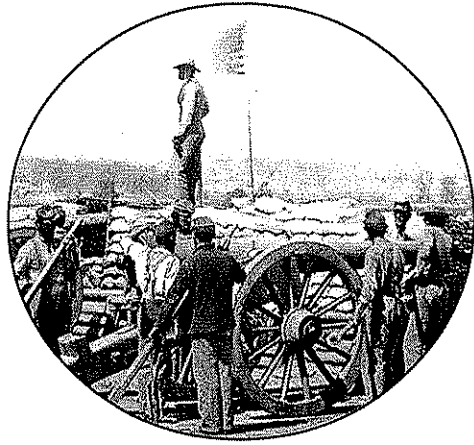


CIVIL WAR
VOLUNTEER SONS
OF CONNECTICUT
BLAIKIE HINES



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STERLING

THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 1,051 (RANK 131)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY
OF THE CIVIL WAR

SEPTEMBER 17, 1862

SHARPSBURG, MD
(ANTIETAM)

CONNECTICUT HAD MORE
CASUALTIES FOR ONE DAY
THAN ON ANY OTHER DAY
OF THE WAR

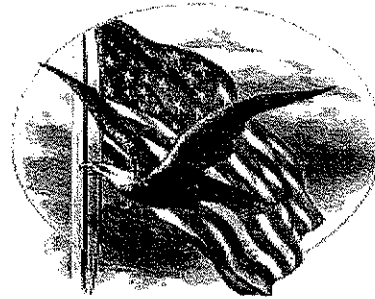
More soldiers credited to Sterling were listed as casualties (3) on this day than on any day of the war. One soldier was killed and 2 were wounded in the 11TH Connecticut. One of the wounded died.

The date September 17, 1862 ranks 1ST for total casualties (687) (131 killed, 2 missing, 515 wounded, 21 captured, 18 wounded & captured) for a single day for the State of Connecticut. All of the casualties were at Antietam.

The Battle of Antietam (September 16-17, 1862) ranks 1ST for total casualties (689) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut. The most intense fighting developed on September 17. Sterling had all of its casualties on that day.

The Battle of Antietam with 3 total casualties for Sterling was the highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town.

Roughly 12,400 Union casualties were recorded and perhaps there were 10,300 Confederate casualties. Antietam proved to be one of the turning points of the war. It ended Lee's 1862 invasion of the North.



74 MEN CREDITED TO
STERLING SERVED
IN THE FOLLOWING
CONNECTICUT
ORGANIZATIONS

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
26 TH	12 (17%)
21 ST	11 (15%)
5 TH	8 (11%)
8 TH	8 (11%)
18 TH	8 (11%)
11 TH	6 (8%)
1 ST HEAVY ARTILLERY	4 (5%)
13 TH	4 (5%)
7 TH	3 (4%)
12 TH	3 (4%)
20 TH	3 (4%)
1 ST CAVALRY	2 (3%)
9 TH	2 (3%)
12 TH BATTALION	2 (3%)
13 TH BATTALION	2 (3%)
14 TH	2 (3%)
2 ND HEAVY ARTILLERY	1
29 TH	1

7% OF POPULATION

TWO WERE KILLED

The first Sterling soldier killed was Private Frank Chaffee of Company H, 11TH Connecticut. He was killed at the Battle of Antietam, MD on September 17, 1862.

STERLING SOLDIERS KILLED

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Antietam, MD (11 TH)	9/17/62	1
Suffolk, VA (21 ST)	5/3/63	1

THREE WERE CAPTURED

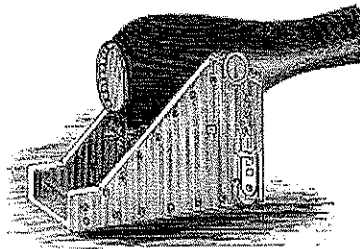
No Sterling soldiers died in captivity.

**STERLING CAPTURED
NONE DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Winchester, VA (18 TH)	6/15/63	1
Lynchburg, VA (18 TH)	6/18/64	1
Madison, GA (5 TH)	11/19/64	1

**TOTAL STERLING
CASUALTIES**

DIED	8	11%
KILLED	2	3%
WOUNDED	12	16%
CAPTURED	3	4%
DESERTED	10	14%

**TWELVE WERE WOUNDED**

The first Sterling soldiers wounded were Sergeant Henry O. Spalding and Private John Bently of Company F, 11TH Connecticut. They were wounded at the Battle of Antietam, MD on September 17, 1862 and Private Bently died from his wound. Two Sterling soldiers died from a wound received during the war.

**STERLING WOUNDED
*(2) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Antietam, MD (8 TH) *1	9/17/62	2
Chancellorsville, VA (11 TH) *	5/3/63	1
Port Hudson, LA (26 TH)	6/14/63	2
Fort Wagner, SC (7 TH)	8/3/63	1
New Bern, NC (21 ST)	3/12/64	1
Petersburg, VA (11 TH)	6/18/64	1
Winchester, VA (12 TH)	9/19/64	1
Chaffin's Farm, VA (7 TH)	10/7/64	1
Richmond, VA (29 TH)	10/13/64	1
Richmond, VA (7 TH)	11/15/64	1