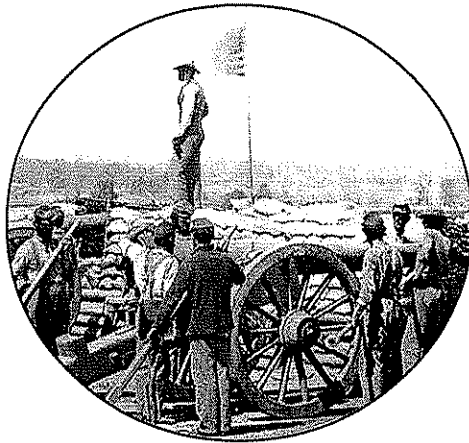


**CIVIL WAR**  
**VOLUNTEER SONS**  
**OF CONNECTICUT**  
**BLAIKIE HINES**



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## BRIDGEWATER

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 1,048 (RANK 133)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY  
OF THE CIVIL WAR

**JULY 20, 1864**

PEACH TREE CREEK, GA

THE BATTLE WAS PART OF  
THE ATLANTA CAMPAIGN

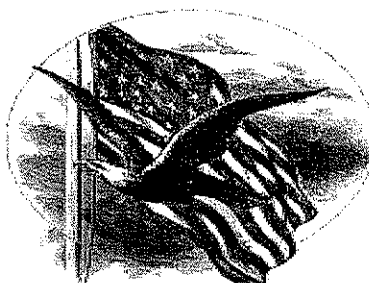
Soldiers credited to Bridgewater had more casualties on May 3, 1863 at Chancellorsville, VA (4) and on July 20, 1864 at Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta, GA (4) than on any other days of the war. The casualties at Peach Tree Creek were the most serious. Two soldiers were killed and 2 were wounded in the 5<sup>TH</sup> and 20<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. The wounded survived the war.

The date July 20, 1864 ranks 23<sup>RD</sup> for total casualties (116) (23 killed, 91 wounded, 2 captured) for a single day for the State of Connecticut. The most casualties were at Peach Tree Creek (107) but there were also 6 casualties at Atlanta, GA and 3 at Petersburg, VA.

The Battle of Peach Tree Creek (July 20, 1864) ranks 21<sup>ST</sup> for total casualties (107) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut.

The Battle of Peach Tree Creek with 4 total casualties for Bridgewater was tied with the Battle of Chancellorsville (May 1863) for the highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town.

The Battle of Peach Tree Creek was fought in the hills north of Atlanta. The uncoordinated Confederate attacks and the good Union defensive positions sent the Confederates into retreat after desperate fighting. This set the stage for the next chapter: The Battle of Atlanta.



81 MEN CREDITED TO  
BRIDGEWATER SERVED  
IN THE FOLLOWING  
CONNECTICUT  
ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
5 <sup>TH</sup>	18 (22%)
28 <sup>TH</sup>	17 (21%)
29 <sup>TH</sup>	7 (9%)
10 <sup>TH</sup>	6 (7%)
11 <sup>TH</sup>	6 (7%)
2 <sup>ND</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	5 (6%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	4 (5%)
27 <sup>TH</sup>	4 (5%)
12 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (4%)
20 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (4%)
6 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (2%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY	1
7 <sup>TH</sup>	1
8 <sup>TH</sup>	1
9 <sup>TH</sup>	1
12 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	1
15 <sup>TH</sup>	1
18 <sup>TH</sup>	1
23 <sup>RD</sup>	1

8% OF POPULATION

**FOUR WERE KILLED**

The first Bridgewater soldiers killed were Privates John Carr and Eugene H. Duffy of the 5<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. Both were killed at Peach Tree Creek, GA on July 20, 1864.

**BRIDGEWATER SOLDIERS KILLED**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Peach Tree Creek, GA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/20/64	2
Cedar Creek, VA (2 HA)	10/19/64	1
Kell House, VA (29 <sup>TH</sup> )	10/27/64	1

**FIVE WERE CAPTURED**

No Bridgewater soldiers died in captivity.

**BRIDGEWATER CAPTURED  
NONE DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Chancellorsville, VA (27 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/3/63	4
Pedee River, NC (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/6/65	1

**TOTAL BRIDGEWATER  
CASUALTIES**

<b>DIED</b>	4	5%
<b>KILLED</b>	4	5%
<b>WOUNDED</b>	9	11%
<b>CAPTURED</b>	5	6%
<b>DESERTED</b>	27	33%

**NINE WERE WOUNDED**

The first Bridgewater soldier wounded was Private Sidney R. Thompson of Company C, 27<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. He was wounded at Fredericksburg, VA on December 13, 1862 and recovered from his wound. One Bridgewater soldier died from a wound received during the war.

**BRIDGEWATER WOUNDED  
\*(1) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Fredericksburg, VA (27 <sup>TH</sup> )	12/13/62	1
Port Hudson, LA (28 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	6/14/63	2
Port Hudson, LA (12 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/28/63	1
Culp's Farm, GA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/22/64	1
Petersburg, VA (2 HA)	6/22/64	1
Peach Tree Creek, GA (5, 20 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/20/64	2
Petersburg, VA (29 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/1/64	1