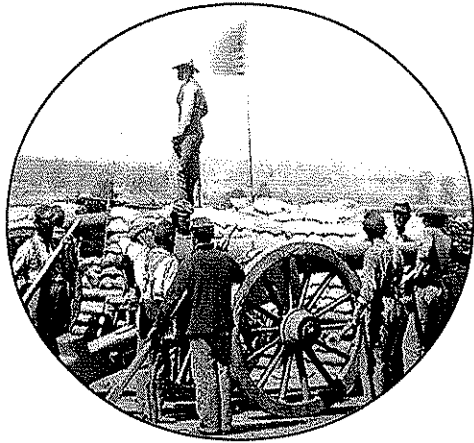


**CIVIL WAR**  
**VOLUNTEER SONS**  
**OF CONNECTICUT**  
**BLAIKIE HINES**



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## EAST HARTFORD

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 2,951 (RANK 43)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY  
OF THE CIVIL WAR

### MAY 16, 1864

DREWRY'S BLUFF, VA

AN OBSTACLE ON THE WAY  
TO RICHMOND

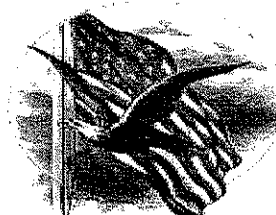
East Hartford had more casualties on May 16, 1864 at Drewry's Bluff, VA (4) and on June 3, 1864 at Cold Harbor, VA (4) than on any other days of the war. The casualties at Drewry's Bluff were the most serious. One soldier was killed, 2 were wounded, and 1 was captured in the 11<sup>TH</sup> and 21<sup>ST</sup> Connecticut. The wounded and captured survived the war.

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 Hartford also had 1 casualty on May 14.

The Battle of Drewry's Bluff with 5 total casualties for East Hartford 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.



227 MEN CREDITED TO EAST  
HARTFORD SERVED IN THE  
FOLLOWING  
CONNECTICUT  
ORGANIZATIONS

REGIMENT	TOTAL
21 <sup>ST</sup>	47 (21%)
25 <sup>TH</sup>	26 (11%)
13 <sup>TH</sup>	22 (10%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	18 (8%)
7 <sup>TH</sup>	17 (7%)
13 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	17 (7%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY	14 (6%)
12 <sup>TH</sup>	14 (6%)
10 <sup>TH</sup>	12 (5%)
5 <sup>TH</sup>	9 (4%)
11 <sup>TH</sup>	9 (4%)
6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 (3%)
29 <sup>TH</sup>	7 (3%)
16 <sup>TH</sup>	6 (3%)
20 <sup>TH</sup>	6 (3%)
22 <sup>ND</sup>	6 (3%)
24 <sup>TH</sup>	6 (3%)
2 <sup>ND</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	3 (1%)
1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 (1%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> LIGHT BATTERY	2 (1%)
8 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (1%)
12 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	2 (1%)
14 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (1%)
30 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (1%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> SQUADRON CAVALRY	1
15 <sup>TH</sup>	1
27 <sup>TH</sup>	1

8% OF POPULATION

**SEVEN WERE KILLED AND ONE WAS MISSING**

The first East Hartford soldier killed was 1st Sergeant John F. Carroll of Company K, 24<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. He was killed at Port Hudson, LA on May 25, 1863.

**EAST HARTFORD SOLDIERS KILLED OR MISSING \***

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Port Hudson, LA (24 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/25/63	1
Walthall Junction, VA (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/7/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	5/16/64	1
Dallas, GA (5 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	5/25/64	1
Petersburg, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	7/30/64	1
Deep Bottom, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/14/64	1
Deep Run, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/16/64	1
Newmarket Road, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	10/7/64	1

**SEVENTEEN WERE CAPTURED**

Three East Hartford soldiers died in captivity. All three died at Andersonville Prison, GA.

**EAST HARTFORD CAPTURED \* (3) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
2 <sup>ND</sup> Bull Run, VA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/30/62	1
Pattersonville, LA (12 <sup>TH</sup> ) (WOUNDED)	3/27/63	1
Chancellorsville, VA (20 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/3/63	1
Fort Wagner, SC (6 <sup>TH</sup> ) * (WOUNDED)	7/18/63	1
Smithfield, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> ) *	2/1/64	1
Plymouth, NC (16 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/20/64	3
Spottsylvania, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/12/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/16/64	1
Hatcher's Run, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	6/2/64	1
Bermuda Hundred, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/2/64	1

**TOTAL EAST HARTFORD CASUALTIES**

<b>DIED</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>KILLED/MISSING</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>WOUNDED</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>CAPTURED</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>DESERTED</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9%</b>

**THIRTY-TWO WERE WOUNDED**

The first East Hartford soldier wounded was Private Robert K. Reid of Company A, 7<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. He was wounded at James Island, SC on June 16, 1862 and recovered from his wound. Two East Hartford soldiers died from a wound received during the war.

**EAST HARTFORD WOUNDED**

\* (2) DIED FROM WOUNDS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
James Island, SC (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/16/62	1
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2 <sup>ND</sup> Bull Run, VA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/30/62	1
Antietam, MD (16 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/17/62	2
Fredericksburg, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	12/13/62	1
Kinston, NC (10 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	12/14/62	1
Pattersonville, LA (12 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/27/63	1
Irish Bend, LA (25 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/14/63	2
Port Hudson, LA (25 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/14/63	1
Port Hudson, LA (24 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/27/63	1
Fort Wagner, SC (6 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/18/63	1
Cane River, LA (13 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/23/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/14/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11, 7 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/16/64	2
Bermuda Hundred, VA (11 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/16/64	1
Ashland, VA (1 CA)	6/1/64	1
Cold Harbor, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> ) * 1	6/3/64	3
Petersburg, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	6/15/64	1
Petersburg, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	7/6/64	1
Petersburg, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/1/64	1
Winchester, VA (1 CA)	9/19/64	1
Fort Harrison, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	9/29/64	1
Chaffin's Farm, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	9/30/64	1
Darbytown Rd, VA (7, 10 <sup>TH</sup> )	10/13/64	2
Cedar Creek, VA (2 HA)	10/19/64	1
Fort Gregg, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/2/65	1