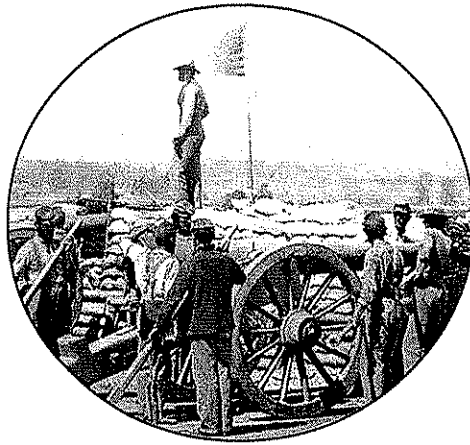


CIVIL WAR
VOLUNTEER SONS
OF CONNECTICUT
BLAIKIE HINES



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THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 3,657 (RANK 24)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

MAY 16, 1864

DREWRY'S BLUFF, VA

AN OBSTACLE ON THE WAY TO RICHMOND

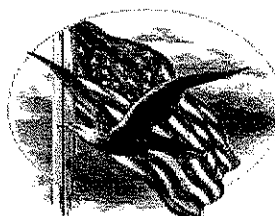
More soldiers credited to Portland were listed as casualties (11) on this day than on any other day of the war. One soldier was killed, 1 was wounded and 9 were captured in the 7TH and 11TH Connecticut. Four of the captured died in prison.

The date May 16, 1864 ranks 4th 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 3rd for total casualties (634) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut. The most intense fighting developed on May 16. Portland had all of its casualties on that day.

The Battle of Drewry's Bluff with 11 total casualties for Portland 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.



192 MEN CREDITED TO PORTLAND SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
20 TH	59 (31%)
11 TH	37 (19%)
1 ST HEAVY ARTILLERY	15 (8%)
9 TH	14 (7%)
13 TH	14 (7%)
7 TH	10 (5%)
1 ST CAVALRY	8 (4%)
15 TH	7 (4%)
6 TH	6 (3%)
10 TH	5 (3%)
12 TH	5 (3%)
9 TH BATTALION	4 (2%)
13 TH BATTALION	3 (2%)
21 ST	3 (2%)
30 TH	3 (2%)
8 TH	2 (1%)
16 TH	2 (1%)
18 TH	2 (1%)
5 TH	1
12 TH BATTALION	1
14 TH	1
24 TH	1
22 ND	1
29 TH	1

5% OF POPULATION

EIGHT WERE KILLED

The first Portland soldiers killed were Privates Heman Demay, Thomas Francis and Samuel Potter of Company D, 20TH Connecticut. They were killed at Chancellorsville, VA on May 3, 1863.

TOTAL PORTLAND CASUALTIES

DIED	20	10%
KILLED	8	4%
WOUNDED	27	14%
CAPTURED	18	9%
DESERTED	34	18%

PORTLAND SOLDIERS KILLED

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Chancellorsville, VA (20 TH)	5/3/63	3
Louisiana (Drowned) (24 TH)	8/4/63	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (7 TH)	5/16/64	1
Peach Tree Creek, GA (20 TH)	7/20/64	1
Averysboro, NC (20 TH)	3/16/65	1
Salem, VA (11 TH)	10/9/65	1

TWENTY-SEVEN WERE WOUNDED

The first Portland soldiers wounded were Corporal Halsay J. Tibbals and Privates William DeBank and Robert McKinley of Company D, 20TH Connecticut. They were wounded at Chancellorsville, VA on May 3, 1863. Private DeBank, who was also captured, died 7 months later. One Portland soldier died from a wound received during the war.

EIGHTEEN WERE CAPTURED

Four Portland soldiers died in captivity. Three died at Andersonville Prison, GA, and one at Charleston Prison, SC.

**PORTLAND WOUNDED
*(1) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

**PORTLAND CAPTURED
*(4) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Pattersonville, LA (12 TH)	3/27/63	1
Chancellorsville, VA (20 TH) (1 WOUNDED)	5/3/63	2
Plymouth, NC (16 TH)	4/20/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11 TH) *4	5/16/64	9
Hatcher's Run, VA (7 TH)	6/2/64	1
Turner's Ford, GA (20 TH)	8/27/64	1
Cedar Creek, VA (12 TH)	10/19/64	1
Kinston, NC (15 TH)	3/8/65	1
Goldsboro, NC (20 TH)	3/24/65	1

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Chancellorsville, VA (20 TH)	5/3/63	3
Port Hudson, LA (24 TH)	6/14/63	1
Gettysburg, PA (20 TH)	7/3/63	2
Fort Wagner, SC (7 TH)	7/11/63	1
Morton's Ford, VA (14 TH)	2/6/64	1
Resaca, GA (20 TH)	5/15/64	2
Drewry's Bluff, VA (11 TH)	5/16/64	1
Bermuda Hundred, VA (7 TH)	6/2/64	1
Cold Harbor, VA (11 TH)	6/3/64	6
Peach Tree Creek, GA (20 TH)	7/20/64	1
Petersburg, VA (21 ST) *	7/30/64	1
Winchester, VA (13 TH)	9/19/64	1
Dutch Gap, VA (7 TH)	9/29/64	1
Fort Fisher, NC (6 TH)	1/15/65	1
Bentonville, NC (20 TH)	3/19/65	3
West Point, NC (15 TH)	Unknown	1

