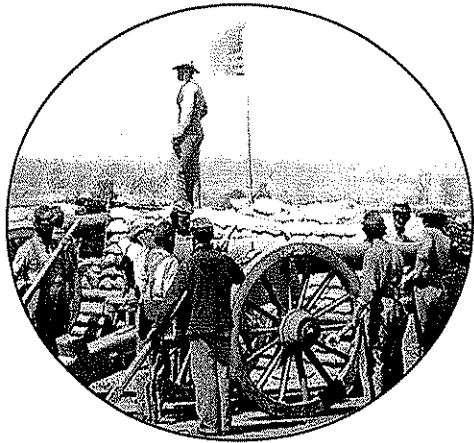


**CIVIL WAR**  
**VOLUNTEER SONS**  
**OF CONNECTICUT**  
**BLAIKIE HINES**



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## MIDDLEBURY

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 696 (RANK 154)

### THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

## MARCH 8, 1865

KINSTON, NC

### THE CONFEDERATE ATTACK STALLED

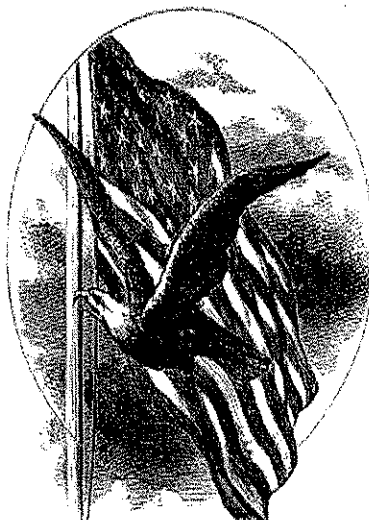
More soldiers credited to Middlebury were listed as casualties (3) on this day than on any other day of the war. Three soldiers in the 15<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut were captured. They survived the war.

The date March 8, 1865 ranks 5<sup>TH</sup> for total casualties (496) (22 killed, 3 missing, 12 wounded, 410 captured, 49 wounded & captured) for a single day for the State of Connecticut. There were 494 casualties at Kinston, 1 casualty in Virginia, and 1 casualty at a railroad accident in an unknown place.

The Second Battle of Kinston (March 8, 1865) ranks 8<sup>TH</sup> for total casualties (494) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut.

The Second Battle of Kinston with 3 total casualties for Middlebury was the highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town.

The military situation in North Carolina changed in early 1865. The Confederate forces in eastern North Carolina were called to help stop the advance of the Union Army coming out of Georgia with Union General William T. Sherman. The Confederates attempted to seize the initiative by attacking the Union flanks near Kinston on March 8 and failed.



### 30 MEN CREDITED TO MIDDLEBURY SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
15 <sup>TH</sup>	9 (30%)
7 <sup>TH</sup>	5 (17%)
14 <sup>TH</sup>	5 (17%)
23 <sup>RD</sup>	4 (13%)
13 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (10%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY	3 (10%)
5 <sup>TH</sup>	2 (7%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	1
8 <sup>TH</sup>	1
13 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	1
29 <sup>TH</sup>	1

4% OF POPULATION

**ONE WAS KILLED**

The only Middlebury soldier killed was Private Eli B. Blackman of Company B, 13<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. He was killed at Irish Bend, LA on April 14, 1863.

**MIDDLEBURY SOLDIERS KILLED**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Irish Bend, LA (13 <sup>TH</sup> )	4/14/63	1

**SIX WERE CAPTURED**

Two Middlebury soldiers died in captivity at Andersonville Prison, GA.

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

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Morton's Ford, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	2/6/64	1
Craig's Church, VA (1 CA) *	5/5/64	2
Kinston, NC (15 <sup>TH</sup> )	3/8/65	3

**TOTAL MIDDLEBURY CASUALTIES**

<b>DIED</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>KILLED</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>WOUNDED</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>CAPTURED</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>DESERTED</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17%</b>

**FOUR WERE WOUNDED**

The first Middlebury soldiers wounded were Sergeant George W. Baldwin and Private James W. Benham of Company I, 14<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. They were wounded at Gettysburg, PA on July 3, 1863 and Sergeant Baldwin died from his wound. Two Middlebury soldiers died from a wound received during the war.

**MIDDLEBURY WOUNDED  
\*(2) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Gettysburg, PA (14 <sup>TH</sup> ) *1	7/3/63	2
Ream's Station, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	8/25/64	1
Five Forks, VA (1 CA)	4/1/65	1

