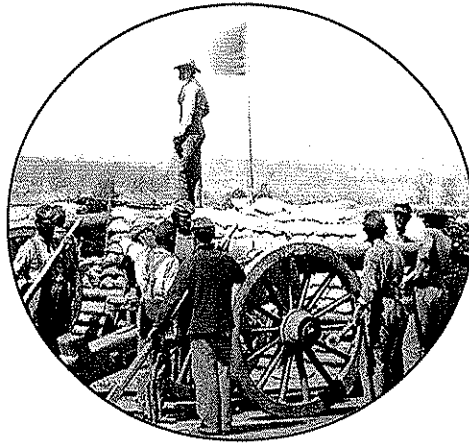


CIVIL WAR
VOLUNTEER SONS
OF CONNECTICUT
BLAIKIE HINES



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BETHANY

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 974 (RANK 139)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

DECEMBER 14, 1862

KINSTON, NC

THE OUTNUMBERED CONFEDERATES RETREATED

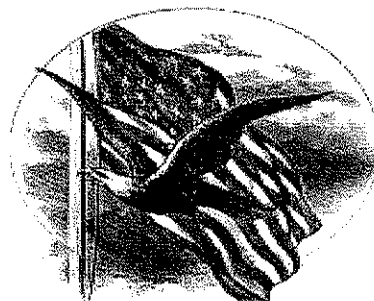
More soldiers credited to Bethany were listed as casualties on December 14, 1862 at Kinston, NC (3) and on May 3, 1863 at Chancellorsville, VA (3) than on any other days of the war. The casualties at Kinston were the most serious. One soldier was killed, and 2 were wounded in the 10TH Connecticut. One of the wounded soldiers died.

The date December 14, 1862 ranks 30TH for total casualties (104) (15 killed, 89 wounded) for a single day for the State of Connecticut. There were 103 casualties at Kinston, NC and 1 casualty at Fredericksburg, VA.

The First Battle of Kinston (December 14, 1862) ranks 22ND for total casualties (103) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut.

The First Battle of Kinston with three total casualties for Bethany, was tied with the Battle of Chancellorsville, VA (May 1863), the Battle of Gettysburg, PA (July 1863), and the Battle of Drewry's Bluff, VA (May 1864) for the highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town.

In December 1862, the Union Army under General John G. Foster undertook an expedition from New Bern, NC to destroy the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad at Goldsboro. A battle ensued on December 14 near Kinston Bridge. The Confederates were outnumbered and retreated North of the Neuse River.



70 MEN CREDITED TO BETHANY SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
10 TH	11 (16%)
27 TH	11 (16%)
2 ND HEAVY ARTILLERY	6 (9%)
11 TH	6 (9%)
1 ST HEAVY ARTILLERY	5 (7%)
20 TH	5 (7%)
29 TH	5 (7%)
7 TH	4 (6%)
13 TH	4 (6%)
1 ST CAVALRY	3 (4%)
5 TH	3 (4%)
9 TH	3 (4%)
6 TH	2 (3%)
13 TH BATTALION	2 (3%)
23 RD	2 (3%)
3 RD	1
15 TH	1
21 ST	1

7% OF POPULATION

THREE WERE KILLED

The first Bethany soldier killed was Private Sherald A. Brooks of Company K, 10TH Connecticut. He was killed at Kinston, NC on December 14, 1862.

BETHANY SOLDIERS KILLED

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Kinston, NC (10 TH)	12/14/62	1
Stafford CH, VA (20 TH)	12/2/63	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (10 TH)	5/14/64	1

FIVE WERE CAPTURED

One Bethany soldier died in captivity at Salisbury, NC.

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

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Chancellorsville, VA (27 TH)	5/3/63	3
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11 TH)	5/16/64	1
Cedar Creek, VA (13 TH) *	10/19/64	1



TOTAL BETHANY CASUALTIES

DIED	8	11%
KILLED	3	4%
WOUNDED	9	13%
CAPTURED	5	7%
DESERTED	13	19%



NINE WERE WOUNDED

The first Bethany soldiers wounded were Privates Edgar Beecher and Luther Doolittle of Company K, 10TH Connecticut. Both were wounded at Kinston, NC on December 14, 1862. Private Doolittle died from his wound and Private Beecher died later from a wound received at Deep Bottom, VA in 1864. Two Bethany soldiers died from wounds received during the war.

**BETHANY WOUNDED
*(2) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Kinston, NC (10 TH) *1	12/14/62	2
Gettysburg, PA (20 TH)	7/3/63	2
Drewry's Bluff, VA (7 TH)	5/16/64	1
Dallas, GA (5 TH)	5/25/64	1
Deep Bottom, VA (10 TH) *	8/1/64	1
Petersburg, VA (10 TH)	9/13/64	1
Winchester, VA (13 TH)	9/19/64	1