

CIVIL WAR
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OF CONNECTICUT
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ASHFORD

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 1,231 (RANK 117)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

MAY 16, 1864

DREWRY'S BLUFF, VA

AN OBSTACLE ON THE WAY TO RICHMOND

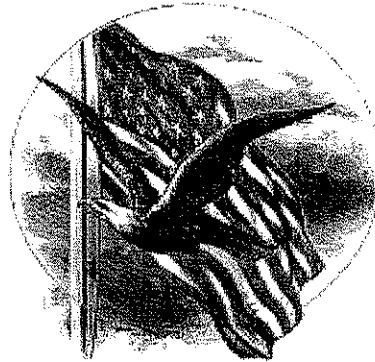
More soldiers credited to Ashford were listed as casualties (7) on this day than on any other day of the war. Six soldiers were wounded in the 11TH and 21ST Connecticut at Drewry's Bluff and 1 was wounded at Deep Bottom, VA. All survived the war

The date May 16, 1864 ranks 4th for total casualties (560) (52 killed, 3 missing, 224 wounded, 243 captured, 38 wounded & captured) for a single day for the State of Connecticut. The Battle of Drewry's Bluff accounted for 545 casualties. The 15 other casualties were scattered about Virginia.

The Battle of Drewry's Bluff (May 13-17, 1864), also called Fort Darling, ranks 3rd for total casualties (634) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut. The most intense fighting developed on May 16. Ashford had no other casualties.

The Battle of Drewry's Bluff with 6 total casualties for Ashford was the highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town.

The Confederate attack at Drewry's Bluff forced the Union Army to retreat to Bermuda Hundred. The civil war would have concluded sooner had the Union Army been victorious.



81 MEN CREDITED TO ASHFORD SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
11 TH	25 (31%)
21 ST	20 (25%)
8 TH	13 (16%)
12 TH	5 (6%)
1 ST SQUADRON CAVALRY	4 (5%)
26 TH	4 (5%)
1 ST HEAVY ARTILLERY	3 (4%)
1 ST CAVALRY	3 (4%)
5 TH	2 (2%)
6 TH	2 (2%)
10 TH	2 (2%)
2 ND	1
2 ND HEAVY ARTILLERY	1
7 TH	1
13 TH	1
22 ND	1

7% OF POPULATION

TWO WERE KILLED

The first Ashford soldier killed in battle was 1ST Lieutenant Daniel Whitaker of Company B, 1ST Squadron Cavalry. He was killed at Aldie, VA on June 17, 1863.

ASHFORD SOLDIERS KILLED

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Railroad Accident, VA (1 SQ)	9/8/61	1
Aldie, VA (1 SQ)	6/17/63	1

TWO WERE CAPTURED

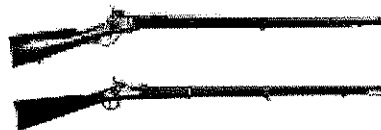
One Ashford soldier died in captivity at Salisbury, NC.

**ASHFORD CAPTURED
*(1) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
New Bern, NC (11 TH)	3/20/62	1
Cedar Run Chrch, VA (1 CA)*	10/17/64	1

**TOTAL ASHFORD
CASUALTIES**

DIED	10	12%
KILLED	2	2%
WOUNDED	24	30%
CAPTURED	2	2%
DESERTED	11	14%

**TWENTY-FOUR WERE
WOUNDED**

The first Ashford soldiers wounded were Corporal William W. Scofield and Private Marcus N. Snell of Company B, 11TH Connecticut. Both were wounded at New Bern, NC on March 14, 1862 and both recovered from their wounds. One Ashford soldier died from a wound received during the war.

**ASHFORD WOUNDED
*(1) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
New Bern, NC (11 TH)	3/14/62	2
Antietam, MD (11 TH)	9/17/62	4
Fredericksburg, VA (21 ST)	12/10/62	1
Walthall Junction, VA (8 TH)	5/7/64	1
Deep Bottom, VA (11 TH)	5/16/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11 TH , 21 ST)	5/16/64	6
Cold Harbor, VA (11 TH , 21 ST) *1	6/3/64	5
Cold Harbor, VA (8 TH)	6/9/64	1
Petersburg, VA (8 TH)	6/15/64	1
Petersburg, VA (21 ST)	6/16/64	1
Chaffin's Farm, VA (21 ST)	9/29/64	1