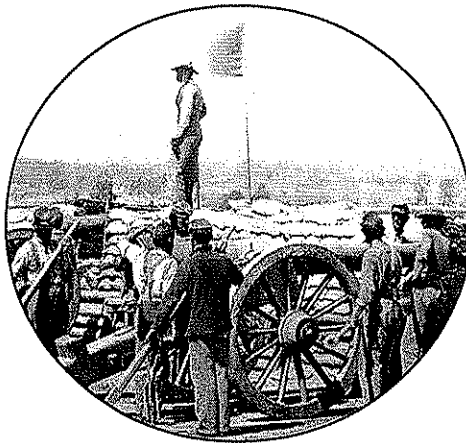


**CIVIL WAR**  
**VOLUNTEER SONS**  
**OF CONNECTICUT**  
**BLAIKIE HINES**



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## GROTON

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 4,450 (RANK 19)

### THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

## MAY 16, 1864

### DREWRY'S BLUFF , VA

#### AN OBSTACLE ON THE WAY TO RICHMOND

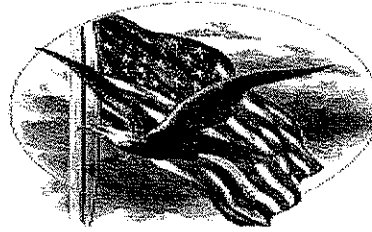
More soldiers credited to Groton were listed as casualties (16) on this day than on any other day of the war. Three soldiers were killed, 10 were wounded, 2 were wounded & captured, and 1 was captured in the 8<sup>TH</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup> and 21<sup>ST</sup> Connecticut. Two of the wounded soldiers died and one of the captured 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. Groton had all of its casualties on that date.

The Battle of Drewry's Bluff with 16 total casualties for Groton was tied with the Siege of Port Hudson, LA (May-July 1863) for 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.



#### 335 MEN CREDITED TO GROTON SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
21 <sup>ST</sup>	98 (29%)
26 <sup>TH</sup>	83 (25%)
14 <sup>TH</sup>	29 (9%)
8 <sup>TH</sup>	23 (7%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	19 (6%)
29 <sup>TH</sup>	14 (4%)
10 <sup>TH</sup>	14 (4%)
2 <sup>ND</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	11 (3%)
5 <sup>TH</sup>	11 (3%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY	10 (3%)
9 <sup>TH</sup>	10 (3%)
30 <sup>TH</sup>	7 (2%)
9 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	6 (2%)
11 <sup>TH</sup>	6 (2%)
12 <sup>TH</sup>	4 (1%)
13 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (1%)
15 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (1%)
7 <sup>TH</sup>	1
12 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	1
18 <sup>TH</sup>	1
22 <sup>ND</sup>	1
28 <sup>TH</sup>	1

8% OF POPULATION

**NINE WERE KILLED AND TWO WERE MISSING**

The first Groton soldier killed was Private Thomas Fisher of Company F, 14<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. He was killed at Bristoe Station on October 14, 1863.

**GROTON SOLDIERS KILLED  
\*(2) MISSING**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Bristoe Station, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> )	10/14/63	1
Morton's Ford, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> )	2/6/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	5/16/64	3
Fort Harrison, VA (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/29/64	1
Petersburg, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	9/29/64	1
Petersburg, VA (30 <sup>TH</sup> ) *2	7/30/64	2
Kinston, NC (15 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/8/65	1
Brownsville, TX (29 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/10/65	1

**TWENTY WERE CAPTURED**

Six Groton soldiers died in captivity. Two died at Salisbury Prison, NC, two at Libby Prison, Richmond, VA, one at Charleston, SC and one at Petersburg, VA.

**GROTON CAPTURED  
\*(6) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
McDowell, VA (1 CA)	5/14/62	1
Strasburg, VA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/24/62	1
Winchester, VA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/25/62	1
Cedar Mountain, VA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/9/62	1
Chancellorsville, VA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/2/63	2
Rapidan, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> )	12/1/63	1
Smithfield, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> ) *	2/1/64	1
Winchester, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/6/64	1
Walthall Junction, VA (8 <sup>TH</sup> ) * (1 WOUNDED)	5/7/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11,21 <sup>ST</sup> ) * (2 WOUNDED)	5/16/64	3
Ashland, VA (1 CA)	6/1/64	1
Petersburg, VA (11 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	6/18/64	1
Ream's Station, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	8/25/64	1
Petersburg, VA (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/17/64	1
Cedar Creek, VA (9 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	10/19/64	1
Virginia, (14 <sup>TH</sup> )	10/28/64	1
Kinston, NC (15 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/8/65	1



**TOTAL GROTON CASUALTIES**

<b>DIED</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>KILLED/MISSING</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>WOUNDED</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>CAPTURED</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>DESERTED</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13%</b>

**SIXTY-SIX WERE WOUNDED**

The first Groton soldiers wounded were Corporal Samuel J. Garland and Privates William F. Bailey, Charles H. Daniels, George F. Daniels and Patrick H. Denehey of Company H, 10<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. They were wounded at Roanoke Island, NC on February 8, 1862 and all recovered from their wounds. Nine Groton soldiers died from a wound received during the war.

**GROTON WOUNDED  
\*(9) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Roanoke Island, NC (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	2/8/62	5
New Bern, NC (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/14/62	1
Fort Macon, NC (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/26/62	1
Cedar Mountain, VA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/9/62	2
Norwich, CT (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	8/16/62	1
Antietam, MD (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/17/62	4
Fredericksburg, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	12/13/62	1
Kinston, NC (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	12/14/62	1
Fredericksburg, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	12/30/62	1
Virginia, (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	4/26/63	1
Port Hudson, LA (26 <sup>TH</sup> ) *3	5/27/63	13
Port Hudson, LA (26 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/13/63	2
Port Hudson, LA (26 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/14/63	1
Gettysburg, PA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/3/63	1
Grove Church, VA (1 CA) *	3/29/64	1
Wilderness, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/6/64	1
Walthall Junction, VA (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/7/64	1
Laurel Hill, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/10/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (8,10,21 <sup>ST</sup> ) *3	5/16/64	10
Cold Harbor, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> ) *1	6/3/64	4
Petersburg, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	7/18/64	1
Petersburg, VA (30 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/30/64	2
Petersburg, VA (29 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/20/64	1
Petersburg, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	8/25/64	1
Petersburg, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/1/64	1
Fort Harrison, VA (8 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/29/64	2
Petersburg, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	9/29/64	2
Chaffin's Farm, VA (21 <sup>ST</sup> )	10/1/64	1
Boydton Plank Rd, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	10/27/64	1
Darbytown Road, VA (10 <sup>TH</sup> )	10/27/64	1