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*Losses during the Year.*

	Officers.	Enlisted men.
Killed in battle,	1	40
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Wounded in battle,	17	240
Missing,	—	16
	19	316
		19

Total casualties of battle, 335

*Deaths.*

In the hospitals of the regiment during the year,	23
In other hospitals,	46
<b>Total deaths from disease during the year,</b>	<b>69</b>

*Dismissed the service.*

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Among the superior officers of the army who placed on record their testimony to the distinguished services of Col. Cross and recommended him for promotion were McClellan, Burnside, Sumner, Casey, Couch, Richardson, Sedgwick, French, Hancock, Hooker, Howard and Caldwell. Gen. Hancock, in a letter to Senator Clark, dated Falmouth, Va., Dec. 29, 1862, recommending that Col. Cross be promoted to a Brigadier Generalship, said: "It is unnecessary for me to speak of the deeds of this regiment; they will form a part of the history of the war." In a communication to Senator Hale of the same date he remarked: "The conduct of this regiment has been heroic; in the most important battles it has been highly distinguished. To Col. Cross much of the honor is due; he has faithfully disciplined his regiment, given it the highest tone and always led it in battle. Being senior Colonel of the 1st brigade of Sumner's Division he was often called upon to take command of the corps in the absence of the leading officer. He commanded the advance at Manassas and at the battle of the Rappahannock. At the conflict of "Fair Oaks," his regiment opened the battle, and, unaided, drove a portion of the enemy from the woods. His command also constructed the celebrated bridge over the Chickahomany river, which, in the language of the Prince de Joinville, "saved the Federal army from destruction." The regiment was one of those that covered the retreat of our army from Savage's Station to Malvern Hill, and was the last body of men to march from that bloody field. At Antietam Col. Cross' command saved Richardson's Division from being outflanked, and breaking through the ranks of the "Fourth North Carolina Volunteers," took many prisoners and captured and bore away their colors. It formed the advance at Snicker's Gap, and at Fredericksburg its dead were nearer the enemy's works than those of any other regiment. General Hancock, in his official report of this battle, remarked that "the brave officers and men of the Fifth New Hampshire regiment refused to yield their ground to the enemy, and died where they stood." Few men in the army of Col. Cross' age have participated in the number of skirmishes and battles that have marked his brilliant career, or bear so many honorable scars from ball, shell and arrow. Those who have served under him affirm that he shrank from no duty, nor hardship or dangers in any form, and that he was in his highest element when amid the clash and storm of battle. His soldiers abound in stories and anecdotes illustrating the courage, resolution and endurance of their colonel. A strict and thorough disciplinarian, he had the warmest feelings for his men, and constantly studied their comfort and welfare. His long experience in campaigning enabled him to meet every emergency of a soldier's life.

Col. Cross was fitted by nature for a military man. From earliest youth he was a student in the science of warfare. Firm resolution, indomitable energy, superior bravery under all circumstances, and a quickness of apprehension which enabled him in the heat of battle to take every advantage of the enemy—all conduced to elevate him to a position of eminent superiority.

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During most of the past year, Col. Cross had been an acting brigadier general, and a commission of that rank would in all probability have been soon given him. By his death the Union army loses one of its bravest and best commanders. May the turf rest lightly upon his grave and his name be sorely linked with those of the dead of the present conflict and of the

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