

# Jordan

Artillery: 1A, 12th Independent Battery  
Cavalry: 10A  
Mounted Rifles: 2M

1st Artillery Regiment (Light)  
Civil War  
Morgan's Light Artillery



1st Artillery Regimental Flag

## History

The following is taken from New York in the War of the Rebellion, 1st ed. Frederick Phisterer. Albany: J. B. Lyon Company, 1912.

For muster in and out dates, see individual batteries.

This regiment was organized at Elmira to serve three years; it received its numerical designation October 16, 1861. Eight companies, commanded by Colonel Guilford D. Bailey, left the State October 31, 1861, Companies I, K, L and M November 21, 1861. At the expiration of its term of service, those entitled thereto were discharged, and the regiment continued in service. Its service was as light artillery and by batteries in the Armies of the Potomac, Virginia, the Cumberland and Georgia. The field and staff were mustered in the service of the United States at Elmira, October 17, 1861, and honorably discharged and mustered out under Colonel Charles S. Wainwright at Elmira, June 21, 1865.

During its service the regiment lost by death, killed in action, 5 officers, 54 enlisted men; of wounds received in action, 1 officer, 41 enlisted men; of disease and other causes, 5 officers, 161 enlisted men; total, 11 officers, 256 enlisted men; aggregate, 267; of whom 9 enlisted men died in the hands of the enemy.

**Battery A — Empire Battery** — Captain Thomas H. Bates, under authority from the War Department, dated July 31, 1861, recruited it principally at Utica, Edmeston, Little Falls, Phoenix, Clinton, Burlington, South Brookfield, New Berlin, **Jordan**, Sauquoit, Bridgewater and Sherburne. It was mustered in the United States service at Utica, September 12, 1861, and served at and near Washington, D. C. from November, 1861; in the Artillery Reserve, Army of Potomac, from February, 1862; in Casey's Division, 4th Corps, from March, 1862; the enlisted men were transferred to Batteries D and H, 1st Artillery, and to the 7th and 8th Batteries June 15, 1862, and the Captain returned to the State to reorganize the battery. The new battery was recruited principally at Utica, and served in the 22d Corps, at the Artillery Camp of Instruction near Washington, D. C., from February 1, 1863; in the Department of the Susquehanna and Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Chambersburg and Allegheny City, etc., from June 4, 1863. It was mustered out and honorably discharged under Captain Bates, June 28, 1865, at Elmira.

**Battery B**, recruited by Captain Rufus D. Pettit, principally at Elmira and Baldwinsville, was mustered in the United States service August 30, 1861, at Elmira. It received, November 12, 1861, by transfer, a number of the men of Captain Richard Busteed's, Jr., Chicago Light Battery C, and September 7, 1863, a number of the men of the 14th Battery. It served at and near Washington, D. C. from November, 1861; in the 1st Division, 2d Corps, Army of the Potomac, from March, 1862; in the Artillery Brigade, 2d Corps, from May, 1863; in the Reserve Artillery, Army of the Potomac, from May 12, 1863; in the Artillery Brigade, 2d Corps, from July 1, 1863; in the Reserve Artillery, 2d Volunteer Brigade, Army of the Potomac, from July, 1863; in the First Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, from December, 1863; in the Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, December, 1863; in the 1st Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, from January, 1864; in the 2d Brigade, Reserve Artillery, Army of the Potomac, from March, 1864, and in the Artillery Brigade, 5th Corps, from May 16, 1864. It was mustered out and honorably discharged under Captain Robert E. Rogers, June 18, 1865, at Elmira.

**Battery C**, Captain John W. Tamblin, was recruited principally at Watertown, LeRay, Wilna, Philadelphia, Alexandria, Rutland and Champion; and mustered in the service of the United States at Elmira, September 6, 1861. It served at and near Washington, D. C., from November, 1861, in the Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, from February, 1862; in the Military District of Washington from April, 1862; in the Reserve Corps, Army of Virginia, from July, 1862; in the defenses of Washington from August, 1862; in the 3d Division, 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac, from September, 1862; in the Artillery Brigade, 5th Corps, from May,

1863; in the 3d Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, from April, 1864; in the Artillery Brigade, 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac, from May 16th, 1864, and in the Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, but attached to the 9th Corps, from January, 1865. It was honorably discharged and mustered out, under Captain David F. Ritchie, at Elmira, June 17, 1865.

