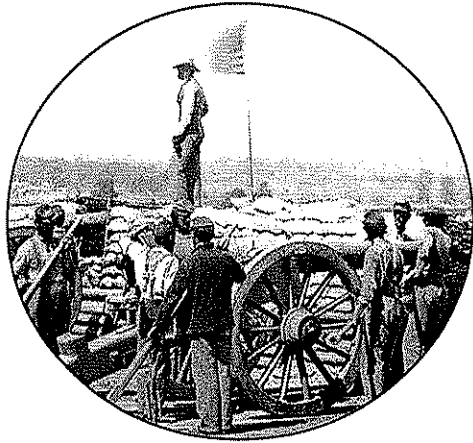


CIVIL WAR
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OF CONNECTICUT
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CHESHIRE

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 2,407 (RANK 58)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

MAY 3, 1863

CHANCELLORSVILLE, VA

THE THIRD DAY OF THE BATTLE

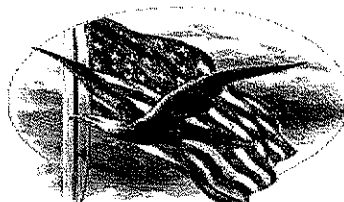
More soldiers credited to Cheshire were listed as casualties (18) on this day than on any other day of the war. Four soldiers were killed, 6 were wounded, 7 were captured, and 1 was wounded & captured in the 20TH and 27TH Connecticut. One of the captured soldiers died in prison.

The date May 3, 1863 ranks 3RD for total casualties (577) (36 killed, 1 missing, 138 wounded, 372 captured, 29 wounded & captured) for a single day for the State of Connecticut. The most casualties were at Chancellorsville, VA (556). The other casualties were at Providence Church Road, VA (12), Suffolk, VA (6), Port Hudson, LA (2) and Fredericksburg, VA (1).

The Battle of Chancellorsville (May 1-3, 1863) ranks 2ND for total casualties (677) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut. The most intense fighting developed on May 3 and Cheshire had all of its casualties on that date.

The Battle of Chancellorsville with 18 total casualties for Cheshire was the highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town.

The Battle of Chancellorsville was an enormous defeat for the more than 70,000 Union soldiers who had moved against the flank and rear of 40,000 Confederate soldiers. Unfortunately, the Union Army had pulled back and had gone on the defensive around Chancellorsville. The Confederate victory was tainted however, by the loss of Confederate Major General "Stonewall" Jackson.



163 MEN CREDITED TO CHESHIRE SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
20 TH	70 (43%)
11 TH	13 (8%)
9 TH	11 (7%)
5 TH	10 (6%)
29 TH	9 (6%)
15 TH	8 (5%)
1 ST HEAVY ARTILLERY	7 (4%)
1 ST LIGHT BATTERY	6 (4%)
7 TH	6 (4%)
1 ST CAVALRY	5 (3%)
6 TH	5 (3%)
10 TH	4 (2%)
13 TH	4 (2%)
8 TH	3 (2%)
3 RD	1
9 TH BATTALION	1
12 TH	1
12 TH BATTALION	1
13 TH BATTALION	1
16 TH	1
23 RD	1
27 TH	1
30 TH	1

7% OF POPULATION

SEVEN WERE KILLED

The first Cheshire soldiers killed were Corporal Titus Moss and Privates Reuben Benham, John L. Preston of Company A, 20TH Connecticut and William Burke of Company E, 27TH Connecticut. All were killed at Chancellorsville, VA on May 3, 1863.

CHESHIRE SOLDIERS KILLED

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Chancellorsville, VA (20,27 TH)	5/3/63	4
Petersburg, VA (8 TH)	6/15/64	1
Appomattox River, VA (1 HA) (DROWNED)	7/6/64	1
Kell House, VA (29 TH)	10/27/64	1

THIRTEEN WERE CAPTURED

Two Cheshire soldiers died in captivity. One died at Andersonville Prison, GA and one died at Stevenson, AL.

**CHESHIRE CAPTURED
*(2) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Chancellorsville, VA (20 TH) *1 (1 WOUNDED)	5/3/63	8
Plymouth, NC (16 TH) *	4/20/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11 TH)	5/16/64	1
Kinston, NC (15 TH) (1 WOUNDED)	3/8/65	2
Fayetteville, NC (20 TH)	3/14/65	1



TOTAL CHESHIRE CASUALTIES

DIED	25	15%
KILLED	7	4%
WOUNDED	46	28%
CAPTURED	13	8%
DESERTED	23	14%

FORTY-SIX WERE WOUNDED

The first Cheshire soldier wounded was Private Martin Burke of Company B, 9TH Connecticut. He was wounded at Ship Island, MS on February 1, 1862 and recovered from his wound. Six Cheshire soldiers died from a wound received during the war.

**CHESHIRE WOUNDED
*(6) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Ship Island, MS (9 TH)	2/1/62	1
Antietam, MD (8 TH)	9/17/62	2
Irish Bend, LA (13 TH)	4/14/63	1
Chancellorsville, VA (20 TH)	5/3/63	6
Gettysburg, PA (20 TH) *1	7/3/63	4
Walthall Junction, VA (8 TH)	5/7/64	1
Bermuda Hundred, VA (6 TH)	5/10/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (7 TH)	5/14/64	1
Resaca, GA (5 TH) *	5/15/64	3
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11 TH)	5/16/64	2
Cassville, GA (20 TH)	5/19/64	2
Petersburg, VA (8 TH)	6/15/64	1
Ream's Station, VA (1 CA)	6/29/64	1
Peach Tree Creek, GA (20 TH)	7/20/64	1
Atlanta, GA (20 TH) *	7/21/64	1
Virginia (1 CA)	7/28/64	1
Petersburg, VA (11,30 TH) *1	7/30/64	2
Atlanta, GA (20 TH)	8/15/64	1
Deep River, VA (6 TH)	8/16/64	1
Atlanta, GA (20 TH)	8/18/64	1
Strasburg, VA (9 TH)	9/21/64	1
Cedar Creek, VA (12 TH) *	10/19/64	1
Kell House, VA (29 TH)	10/27/64	1
Richmond, VA (29 TH)	10/27/64	1
Averysboro, NC (20 TH)	3/15/65	1
Silver Run, NC (20 TH)	3/16/65	2
Bentonville, NC (20 TH) *1	3/19/65	4
Fort Gregg, VA (10 TH)	4/2/65	1