

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



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## THOMPSON

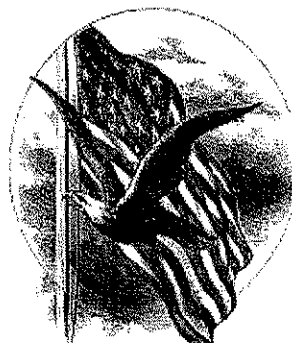
THE POPULATION IN 1860 WAS 3,259 (RANK 36)

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY  
OF THE CIVIL WAR

**JUNE 5, 1864**

PIEDMONT, VA

A UNION VICTORY AT THE  
START OF THE 1864  
SHENANDOAH VALLEY  
CAMPAIGN



215 MEN CREDITED TO  
THOMPSON SERVED  
IN THE FOLLOWING  
CONNECTICUT  
ORGANIZATIONS

More soldiers credited to Thompson were listed as casualties (18) on this day than on any day of the war. Four soldiers were killed, 4 were wounded, and 10 were wounded & captured in the 18<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. Three died in prison and one died from his wound.

The date June 5, 1864 ranks 14<sup>TH</sup> for total casualties (166) (22 killed, 1 missing, 89 wounded, 29 captured, 25 wounded & captured) for a single day for the State of Connecticut. There were 156 casualties at Piedmont. The 10 other casualties were scattered about Virginia.

The Battle of Piedmont (June 5, 1864) ranks 10<sup>TH</sup> for total casualties (156) for an engagement for the State of Connecticut.

The Battle of Piedmont with 18 total casualties for Thompson was the highest number of casualties for any single engagement of the war for the town.

This was an important loss for the Confederate Dept. of Southwest Virginia under Brig. General W. E. Jones. Union Major General David Hunter's victory began the all important task of taking control of the Shenandoah Valley which was the breadbasket of the Confederacy.

<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
18 <sup>TH</sup>	80 (37%)
13 <sup>TH</sup>	27 (13%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	23 (11%)
1 <sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY	15 (7%)
11 <sup>TH</sup>	14 (7%)
6 <sup>TH</sup>	12 (6%)
7 <sup>TH</sup>	11 (5%)
5 <sup>TH</sup>	10 (5%)
14 <sup>TH</sup>	9 (4%)
29 <sup>TH</sup>	6 (3%)
8 <sup>TH</sup>	6 (3%)
2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 (1%)
12 <sup>TH</sup>	3 (1%)
13 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	3 (1%)
1 <sup>ST</sup>	2
1 <sup>ST</sup> LIGHT BATTERY	1
2 <sup>ND</sup> HEAVY ARTILLERY	1
3 <sup>RD</sup>	1
10 <sup>TH</sup>	1
12 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION	1
20 <sup>TH</sup>	1

7% OF POPULATION

**EIGHT WERE KILLED AND ONE WAS MISSING**

The first Thompson soldier killed was Private Michael Keegan of Company C, 14<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. He was killed at the Battle of Antietam, MD on September 17, 1862.

**THOMPSON SOLDIERS KILLED MISSING \***

PLACE	DATE	NO.
Antietam, MD (14 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/17/62	1
Bermuda Hundred, VA (1 HA)	5/19/64	1
Piedmont, VA (18 <sup>TH</sup> ) *1	6/5/64	4
Snicker's Ford, VA (18 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/18/64	1
Peach Tree Creek, GA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/20/64	1
Richmond, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	10/1/64	1

**FORTY-FOUR WERE CAPTURED**

Ten Thompson soldiers died in captivity. Five died at Andersonville Prison, GA, three died at Libby Prison Richmond, VA, and two died at Staunton, VA.

**THOMPSON CAPTURED \*(10) DIED IN CAPTIVITY**

PLACE	DATE	NO.
Bull Run, VA (3 <sup>RD</sup> )	7/21/61	2
Chancellorsville, VA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/2/63	1
Alexandria, LA (13 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/14/63	1
Washington, LA (13 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/21/63	2
Winchester, VA (18 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/15/63	10
Fort Wagner, SC (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/11/63	1
Fort Wagner, SC (6 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	7/18/63	1
Culpeper, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	10/11/63	1
Bristoe Station, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	10/14/63	1
Craig's Church, VA (1 CA) *	5/5/64	1
New Market, VA (18 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/15/64	2
(2 WOUNDED)		
Drewry's Bluff, VA (6,11) *2	5/16/64	3
Gaines' Mills, VA (1 CA)	5/23/64	1
Piedmont, VA (18 <sup>TH</sup> ) *3	6/5/64	10
(10 WOUNDED)		
Bermuda Hundred, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/16/64	1
Ream's Station, VA (1 CA) *	7/1/64	1
Cedar Run Church, VA (1CA)	10/17/64	2
Cedar Creek, VA (13 <sup>TH</sup> )	10/19/64	1
Cedar Creek, VA (1 CA)	11/12/64	1

**TOTAL THOMPSON CASUALTIES**

<b>DIED</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>KILLED/MISSING</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>WOUNDED</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>CAPTURED</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>DESERTED</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7%</b>

**THIRTY WERE WOUNDED**

The first Thompson soldier wounded was Private Clinton Fessington of Company F, 11<sup>TH</sup> Connecticut. He was wounded at the Battle of Antietam, MD on September 17, 1862 and died from his wound. Four Thompson soldiers died from a wound received during the war.

**THOMPSON WOUNDED \*(4) DIED FROM WOUNDS**

PLACE	DATE	NO.
Antietam, MD (11 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	9/17/62	1
Stemmer's Run, MD (18 <sup>TH</sup> )	12/4/62	1
Chancellorsville, VA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/3/63	1
Morris Island, SC (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/10/63	2
Morris Island, SC (7 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	7/11/63	1
Fort Wagner, SC (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/11/63	2
Swift's Creek, VA (11 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/9/64	1
New Market, VA (18 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/15/64	4
Resaca, GA (5 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/15/64	2
Drewry's Bluff, VA (8 <sup>TH</sup> ) *	5/16/64	1
Proctor's Creek, VA (6 <sup>TH</sup> )	5/23/64	1
Cold Harbor, VA (11 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/3/64	1
Piedmont, VA (18 <sup>TH</sup> ) *1	6/5/64	4
Petersburg, VA (14 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/18/64	1
Petersburg, VA (11 <sup>TH</sup> )	6/18/64	1
Snicker's Ford, VA (18 <sup>TH</sup> )	7/18/64	4
Deep Run, VA (7 <sup>TH</sup> )	8/16/64	1
Winchester, VA (12 <sup>TH</sup> )	9/19/64	1

