

Fort Sumter National Monument



The First Fatality of the War

An Accidental Death

As part of Fort Sumter's April 14, 1861 surrender ceremony, the US garrison was permitted to fire a 100-cannon salute. On the 47th round, a cannon fired prematurely, killing Private Daniel Hough. Hough was the first of approximately 620,000 soldiers to die during the Civil War, the bloodiest war in US history.

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