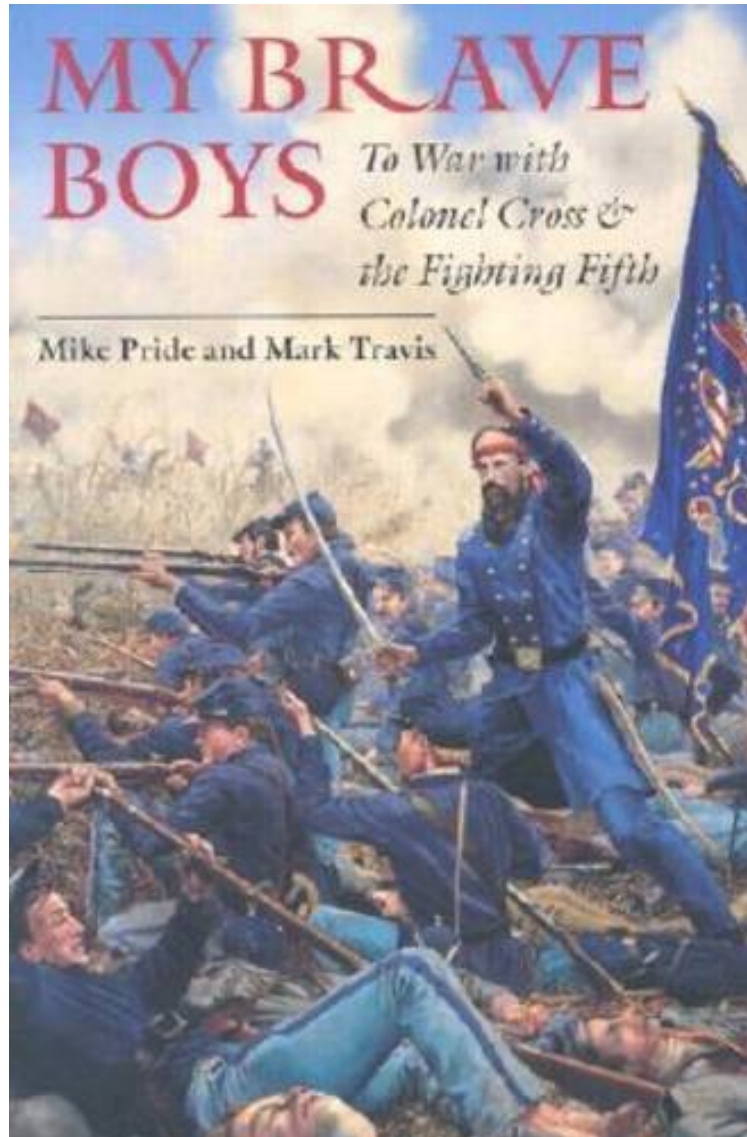


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A much anticipated volume but physically badly flawed By Michael L. Peirce It pains me to give this a three star review. I've wanted this book to be published by someone since I first heard about the eccentric Colonel Cross and the 5th New Hampshire. The authors did a pretty fair job and for that I am

grateful. The publishers however, did not. My copy of the book is badly flawed - the battle of Fredericksburg is missing, the pages are mis-numbered and it took me a while to sort it out. That said, I would still buy it. The individuals who made up the 5th NH were men whose story needed to be told. Hearing that story in their own words was worth waiting for. A word of warning to newcomers to this type of history book - the men (and women) of that age make us look pretty silly in comparison - in a lot of ways. Reading their words can be a humbling experience. They were often more literate, more skilled in fundamentals, and more willing to stand up for something. Even the boys from deep in the country (North and South) put us to shame - their spelling could be better but their hearts were good. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book is an excellent historical record of New Hampshire's Fighting Fifth. By Customer This book is an excellent historical record of New Hampshire's Fighting Fifth. Unfortunately my family member who died at Gettysburg on July 3rd was a lowly soldier and this book focuses mainly on the "important" people who served, the officers and the well connected people. It is appropriate that our family member was one of the ones who was buried in an unmarked grave probably shared by several other ordinary soldiers. After all only family remember this men. History only glorifies the well connected and important people. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great History. By B. H. Hampton As a college History Professor, I found this book to be a very interesting telling of the 5th. As a resident of NH, there is not much credit given to him and his men and their work in the Civil War, particularly at Gettysburg. I would recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in learning more about a specific unit.

Two thousand regiments fought in Union armies during the Civil War. None -- not one -- suffered more deaths in battle than the Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers. At the center of this regiment's searing experience is Colonel Edward Cross, a journalist and adventurer who infused the Fifth with his formidable personality. Concord Monitor editors Mike Pride and Mark Travis spent eight years digging for the story of Cross and his men in letters, diaries, memoirs, official records, and newspaper accounts. The result is a military history unfolded in human terms, as the men themselves experienced it. As Walter Holden, a longtime student of the Fifth, writes in his foreword: "The reader will see how an outstanding regiment was formed and outfitted, how the men camped and marched, how they reacted to battle. Here are the deft personal touches that bring events to life. Here are the heroics but also the gripes and backbiting, the conflicts between leaders and the subjugation of the individual for the success of the group." This is a book for any Civil War buff or student of history, but it will be of particular interest in the state that produced this extraordinary regiment long ago.

"[Pride and Travis] have done a splendid job weaving together the history of this all-volunteer regiment – told almost exclusively through primary sources such as letters, diaries and memoirs. With judicious editing and deft narrative skill, they have produced an account that is remarkable enough to engage the attention of anyone interested in the Civil War."—Baltimore Sun