**Battery D**, Captain Thomas W. Osborne, was recruited principally at Watertown, Gouverneur, Russell, Antwerp, Cape Vincent, Diana, Stone Mills, Pitcairn and Richville; and mustered in the United States service September 6, 1861, at Elmira. In June, 1862, some of the men of Battery A were transferred to it. It served at and near Washington, D. C., from November, 1861; in Hooker's Division, 3d Corps, Army of the Potomac, from March, 1862; in the 2d Division, 3d Corps, from June, 1862; in the Artillery Brigade, 3d Corps, from July, 1862; in the 1st Division, 9th Corps, from December, 1862; in the 2d. Division, 3d Corps, from February, 1863; in the Artillery Brigade, 3d Corps, from May, 1863; in the Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, from March, 1864, and in the Artillery Brigade, 5th Corps, from May, 1864. It was mustered out and honorably discharged, under Captain Jas B. Hazelton, June 16, 1865, at Elmira.

**Battery E**, Captain John Stocum, principally recruited at Bath, Avon and Mitchellsville, was mustered in the United States service September 13, 1861, at Elmira. It served at and near Washington, D. C., from November, 1861; in Smith's Division, 4th Corps, Army of the Potomac, from March, 1862; in the 2d Division, 6th Corps, from May, 1862; from August, 1862, with the 1st Battery; with Battery L, from June 20, 1863; in Artillery Brigade, 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac, from March, 1864; as a mortar battery before Petersburg from June, 1864; in the Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, but attached to the 9th Corps, from January, 1865. It was mustered out and honorably discharged, commanded by Captain Angell Matthewson, June 16, 1865, at Elmira.

**Battery F**, Captain W. R. Wilson, was principally recruited at Oswego, Southport and Elmira, and mustered in the United States service September 14, 1861, at Elmira. October 24, 1863, some of its members were transferred to the 2d Artillery. It served at and near Washington, D. C., from November, 1861; in Franklin's Division, 1st Corps, Army of Potomac, from March, 1862; in 1st Division, 6th Corps, from May, 1862; at the White House, Va., from June, 1862; at Yorktown, Va., in 4th Corps, from July, 1862; in the Department of Washington, 22d Corps, from July, 1863. It was mustered out and honorably discharged, under Captain Wilson, June 17, 1865, at Elmira.

**Battery G**, Captain John D. Frank, principally recruited at Mexico, was mustered in the service of the United States September 24, 1861, at Elmira. On November 12, 1861, it received by transfer members of the Chicago Light Battery C, Richard Busted, Jr., Captain, and September 7, 1863, members of the 14th Battery. It served at and near Washington, D. C., from November, 1861; in Richardson's Division (1st), 2d Corps, Army of Potomac, from March, 1862; in the 3d Division, 2d Corps, from June, 1862; in Artillery Brigade, 2d Corps, from April, 1863; with 3d Division, 2d Corps, at Chancellorsville; in the 1st Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of Potomac, from May 12, 1863; in the 4th Volunteer Brigade, Artillery Reserve,

Army of Potomac, from June, 1863; in the Artillery Brigade, 2d Corps, from July 12, 1863; in the Artillery Reserve, Army of Potomac, from August, 1863; in the Artillery Brigade, 2d Corps, from October, 1863; with the 2d Division, 2d Corps, in August, 1863; and in the Artillery Reserve, Army of Potomac, but attached to the 9th Corps, from January, 1865. It was honorably discharged and mustered out, under the command of Captain Samuel A. McClellan, June 19, 1865, at Elmira.

**Battery H**, Captain Joseph Spratt, recruited principally at Watertown and Lowville, and mustered in the United States service October 10, 1861, at Elmira, received in June, 1862, Lieutenant Ritchie and some of the men of Battery A by transfer. It served at and near Washington, D. C., from November, 1861; in Casey's Division, 4th Corps, Army of Potomac, from March, 1862; at Gloucester Point, Va., in 4th Corps, from August, 1862; at Yorktown in the Department of Virginia, 4th Corps, from September, 1862; at Washington, D. C., in 22d Corps, from July, 1863; in the Artillery Brigade, 1st Corps, Army of Potomac, from September, 1863; and in the Artillery Brigade, 5th Corps, from March, 1864. It was honorably discharged and mustered out, under Captain Chas. E. Mink, June 19, 1865, at Elmira.

