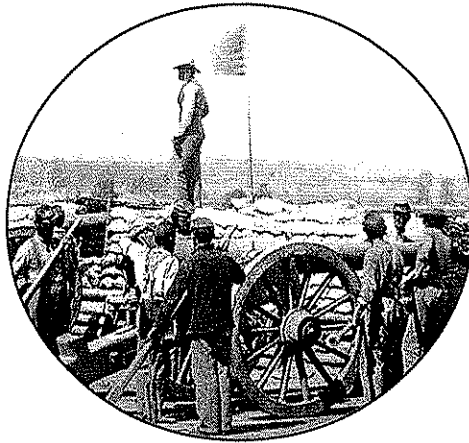


**CIVIL WAR**

**VOLUNTEER SONS  
OF CONNECTICUT**

**BLAIKIE HINES**



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## EAST HADDAM

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 3,056 (RANK 42)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY  
OF THE CIVIL WAR

**MAY 16, 1864**

DREWRY'S BLUFF, VA

AN OBSTACLE ON THE WAY  
TO RICHMOND

East Haddam had more casualties on May 3, 1863 at Chancellorsville, VA(4) May 16, 1864 at Drewry's Bluff, VA (4) and October 19, 1864 at Cedar Creek, VA (4) than on any other days of the war. The casualties at Drewry's Bluff were the most serious. Three soldiers were captured and 1 was wounded & captured in the 7<sup>TH</sup> and 11<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. Two died in prison.

The date May 16, 1864 ranks 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> for total casualties (634) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut. The most intense fighting developed on May 16. East Haddam also had 1 casualty on May 14 and 1 on May 15

The Battle of Drewry's Bluff with 6 total casualties for East Haddam the highest number of casualties for an 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.



214 MEN CREDITED TO EAST  
HADDAM SERVED IN THE  
FOLLOWING  
CONNECTICUT  
ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 <sup>ST</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	29 (14%)
10 <sup>TH</sup>	27 (13%)
20 <sup>TH</sup>	25 (12%)
13 <sup>TH</sup>	19 (9%)
14 <sup>TH</sup>	18 (8%)
22 <sup>ND</sup>	16 (7%)
12 <sup>TH</sup>	15 (7%)
7 <sup>TH</sup>	13 (6%)
11 <sup>TH</sup>	12 (6%)
29 <sup>TH</sup>	10 (5%)
26 <sup>TH</sup>	8 (4%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY	6 (3%)
6 <sup>TH</sup>	6 (3%)
25 <sup>TH</sup>	6 (3%)
2 <sup>ND</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	5 (3%)
16 <sup>TH</sup>	5 (3%)
27 <sup>TH</sup>	5 (3%)
12 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	4 (2%)
13 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	4 (2%)
8 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (1%)
24 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (1%)
5 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (1%)
15 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (1%)
30 <sup>TH</sup>	1
21 <sup>ST</sup>	1

7% OF POPULATION

**SIX WERE KILLED  
AND THREE WERE MISSING**

The first East Haddam soldier killed was Private John F. Bingham of Company H, 16<sup>th</sup> Connecticut. He was killed at the Battle of Antietam, MD on September 17, 1862.

**EAST HADDAM SOLDIERS KILLED  
OR MISSING \***

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Antietam, MD (16 <sup>th</sup> )	9/17/62	1
Wilderness, VA (14 <sup>th</sup> ) *1	5/6/64	2
Drewry's Bluff, VA (10 <sup>th</sup> )	5/14/64	1
Atlanta, GA (20 <sup>th</sup> ) *	7/21/64	1
Petersburg, VA (30 <sup>th</sup> ) *	7/30/64	1
Fort Harrison, VA (8 <sup>th</sup> )	9/29/64	1
Hatcher's Run, VA (10 <sup>th</sup> )	4/1/65	1
Fort Gregg, VA (10 <sup>th</sup> )	4/2/65	1

**EIGHTEEN WERE  
CAPTURED**

Six East Haddam soldiers died in captivity. One died at Andersonville Prison, GA, one at Charleston Prison, SC, one at Salisbury Prison, NC, one at Millen, Prison, GA and two at Libby Prison Richmond, VA.

**EAST HADDAM CAPTURED  
\*(6) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Chancellorsville, VA (20,27 <sup>th</sup> )	5/3/63	4
(1 WOUNDED)		
Fort Wagner, SC (7 <sup>th</sup> ) *	7/11/63	1
Bristoe Station, VA (14 <sup>th</sup> ) *	10/14/63	2
Plymouth, NC (16 <sup>th</sup> ) *	4/20/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (7,11 <sup>th</sup> ) *2	5/16/64	4
(1 WOUNDED)		
Reams Station, VA (14 <sup>th</sup> ) *	8/25/64	2
Cedar Creek, VA (12 <sup>th</sup> )	10/19/64	2
Kinston, NC (15 <sup>th</sup> )	3/8/65	1
Goldsboro, NC (20 <sup>th</sup> )	3/25/65	1



**TOTAL EAST HADDAM  
CASUALTIES**

<b>DIED</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>KILLED/MISSING</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>WOUNDED</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>CAPTURED</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>DESERTED</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14%</b>

**THIRTY-EIGHT WERE  
WOUNDED**

The first East Haddam soldier wounded was Private Charles T. Hamilton of Company C, 14<sup>th</sup> Connecticut. He was wounded at the Battle of Antietam, MD on September 17, 1862 and died from his wound. Six East Haddam soldiers died from a wound received during the war.

**EAST HADDAM WOUNDED  
\*(6) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Antietam, MD (14 <sup>th</sup> ) *	9/17/62	1
Stafford Court House, VA (20 <sup>th</sup> )	12/1/62	1
Fredericksburg, VA (27 <sup>th</sup> )	12/13/62	2
Port Hudson, LA (26 <sup>th</sup> )	5/27/63	1
Port Hudson, LA (26 <sup>th</sup> )	6/14/63	2
Gettysburg, PA (20 <sup>th</sup> )	7/3/63	1
Morris island, SC (7 <sup>th</sup> )	7/10/63	1
Fort Wagner, SC (7 <sup>th</sup> )	7/11/63	1
Morris Island, SC (7 <sup>th</sup> )	8/21/63	1
Morton's Ford, VA (14 <sup>th</sup> )	2/6/64	1
Cane River, LA (13 <sup>th</sup> ) *	4/23/64	1
Wilderness, VA (14 <sup>th</sup> )	5/6/64	1
Wilderness, VA (14 <sup>th</sup> )	5/7/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (6 <sup>th</sup> )	5/15/64	1
Cassville, GA (20 <sup>th</sup> )	5/19/64	1
Bermuda Hundred, VA (6 <sup>th</sup> ) *	5/20/64	1
Peach Tree Creek, VA (20 <sup>th</sup> )	7/20/64	1
Deep Bottom, VA (7 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> )	8/14/64	2
Cedar Creek, VA (13 <sup>th</sup> )	9/18/64	1
Petersburg, VA (7 <sup>th</sup> )	10/1/64	1
Darbytown Rd, VA (10 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> )	10/13/64	2
Cedar Creek, VA (12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> )	10/19/64	2
Kell House, VA (29 <sup>th</sup> )	10/27/64	1
Battery Morton, VA (1 HA) *	11/26/64	1
Petersburg, VA (1 HA)	11/28/64	1
Fort Fisher, NC (7 <sup>th</sup> )	1/15/65	1
Silver Run, NC (20 <sup>th</sup> ) *	3/16/65	2