

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



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## ESSEX

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 1,764 (RANK 84)

### THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

## MAY 16, 1864

### DREWRY'S BLUFF, VA

### AN OBSTACLE ON THE WAY TO RICHMOND

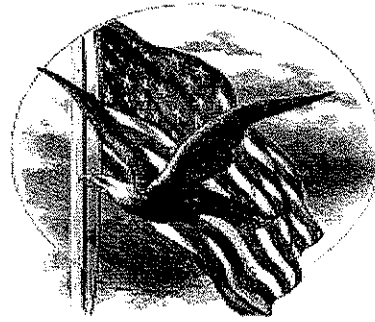
More soldiers credited to Essex were listed as casualties (3) on this day than on any other day of the war. One soldier was killed, and 2 were captured in the 7<sup>TH</sup> and 11<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. One of the captured soldiers died in prison.

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. Essex had all of its casualties on that day.

The Battle of Drewry's Bluff with 3 total casualties for Essex was the 2nd highest number of casualties for an engagement for the town. The Siege of Port Hudson, LA (May-July 1863) with 5 casualties was the highest number of casualties for an engagement 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.



### 105 MEN CREDITED TO ESSEX SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
24 <sup>TH</sup>	48 (46%)
11 <sup>TH</sup>	10 (10%)
2 <sup>ND</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	9 (9%)
7 <sup>TH</sup>	7 (7%)
20 <sup>TH</sup>	5 (5%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> LIGHT BATTERY	4 (4%)
15 <sup>TH</sup>	4 (4%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY	3 (3%)
10 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (3%)
12 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (3%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	2 (2%)
2 <sup>ND</sup> LIGHT BATTERY	2 (2%)
8 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (2%)
9 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (2%)
6 <sup>TH</sup>	1
16 <sup>TH</sup>	1
18 <sup>TH</sup>	1

6% OF POPULATION

**FIVE WERE KILLED**

The first Essex soldier killed was Private William Farris of the 7<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. He was killed at Hampton Roads, VA on October 26, 1861.

**ESSEX SOLDIERS KILLED**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Hampton Roads, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	10/26/61	1
Port Hudson, LA (24 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/29/63	1
Drwery's Bluff, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/16/64	1
Atlanta, GA (20 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/6/64	1
Near Petersburg, VA (1 LB)	8/13/64	1

**FIVE WERE CAPTURED**

Two Essex soldiers died in captivity. Both died at Andersonville, Prison GA.

**ESSEX CAPTURED  
\*(2) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Plymouth, NC (16 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/20/64	1
Craig's Church, VA (1 CA) *	5/5/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11 <sup>TH</sup> ) *1	5/16/64	2
Kinston, NC (15 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/8/65	1



**TOTAL ESSEX CASUALTIES**

<b>DIED</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>KILLED</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>WOUNDED</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>CAPTURED</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>DESERTED</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18%</b>



**SIXTEEN WERE WOUNDED**

The first Essex soldier wounded was 1<sup>ST</sup> Lieutenant Thomas J. Stillman of the 10<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. He was wounded at Roanoke Island, NC on February 8, 1862 and recovered from his wound. Three Essex soldiers died from a wound received during the war.

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

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Roanoke Island, NC (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	2/8/62	1
Slocum's Creek, NC (11 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/13/62	1
New Bern, NC (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/14/62	1
James Island, SC (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/16/62	1
Antictam, MD (11 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/17/62	2
Brashear City, LA (12 <sup>TH</sup> )	1/14/63	1
Port Hudson, LA (12 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	6/10/63	1
Port Hudson, LA (24 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/14/63	1
Port Hudson, LA (12 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/27/63	1
Port Hudson, LA (24 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	6/30/63	1
Proctor's Creek, VA (1 LB)	5/14/64	1
Petersburg, VA (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/23/64	1
Peach Tree Creek, GA (20 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/20/64	1
Petersburg, VA (1 HA) *	3/28/65	1
Fort Gregg, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/2/65	1