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This is the final muster roll and service history of Battery F, 2nd Illinois Light Artillery. The battery was organized at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in late 1861 and included many residents of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Scott, and Stoddard counties in Missouri.

Battery F was raised by Capt. John W. Powell of Hennepin, Illinois. Although it was an Illinois unit, Powell recruited successfully in southeastern Missouri and enlisted over two-thirds of the 300-man complement of the battery from Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Scott, and Stoddard counties. Most of the junior officers and the non-commissioned officers were Missourians. The battery was mustered into United States service on 11 December 1861.

The battery garrisoned Forts "A" and "B" at Cape Girardeau until March 1862, when it was transferred east of the Mississippi River. With the Army of the Tennessee, the unit served at Shiloh, in the Vicksburg and Meridian campaigns in Mississippi, the Kennesaw and Atlanta campaigns in Georgia, and the operations against Gen. Hood in northern Georgia and Alabama. Battery F lost five men killed and wounded in battle, and 24 by disease. It was mustered out at Springfield, Illinois, on 27 June 1865.

The unsigned report submitted to the Adjutant General of Illinois bears the date of muster out. It is the final report submitted by the battery, and varies only slightly from the roster and history published by the Adjutant General’s Office in 1867. Accompanying the report are notes contributed by Terry Hampton, president of the Scott County Historical Society. The notes include a tabulation of the residences of members of Battery F, and biographical data on some of the Missourians in the unit. Three of Hampton’s ancestors were members.

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