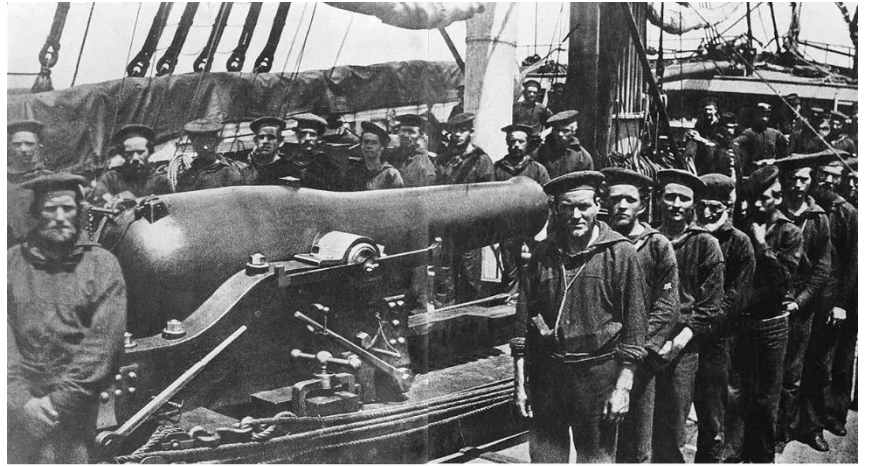


# The Civil War

## An Army Out to Set Other Men Free

Stratford men served in more than 20 Connecticut Union regiments, in a few New York regiments, in the cavalry, the artillery and the Navy during the Civil War.

In May 1862 the governor formed the 14th Regiment with Bridgeport's Dwight Morris as colonel and many Stratford men among its 1,015 troops. Four months later, Colonel Morris said in his report after the Battle of



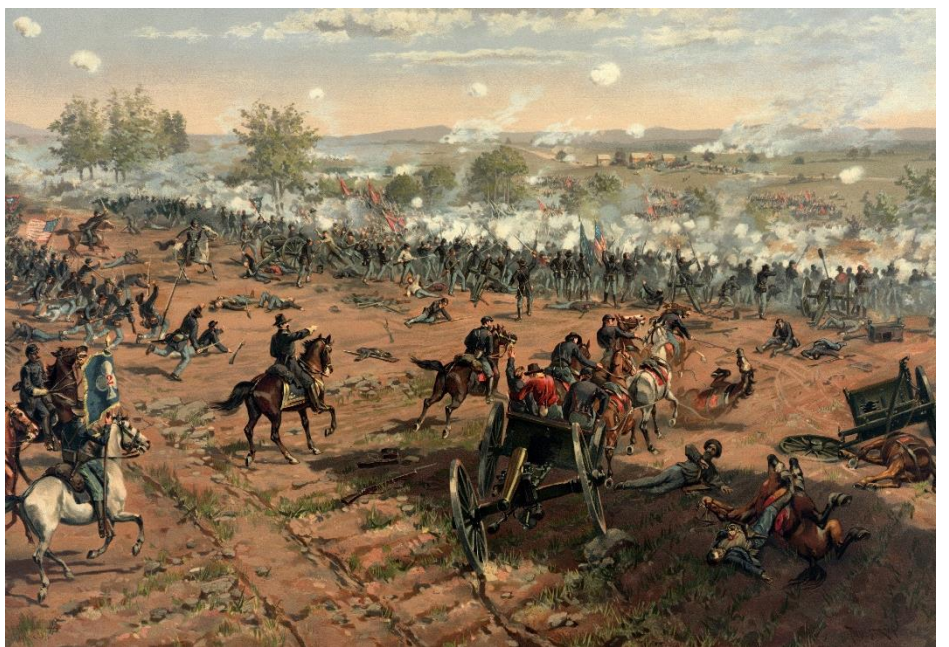
Antietam: “The men in my brigade were all new troops, hastily raised,



and with drill or experience, and although under fire for the first time, behaved with great gallantry. In front of the position held by the 14th Connecticut more than 1,000 of the enemy lie slain.” The 14th suffered 21 killed, 28 missing and 88 wounded. Among the dead was Hanford Curtis of Company A.

The 14th fought at Chancellorsville, where the band marched out between the Union and Confederate lines and played *The Star Spangled Banner* and *Yankee Doodle*.

On July 1, 1863 the 14th met Lee's army again, this time at Gettysburg along Cemetery Ridge on the Union left. There were only 160 men in the 14th fit for battle. On July 3, they saw 15,000 men coming across the fields at them (in what would become known as “Pickett's Charge”) and the Union Army.



The Connecticut 5th, 17th, 20th and 27th regiments – all with Stratford men in them – also fought at Gettysburg. Stephen Crofutt of the 17th (which had 16 men from Stratford in it) died on the field. The 14th suffered 66 casualties, over a third of the men engaged. On May 5, 1864, the 14th was caught in the battle of the Wilderness where James Bartram was listed as missing. The regiment's last battle was at High Bridge, on the Appomattox River, on April 7, 1865.