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**Collection Information**

Abstract : Quartermaster records completed by 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Joseph B. Ward of the 25<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts. Records cover the years 1863-1869. Papers document supplies used and transferred from Berne, NC to the 25<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment during the Civil War and beyond.

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United States. Army. Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 25th (1861-1865)

Massachusetts -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.

Soldiers -- Massachusetts -- Worcester.

Officers (military officers). aat

Returns (military reports). aat

Knox, Joseph B., b.1828.

## Historical/Biographical Notes

Joseph B. Knox was born in Blandford, Massachusetts December 12, 1828. In January 1852, he came to Worcester and went into business as an engraver and diesinker at Harrington Corner. At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Knox joined the 25<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts. His first appointment was a sergeant of Company D. Gov. John J. Andrew commissioned him 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant January 2, 1863. President Lincoln commissioned him 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant in the signal corps of the USA, July 15, 1864. He was breveted captain by President Johnson March 13, 1865. In September 1862, he was detailed as acting signal officer, and May 1, 1864, was placed in command of the signal corps district of North Carolina, department of Virginia and North Carolina. March 3, 1863, he was appointed chief signal officer on the staff of Major General J.D. Cox and was honorably discharged at Georgetown, D.C. August 21, 1865.

On return from the war, Capt. Knox was appointed city marshal by Mayor Blake, serving the year 1868. Then he went into the fire insurance business, establishing the Worcester County Fire Insurance Agency. He married Miss Adelaide H. Bailey of Worcester in 1850. Their house was at 20 Hollywood Street. They had two daughters Marion and Mrs. Charles H. Wyatt.

## Scope and Content

Collection includes paperwork completed by Joseph Knox while 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant in the signal corps during the Civil War. Paperwork includes, number of horses used, pounds of feed used, monthly reports on the amount of ammunition and various other supplies used by the 25<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts.



## **Series Descriptions**

- Series 1: Monthly Returns of Quartermasters Stores
- Series 2: Quarterly Returns of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores
- Series 3: Quarterly Returns of Signal Equipment
- Series 4: Inventory and Inspection Reports
- Series 5: Returns of clothing and Equipage
- Series 6: Monthly Reports
- Series 7: Special and General Orders
- Series 8: Correspondences
- Series 9: Accounts of Clothing Issued

Series 1, Monthly Returns of Quartermasters Stores

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2002.FIA.1.01-.07	May 1863
1	2	2002.FIA.1.08-.21	June 1863
1	3	2002.FIA.1.22-.30	June 1863
1	4	2002.FIA.1.31-.35	July 1863
1	5	2002.FIA.1.36-.40	August 1863
1	6	2002.FIA.1.41-.51	September 1863
1	7	2002.FIA.1.52-.62	October 1863
1	8	2002.FIA.1.63-.74	November 1863
1	9	2002.FIA.1.75-.83	November 1863
1	10	2002.FIA.1.84 -.96	December 1863
1	11	2002.FIA.1.97-.105	December 1863
1	12	2002.FIA.1.106-.116	January 1864
1	13	2002.FIA.1.117-.123	January 1864
1	14	2002.FIA.1.124-.137	February 1864
1	15	2002.FIA.1.138-.154	February 1864
1	16	2002.FIA..1.155-.165	March 1864
1	17	2002.FIA.1.166-.176	March 1864
1	18	2002.FIA.1.177-.187	April 1864
1	19	2002.FIA.1.188-.201	April 1864
Series 1, Continued			
1	20	2002.FIA.1.202-.212	May 1864

