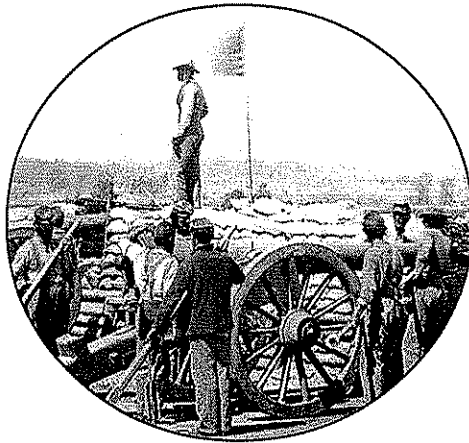


**CIVIL WAR**  
**VOLUNTEER SONS**  
**OF CONNECTICUT**  
**BLAIKIE HINES**



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## DARIEN

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 1,705 (RANK 87)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY  
OF THE CIVIL WAR

**MAY 19, 1864**

WELAKA, FL

**ALMOST ALL OF COMPANY  
B, 17<sup>TH</sup> CONNECTICUT  
INFANTRY WERE  
CAPTURED IN NORTHERN  
FLORIDA**

More soldiers credited to Darien were listed as casualties (18) on this day than on any other day of the war. Eighteen soldiers in Company B, 17<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut were captured. They were imprisoned at Andersonville, GA, Millen, GA and Florence, SC. Four died in captivity and 4 others died after release.

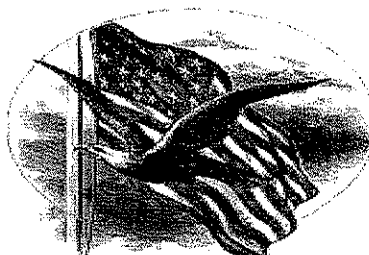
The date May 19, 1864 ranks 44<sup>TH</sup> for total casualties (49) (1 killed, 7 wounded, 41 captured) for the State of Connecticut. There were 42 casualties at Welaka and 7 casualties scattered about Georgia (4) and Virginia (3).

The incident at Welaka, FL (May 19, 1864) ranks 41<sup>ST</sup> for total casualties (42) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut.

The incident at Welaka, FL with 18 total casualties for Darien was the highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town.

Florida was often referred to as the breadbasket of the Confederacy. With a location deep in the South and a favorable climate, Florida added greatly to the Southern cause. The principal products supplied were cattle, cotton and salt.

By 1864, the number of soldiers in the 17<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut had been greatly reduced. They did not have the strength to mount a strong fighting force and were placed in an out of the way outpost.



**128 MEN CREDITED TO  
DARIEN SERVED  
IN THE FOLLOWING  
CONNECTICUT  
ORGANIZATIONS**

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
17 <sup>TH</sup>	38 (30%)
28 <sup>TH</sup>	21 (17%)
3 <sup>RD</sup>	17 (14%)
10 <sup>TH</sup>	17 (14%)
7 <sup>TH</sup>	15 (12%)
11 <sup>TH</sup>	9 (7%)
29 <sup>TH</sup>	4 (3%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY	3 (2%)
12 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (2%)
2 <sup>ND</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	2 (2%)
8 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (2%)
13 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (2%)
15 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (2%)
23 <sup>RD</sup>	2 (2%)
2 <sup>ND</sup> LIGHT BATTERY	1
6 <sup>TH</sup>	1
13 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	1
18 <sup>TH</sup>	1
20 <sup>TH</sup>	1
30 <sup>TH</sup>	1

**7% OF POPULATION**

**THREE WERE KILLED AND TWO WERE MISSING**

The first Darien soldier killed was Private Horace Curtis of Rifle Company F, 3<sup>RD</sup> Connecticut. He was reported missing on July 21, 1861 at the first Battle at Bull Run. His body was never recovered.

**DARIEN SOLDIERS KILLED OR MISSING \***

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Bull Run, VA (3 <sup>RD</sup> ) *	7/21/61	1
Port Hudson, LA (28 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/17/63	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> ) 1*	5/16/64	2
Kinston, NC (15 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/8/65	1

**TWENTY-EIGHT WERE CAPTURED**

Eight Darien soldiers died in captivity. Five died at Andersonville Prison, GA, two at Millen, GA, and one at Florence, SC.

**DARIEN CAPTURED  
\*(8) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Chancellorsville, VA (17 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/2/63	1
Winchester, VA (18 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/15/63	1
Gettysburg, PA (17 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/1/63	1
Gettysburg, PA (17 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/2/63	1
St. Augustine, FL (10 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	12/30/63	1
Olustec, FL (7 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	2/20/64	1
(WOUNDED)		
Welaka, FL (17 <sup>TH</sup> ) *4	5/19/64	18
Petersburg, VA (2HA) *	6/22/64	1
Dunn's Lake, FLA (17 <sup>TH</sup> )	2/5/65	1
Kinston, NC (15 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/8/65	1
Unknown (11 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	Unknown	1

**TOTAL DARIEN CASUALTIES**

<b>DIED</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>KILLED/MISSING</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>WOUNDED</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>CAPTURED</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>DESERTED</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13%</b>

**TWENTY-THREE WERE WOUNDED**

The first Darien soldier wounded was Raymond Byxbee of Company G, 10<sup>th</sup> Connecticut. He was wounded at New Bern, NC on March 14, 1862 and recovered from his wound. Three Darien soldiers died from wounds received during the war.

**DARIEN WOUNDED  
\* (3) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
New Bern, NC (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/14/62	1
James Island, SC (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/16/62	1
Kinston, NC (10 <sup>TH</sup> ) *1	12/14/62	2
Irish Bend, LA (13 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/14/63	1
Chancellorsville, VA (17 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/2/63	2
Port Hudson, LA (28 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/14/63	2
Gettysburg, PA (17 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/1/63	3
Gettysburg, PA (17 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/2/63	1
Gettysburg, PA (17 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/3/63	1
Walthall Junction, VA (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/7/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	5/14/64	1
Petersburg, VA (11 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/18/64	1
Deep Run, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/16/64	1
Darbytown Road, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/18/64	1
Petersburg, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/13/64	1
Chaffin's Farm, VA (8 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	10/4/64	1
Newmarket Road, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	10/7/64	1
Fort Gregg, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/2/65	1

