

The Forgotten Soldiers

The Connecticut 29th and 31st regiments were composed of black soldiers.

In late 1863 the state organized the 29th Regiment and the 29th mustered into U.S. service on March 8, 1864. On March 22nd they disembarked at



Annapolis. Stratford men in the 29th were John Benson, Mathias Blake, Edwin Freeman, Theodore Treddle, Boston White, and John and George Williams.

The regiment was part of the troops that stormed the defenses at Petersburg.