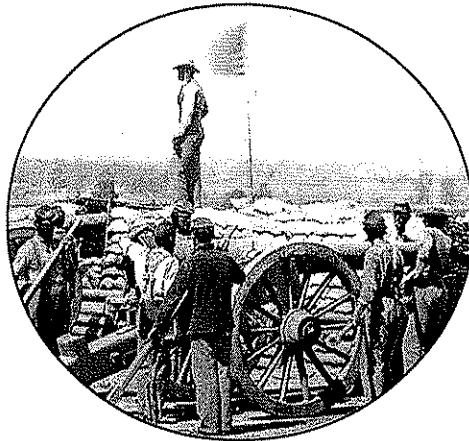


CIVIL WAR
VOLUNTEER SONS
OF CONNECTICUT
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RIDGEFIELD

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 2,213 (RANK 66)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CIVIL WAR

JULY 1, 1863

GETTYSBURG, PA

THE FIRST DAY OF THE BATTLE

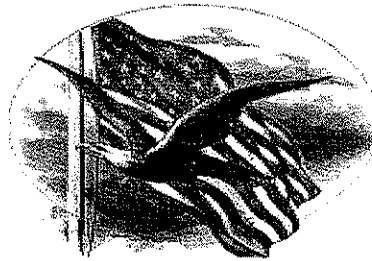
More soldiers credited to Ridgefield were listed as casualties (11) on this day than on any other day of the war. Two soldiers were killed, 5 were wounded, 1 was wounded & captured, and 3 were captured in the 17TH Connecticut. The wounded and captured survived the war.

The date July 1, 1863 ranks 16TH for total casualties (157) (18 killed, 4 missing, 70 wounded, 57 captured, 8 wounded & captured) for a single day for the State of Connecticut. The Battle of Gettysburg accounted for 143 casualties. The 14 other casualties were scattered about Virginia (6), Louisiana (6), and South Carolina (2).

The Battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863) ranks 11TH for total casualties (360) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut. The most intense fighting developed on July 3. Ridgefield had no casualties on that day however, they did have 1 casualty on July 2.

The Battle of Gettysburg with 12 total casualties for Ridgefield was the highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town.

More than 170,000 men fought at the Battle of Gettysburg. Roughly 23,000 Union casualties were recorded and there were about 28,000 Confederate casualties. Gettysburg proved to be the great battle of the war. It ended Lee's 1863 invasion of the North. He was never able to launch a major offensive again.



178 MEN CREDITED TO
RIDGEFIELD SERVED
IN THE FOLLOWING
CONNECTICUT
ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
17 TH	72 (41%)
1 ST HEAVY ARTILLERY	13 (7%)
6 TH	13 (7%)
5 TH	12 (7%)
7 TH	12 (7%)
8 TH	9 (5%)
23 RD	9 (5%)
11 TH	8 (4%)
10 TH	6 (3%)
13 TH	6 (3%)
2 ND HEAVY ARTILLERY	5 (3%)
1 ST CAVALRY	4 (2%)
12 TH	3 (2%)
12 TH BATTALION	3 (2%)
15 TH	3 (2%)
20 TH	3 (2%)
13 TH BATTALION	2 (1%)
29 TH	2 (1%)
30 TH	2 (1%)
9 TH	1

8% OF POPULATION

THREE WERE KILLED AND TWO WERE MISSING

The first Ridgefield soldier killed was Corporal Andrew D. Couch of Company G, 17TH Connecticut. He was killed at Chancellorsville, VA on May 2, 1863.

RIDGEFIELD SOLDIERS KILLED MISSING *

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Chancellorsville, VA (17 TH)	5/2/63	1
Gettysburg, PA (17 TH)	7/1/63	2
Proctor's Creek, VA (7 TH) *	6/13/64	1
North Carolina (15 TH) *	9/27/64	1

TWENTY-SIX WERE CAPTURED

Three Ridgefield soldiers died in captivity. All three died at Andersonville Prison, GA.

**RIDGEFIELD CAPTURED
*(3) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Winchester, VA (5 TH)	5/25/62	1
Cedar Mountain, VA (5 TH)	8/9/62	2
Chancellorsville, VA (17 TH) (3 WOUNDED)	5/2/63	6
Gettysburg, PA (17 TH) (1 WOUNDED)	7/1/63	4
Gettysburg, PA (17 TH)	7/2/63	1
Craig's Church, VA (1CA)	5/5/64	1
Drewry's Bluff, VA (7,8 TH) *3	5/16/64	4
Welaka, FL (17 TH)	5/19/64	1
St. Augustine, FL (17 TH)	2/4/65	1
Dunn's Lake, FL (17 TH)	2/5/65	3
Kinston, NC (15 TH) (1 WOUNDED)	3/8/65	2

TOTAL RIDGEFIELD CASUALTIES

DIED	20	11%
KILLED/MISSING	5	3%
WOUNDED	27	15%
CAPTURED	26	15%
DESERTED	18	10%

TWENTY-SEVEN WERE WOUNDED

The first Ridgefield soldier wounded was Private Edwin Moffit of Company D, 7TH Connecticut. He was wounded at James Island, SC on June 1, 1862 and recovered from his wound. One Ridgefield soldier died from a wound received during the war.

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

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
James Island, SC (7 TH)	6/1/62	1
Cedar Mountain, VA (5 TH)	8/9/62	2
Pocotaligo, SC (7 TH)	10/22/62	1
Fredricksburg, VA (8 TH)	12/11/62	1
Kinston, NC (10 TH)	12/14/62	1
Chancellorsville, VA (17 TH)	5/2/63	3
Chancellorsville, VA (17 TH)	5/3/63	1
Gettysburg, PA (17 TH)	7/1/63	5
Morris Island, SC (17 TH)	8/1/63	1
Walthall Junction, VA (8 TH)	5/7/64	1
Chester Station, VA (6 TH)	5/10/64	2
Peach Tree Creek, GA (5 TH)*	7/20/64	1
Petersburg, VA (29 TH)	8/1/64	1
Deep Bottom, VA (10 TH)	8/14/64	1
Deep Run, VA (6,7 TH)	8/16/64	2
Deep Bottom, VA (6 TH)	8/16/64	1
Winchester, VA (13 TH)	9/19/64	1
Darbytown Road, VA (10 TH)	10/13/64	1
Unknown Place (10 TH)	Unknown	1