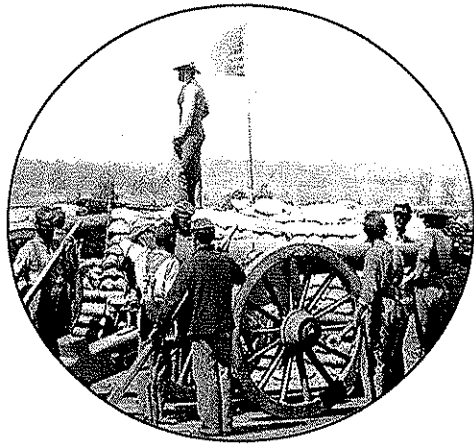


CIVIL WAR
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NEW FAIRFIELD

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 915 (RANK 141)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

JULY 21 1861

BULL RUN, VA
(MANASSAS, VA)

THE BATTLE SHOWED THAT THE WAR WOULD BE LONG

Soldiers credited to New Fairfield had more casualties on July 21, 1861 at Bull Run, VA (2), on June 1, 1864 at Cold Harbor, VA (2) and on June 2, 1864 at Bermuda Hundred, VA (2) than on any other days of the war. At Bull Run the casualties were the most serious. One soldier was wounded & captured and one was captured in the 3RD Connecticut. Both soldiers survived the war.

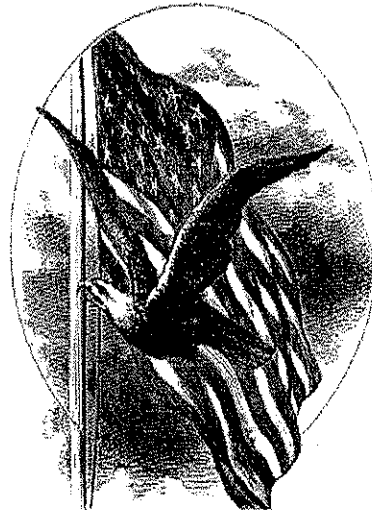
The date July 21, 1861 ranks 37TH for total casualties (66) (4 killed, 1 missing, 24 wounded, 33 captured, 4 wounded & captured) for a single day for the State of Connecticut. All of the casualties were at Bull Run.

The Battle of Bull Run (July 21, 1861) ranks 29TH for total casualties (66) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut.

The Battle of Bull Run with 2 total casualties for New Fairfield was tied with the Battle of Cold Harbor (May 31-June, 12 1864) for the second highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town. The most casualties for an engagement were at La Fourche, LA (June 21-23, 1863) and the Siege of Petersburg (June 1864-April 1865) with three.

The Union defeat cast Major General Irwin McDowell as the scapegoat for the mistakes of many beside himself. As for the men on both sides, most had acquitted themselves as well as could have been expected, given their inexperience.

It took four long years and a great many battles far more horrible than Bull Run to bring an end to the American Civil War.



78 MEN CREDITED TO NEW FAIRFIELD SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
11 TH	22 (28%)
23 RD	19 (24%)
3 RD	18 (23%)
2 ND HEAVY ARTILLERY	9 (12%)
1 ST HEAVY ARTILLERY	5 (6%)
17 TH	4 (5%)
12 TH	3 (4%)
7 TH	3 (4%)
1 ST	1
1 ST CAVALRY	1
8 TH	1
14 TH	1

9% OF POPULATION

FOUR WERE KILLED

The first New Fairfield soldier killed was Corporal Fredrick C. Barnum of Company K, 23RD Connecticut. He was killed at La Fourche, LA on June 22, 1863.

NEW FAIRFIELD SOLDIERS KILLED

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
La Fourche, LA (23 RD)	6/22/63	1
Cold Harbor, VA (2 HA)	6/1/64	1
Petersburg, VA (2 HA)	6/22/64	1
Petersburg, VA (11 TH)	7/12/64	1

TOTAL NEW FAIRFIELD CASUALTIES

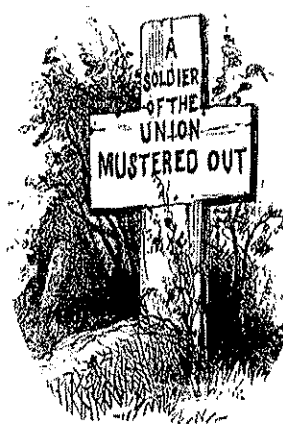
DIED	5	6%
KILLED	4	5%
WOUNDED	5	6%
CAPTURED	7	9%
DESERTED	9	12%

SEVEN WERE CAPTURED

Two New Fairfield soldiers died in captivity. Both died at Florence, SC.

**NEW FAIRFIELD CAPTURED
*(2) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Bull Run, VA (3 RD) (1 WOUNDED)	7/21/61	2
La Fourche, LA (23 RD)	6/23/63	1
Gettysburg, PA (17 TH)	7/1/63	1
Bermuda Hundred, VA (7 TH) * (WOUNDED)	6/2/64	1
Petersburg, VA (11 TH) *	6/18/64	1
Fort Stedman, VA (1 HA)	3/25/65	1



FIVE WERE WOUNDED

The first New Fairfield soldier wounded was Private Alfred L. Benedict of Company C, 1ST Connecticut. He was wounded and captured at Bull Run, VA on July 21 1861 and recovered from his wound. One New Fairfield soldier died from a wound received during the war.

**NEW FAIRFIELD WOUNDED
*(1) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
James Island, SC (7 TH)	6/16/62	1
La Fourche, LA (23 RD)	6/21/63	1
Swift's Creek, VA (11 TH)	5/9/64	1
Cold Harbor, VA (2 HA)	6/1/64	1
Newmarket, VA (7 TH) *	10/7/64	1