**Battery I**, recruited by Captain Michael Wiedrich, under authority from the War Department, dated July 30, 1861, principally at Buffalo, Lancaster, Amherst and Elmira, was mustered in the service of the United States at Buffalo, October 1, 1861. A large number of its men were of the 65th Militia. June 10, 1863, forty men of the 2d Battery were transferred to it. It served in Blenker's Division, Army of Potomac, from November, 1861; in the 3d Brigade, same division, Mountain Department, from April, 1862; in the 1st Corps, Army of Virginia, from June, 1862; in the 3d Division, Army of Potomac, from September, 1862; in the 1st Division, 11th Corps, from October, 1862; in the Artillery Brigade, from May, 1863; in the 2d Division, 11th Corps, from January, 1864; in the 1st Division, 20th Corps, from April, 1864; in the Artillery Brigade, 20th Corps, from July, 1864, and was honorably discharged and mustered out, under the command of Captain Charles E. Winegar, June 23, 1865, at Fort Porter, Buffalo.

**Battery K — Fort Plain Battery** — Captain Lorenzo Crouse, recruited principally at Fort Plain, Stockbridge, Jasper, Elmira and Canandaigua, was mustered in the United States service November 20, 1861, at Albany, and December 15, 1861, its surplus men were transferred to the other batteries of the regiment. It served at and near Washington, D. C., from November, 1861; in the Military District of Washington from April, 1862; at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., and in the 2d Brigade, Sigel's Division, Department of Shenandoah, from May 27, 1862; in the 2d Division, 2d Corps, Army of Virginia, from June 26, 1862; in the 2d Division, 12th Corps, Army of the Potomac, from September, 1862; in the 1st Division, 12th Corps, from October, 1862; in the Department of Washington from February, 1863; in the 1st Division, 12th Corps, Army of Potomac, from April, 1863; in the Artillery Reserve, Army of Potomac, from May 12, 1863; in the 4th, and later in the 3d, Volunteer Brigade, Reserve Artillery, Army of Potomac, from May, 1863; in the

Artillery Reserve, Army of Potomac, from July, 1863; in the 3d Volunteer Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of Potomac, from October, 1863; in the 1st Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of Potomac, from March, 1864; and in the defenses of Washington, 22d Corps, from March, 1864. Commanded by Captain Solon Walter Stocking, the battery was honorably discharged and mustered out, June 20, 1865, at Elmira.

**Battery L — Rochester Union Greys** — Captain John A. Reynolds, recruited principally at Rochester, Palmyra and Elmira, was mustered in the United States service at Elmira, November 17, 1861. Members of the 1st Battalion, Light Artillery, State Militia, formed part of the battery. It served at Baltimore, Md., and in Dix's Division, Army of Potomac, from November, 1861; at Winchester, Va., and Harper's Ferry, W. Va., from May 27, 1862; in the 1st Brigade, Sigel's Division, Department of Shenandoah, from June, 1862; in the 2d Division, 2d Corps, Army of Virginia, from June 26, 1862; in the 3d Corps and 1st Division, 2d Corps, Army of Virginia, from August, 1862; in the 1st Division, 1st Corps, Army of Potomac, from September, 1862; in the Artillery Brigade, 1st Corps, from February, 1863; with the 1st Division, 1st Corps, at Chancellorsville; in the Artillery Brigade, 5th Corps, from March, 1864; in the Artillery Reserve, Army of Potomac, but attached to the 9th Corps, from January, 1865, and it was mustered out and honorably discharged, commanded by Captain George Breck, June 17, 1863, at Elmira.

**Battery M**, Captain Geo. W. Cothran, recruited principally at Rochester, Albany and Lockport, was mustered in the service of the United States at Rochester, October 14, 1861. It served at and near Washington, D. C., from November, 1861; in Williams' Division, 5th Corps, Army of Potomac, from February, 1862; in the Army, Department of Shenandoah, from April, 1862; in the 1st Division, 2d Corps, Army of Virginia, from June 26, 1862; in the 1st Division, 12th Corps, Army of Potomac, from September, 1862; in the Artillery Brigade, 12th Corps, from April, 1863; in the 1st Division, 12th Corps, from November, 1863; in the 1st Division, 20th Corps, from April, 1864; and in the Artillery Brigade, 20th Corps, from July, 1864. It was honorably discharged and mustered out, commanded by Captain Edward H. Underbill, June 23, 1865, at Rochester.



**1st Artillery (Light)  
Battery A (Empire Battery)  
NY Volunteers  
Guidon  
28 1/2" hoist x 36 1/2" fly  
Civil War**



**Battery A — Empire Battery**

**1 of 12 Batteries that made up the 1<sup>st</sup> NY Artillery (Light)**

**This battery was organized and recruited in: Jordan,  
Utica, Edmeston, Little Falls, Phoenix, Clinton, Burlington, South Brookfield,  
New Berlin, Jordan, Sauquoit, Bridgewater and Sherburne.**