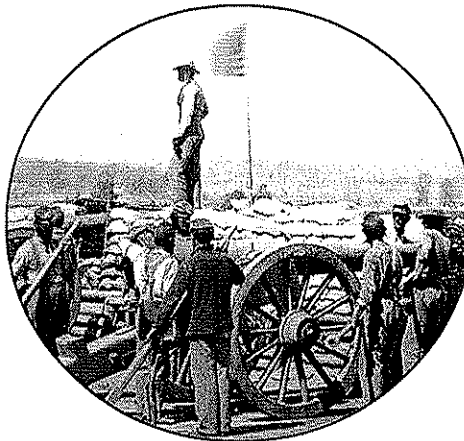


CIVIL WAR
VOLUNTEER SONS
OF CONNECTICUT
BLAIKIE HINES



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BETHLEHEM

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 815 (RANK 148)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

MAY 16, 1864

DREWRY'S BLUFF, VA

AN OBSTACLE ON THE WAY TO RICHMOND

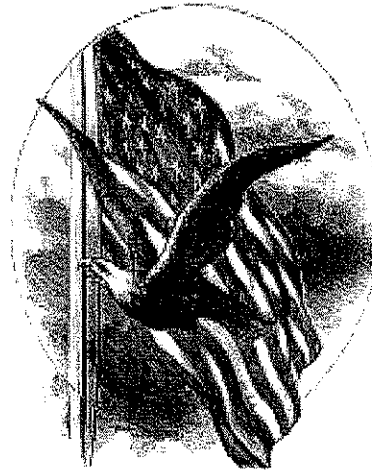
More soldiers credited to Bethlehem were listed as casualties (2) on September 17, 1862 at Antietam, MD and on May 16, 1864 at Drewry's Bluff, VA than on any other days of the war. The casualties at Drewry's Bluff were the most serious. One soldier was wounded, and 1 was captured in and 6TH and 11TH Connecticut. They both 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. Bethlehem had no other casualties.

The Battle of Drewry's Bluff with 3 total casualties for Bethlehem 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.



46 MEN CREDITED TO BETHLEHEM SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2 ND HEAVY ARTILLERY	12 (26%)
8 TH	7 (15%)
17 TH	7 (15%)
11 TH	6 (13%)
1 ST CAVALRY	4 (9%)
6 TH	4 (9%)
23 RD	2 (4%)
1 ST HEAVY ARTILLERY	1
5 TH	1
10 TH	1
15 TH	1
27 TH	1
30 TH	1

7% OF POPULATION

TWO WERE KILLED

The first Bethlehem soldier killed was Private Felix Clary of Company F, 5TH Connecticut. He was killed at Atlanta, GA on July 30, 1864.

BETHLEHEM SOLDIERS KILLED

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Atlanta, GA (5 TH)	7/30/64	1
Cedar Creek, VA (2HA)	10/19/64	1

FIVE WERE CAPTURED

No Bethlehem soldier died in captivity.

**BETHLEHEM CAPTURED
NONE DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Gettysburg, PA (17 TH)	7/3/63	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (6 TH , 11 TH) (1 WOUNDED)	5/16/64	2
Cedar Creek, VA (1CA)	11/12/64	1



**TOTAL BETHLEHEM
CASUALTIES**

DIED	4	9%
KILLED	2	4%
WOUNDED	6	13%
CAPTURED	4	9%
DESERTED	12	26%



SIX WERE WOUNDED

The first Bethlehem soldiers wounded were Sergeant Major George W. Garthwait and Private Lucius S. Benton of the 11TH Connecticut. Both were wounded at the Battle of Antietam, MD on September 17, 1862 and both recovered from their wounds. One Bethlehem soldier died from a wound received during the war.

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

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Antietam, MD (11 TH)	9/17/62	2
Bermuda Hundred, VA (6 TH) *	6/17/64	1
Cedar Creek, VA (2HA)	9/20/64	1
Fort Harrison, VA (8 TH)	10/2/64	1
Cedar Creek, VA (2HA)	10/19/64	1