entered service at Galesburg 2 April 1918

He came to America in 1908. - 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL.

**Olson, August, Galesburg**

Private, Company C, 87th Division. Born at Linderöd [Parish (Krist.)], Sweden 29 Aug. 1877, son of Ola and Benkta Anderson. His wife was Lydia Olson. Entered service at Galesburg 22 June 1918 and assigned to Camp Grant, IL. Transferred to Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN. Served a total of 184 days. Discharged 21 Dec. 1918. - _HR_, 153.

August Olson was born in Linderöd Parish (Krist.), Sweden. He emigrated from Malmö, Sweden and departed from Liverpool on the vessel _Caronia_, which arrived in New York 5 May 1909. He married Lydia Mattson in Galesburg. She died in 1959. August died at an Aledo, Mercer Co., IL nursing home 20 Oct. 1980. His residence was Lynn Center, Henry Co., IL. Survivors included a son, Harry A. Olson of Lynn Center; a daughter, Shirley Louise Olson of Galesburg; a sister, Mrs. Augusta Persson of Sweden; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was a railroad repairman and a farmer. His memberships included First Lutheran Church, the Svithiod Lodge, and the Vasa Order, all of Galesburg. - Declaration of Intention, No. 194, entered 18 May 1910 at Knox County Circuit Court, Galesburg; _Register-Mail_, 20 Oct. 1980, A6; _Morton Allan Directory_, 135.

**Olson, Olof E., Galesburg**


**Peterson, Carl O., Maquon**

Private, Company A, 55th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division. Born at Karlskrona [Blek.], Sweden 8 Sept. 1887, son of Johan August and Emma Peterson. Entered service at Galesburg 23 June 1918 and assigned to Camp Grant, IL. Sent overseas. In a major offensive at Metz Tunnel (on the German border with France). Served a total of 370 days, including 16 days in the trenches. Discharged 28 June 1919. - _HR_, 169.

Carl came to America in 1906 and was naturalized in 1914. He was listed as a farm laborer. - 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL.

**Peterson, Frank August, Rio**


**Peterson, Herman F., Altona**

Nearest relative, Emil Peterson, Sweden. - _HR_, 199.
Peterson, Hjalmar G., Altona

Rolf, Erick T., Galesburg

Sandeen, Victor, Galesburg

Severin, Carl E., Altona
“Wagoner,” Supply Company, 46th Infantry Regiment, 9th Division. Born in Sweden 23 Oct. 1894. Entered service at Galesburg 29 May 1918 and assigned to Fort Thomas, KY. Transferred to Camp Sheridan, AL. He transferred from Company B, 46th Infantry Regiment to Supply Company, 46th Infantry Regiment 1 Sept. 1918, and was promoted to “Wagoner” the same day. Earned two Silver Chevrons. Transferred to Fort Oglethorpe, GA 12 March 1919, where he received an honorable discharge for re-enlistment 1 May 1919. Left Fort Oglethorpe 16 Aug. 1919 for Camp Jackson, SC. His enlistment was to expire 20 May 1920. - HR, 161.

Soderstrom, Gust A., Galesburg
Gust came to America in 1910 and was naturalized in 1918, at which time he was employed as a molder. He married Elin D. Swanberg 20 Jan. 1923 at Galesburg. She died in 1966. He was employed by Victor Casket Hardware Company for many years. He died 5 Jan. 1975 at a Galesburg hospital. He was a charter member of the Ralph Noble American Legion Post #285 of Galesburg. He was survived by a son, Gustav R. Soderstrom, Shawnee, OK and three grand-children. - 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL; Register-Mail, 3 Jan. 1975, 9.

Swanson, Carl Arvid, Galesburg
28 Sept. 1917 and assigned to Camp Dodge, IA. Transferred to Camp Pike, AR 17 Nov. 1917. Promoted to the rank of bugler, Company B, 346th Regiment, 87th Division. He was a band musician from 10 June 1918. The 87th Division moved to Camp Dix, NJ 15 June 1918 and saw overseas service from 14 Aug. 1918 to 31 March 1919. Discharged 17 April 1919. - *HR*, 101.

Carl Arvid Swanson died 27 June 1949 in the Danville (IL) Veterans Hospital. He was born in Misterhult Parish (Kalmar) and came to America with his parents when he was 8 years old. He had resided in Galesburg for 53 years. He had been a watchmaker for 17 years. He was prominently identified in local music circles and had graduated in Voice from the Knox College Conservatory in Music (Galesburg) in 1917. A composer of religious music, Carl was an honorary member of the National Music Fraternity, and also belonged to the Galesburg Musicians' Club and the Society of K Kappa Lambda. He was a bachelor and was survived by his mother and two sisters, Salda and Naomi, all at home; and two brothers, John of Champaign, IL, and Roy of Galesburg. His father preceded him in death two months earlier. He was a member of the Mission Covenant Church, Galesburg, but his funeral was conducted by the pastor of First Lutheran Church, Galesburg. - *Register-Mail*, 27 June 1949, 2.

**Swanson Ernest, Galesburg**

Sergeant, W.T.R.N. Born in Kersey (?), Sweden 6 April 1892, son of Swan and Hanna Swanson. Entered service at Galesburg 1 Aug. 1917 and assigned to Fort Screven, GA. Transferred to Syracuse, NY; then to Baltimore, MD; and finally to Camp Grant, IL. Discharged 28 April 1919. - *HR*, 167.

Ernest Swanson was born at Granna Parish (Jon.) and came to Galesburg in 1913. He was employed with the city of Galesburg Street Department. He was a member of First Lutheran Church and the American Legion, both of Galesburg. He died in Galesburg 5 Nov. 1957 and was survived by a brother, Robert Swanson of Galesburg, two brothers and two sisters in Sweden, an uncle, and nieces and nephews. - Membership records, First Lutheran Church, Galesburg, IL; *Register-Mail*, 3 Nov. 1957, 22.

**Tornquist, William John, Galesburg**


William J. Tornquist came to America in 1907 and was naturalized in 1915. His occupation was listed as a railroad carpenter. - 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL.

**Wallin, Axel Gunnar, Oneida**


Axel G. Wallin came to America in 1912 and was naturalized in 1919, at which time he was living and working in Galesburg as a laborer in a gate factory. - 1920 U.S. Census, Galesburg, IL.

**Weinberg, Carl E., Galesburg**

Carl Eskel Weinberg was born in Kinn (Parish (Alvs.)) and came to America in 1913. He was a brick mason by trade. He died in a Galesburg hospital 4 Jan. 1968 and was survived by one brother in Sweden and nieces and nephews. - Register-Mail, 4 June 1968, 21.

U.S. NAVY SERVICEMAN

Nelson, Albert, Galesburg, Rural Route 3

Albert Nelson was born in Kristianstad (Krist.). He emigrated from Malmö, Sweden and departed from Liverpool on the Lusitania, which arrived in New York 10 Sept. 1908. He resided in Maquon, Knox Co., IL and worked as a farm laborer. - Declaration of Intention, No. 252, filed at Knox County Circuit Court, Galesburg; Morton Allen Directory, 128.

U.S. ARMY NURSE

Lindberg, Tekla, Galesburg

Tekla was born in Bollnäs Parish (Gäv.). - Membership records, First Lutheran Church, Galesburg, IL.