



## The Fifth Massachusetts Colored Cavalry in the Civil War (Paperback)

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McFarland Co Inc, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In January 1863, a long-anticipated military order arrived on the desk of Massachusetts Governor John Andrew. President Lincoln's secretary of war, Edwin Stanton, had granted the governor authority to raise regiments of black soldiers. Two units—the 54th and 55th Massachusetts Infantry—were soon mustered and Andrew was eager to recruit a black cavalry regiment. In December, he issued General Order No. 44, announcing a Regiment of Cavalry Volunteers, to be composed of men of color. is now in the process of recruitment in the Commonwealth. Drawing on letters, diaries, memoirs and official reports, this book provides the first full-length regimental history of the Fifth Massachusetts Cavalry, chronicling the unit's organization, participation in the Petersburg campaign, guarding of prisoners at Point Lookout, Maryland, and its triumphant ride into Richmond. The postwar lives and contributions of many of the men are included.

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