1	21	2002.FIA.1.213-.229	May 1864
1	22	2002.FIA.1.230-.242	June 1864
1	23	2002.FIA.1.243-.250	June 1864
1	24	2002.FIA.1.251-.261	July 1864
1	25	2002.FIA.1.262-.271	July 1864
1	26	2002.FIA.1.272-.287	August 1864
1	27	2002.FIA.1.288-.299	August 1864
1	28	2002.FIA.1.300-.309	September 1864
1	29	2002.FIA.1.310-.320	September 1864
1	30	2002.FIA.1.321-.329	September 1864
2	31	2002.FIA.1.330-.340	October 1864
2	32	2002.FIA.1.341-.352	October 1864
2	33	2002.FIA.1.353-.362	November 1864
2	34	2002.FIA.1.363-.372	November 1864
2	35	2002.FIA.1.373-.382	November 1864
2	36	2002.FIA.1.383-.392	December 1864
2	37	2002.FIA.1.393-.403	December 1864
2	38	2002.FIA.1.404-.413	December 1864
2	39	2002.FIA.1.414-.422	January 1865
2	40	2002.FIA.1.423-.433	January 1865
Series 1, Continued			
2	41	2002.FIA.1.434-.444	January 1865
2	42	2002.FIA.1.444-.445	February 1865



2	43	2002.FIA.1.456-.469	February 1865
2	44	2002.FIA.1.470-.481	March 1865
2	45	2002.FIA.1.482-498	March 1865
2	46	2002.FIA.1.492-.502	April 1865
2	47	2002.FIA.1.503-.508	April 1865
2	48	2002.FIA.1.509-.519	May 1865
2	49	2002.FIA.8.1.520-.526	May 1865
2	50	2002.FIA.8.1.527-.539	June 1865

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2002.FIA.8  
Series 2, Quarterly Returns of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores

2	51	2002.FIA.8.2.1-.3	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, 1863
2	52	2002.FIA.8.2.4-17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1863

2	53	2002.FIA.8.2.18-23	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1863
2	54	2002.FIA.8.2.24-30	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 1863
2	55	2002.FIA.8.2.31-40	1 <sup>ST</sup> Quarter 1864
2	56	2002.FIA.8.2.41-48	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1864
2	57	2002.FIA.8.2.49-56	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1864
2	58	2002.FIA.8.2.57-62	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 1864
2	59	2002.FIA.8.2.63-72	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 1865
2	60	2002.FIA.8.2.73-83	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1865
2	61	2002.FIA.8.2.84-87	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1865

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Series 3, Quarterly Returns of Signal Equipment

3	62	2002.FIA.8.3.1-.12	1863
3	63	2002.FIA.8.3.13-.23	1863
3	64	2002.FIA.8.3.24-.36	1863

3	65	2002.FIA.8.3.37-.49	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter, 1864
3	66	2002.FIA.8.3.50-.58	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter, 1864
3	67	2002.FIA.8.3.59-.67	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter, 1864
3	68	2002.FIA.8.3.68-.73	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter, 1864
3	69	2002.FIA.8.3.75-.85	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter, 1865
3	70	2002.FIA.8.3.86-.93	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter, 1865

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Series 4, Inventory and Inspection Reports

3	71	2002.FIA.8.4.1.-.19
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Series 5, Returns of Clothing and Equipage

3	72	2002.FIA.8.5.1-.10	1863
3	73	2002.FIA.8.5.11-.13	September 1863
3	74	2002.FIA.8.5.14-.16	October 1863
3	75	2002.FIA.8.5.17-.25	November 1863
3	76	2002.FIA.8.5.26-.29	January 1864

3	77	2002.FIA.8.5.30-.38	February 1864
3	78	2002.FIA.8.5.39-.42	March 1864
3	79	2002.FIA.8.5.43-.47	April 1864
3	80	2002.FIA.8.5.48-.50	May 1864
3	81	2002.FIA.8.5.51-.56	June 1864
3	82	2002.FIA.8.5.57-.58	July 1864
3	83	2002.FIA.8.5.59-.62	August 1864
3	84	2002.FIA.8.5.63-.67	September 1864
3	85	2002.FIA.8.5.68-.71	October 1864
3	86	2002.FIA.8.5.72-.78	1864-1865
3	87	2002.FIA.8.5.79-.83	April 1865
3	88	2002.FIA.8.5.84-.88	November 1864
3	89	2002.FIA.8.5.89-.92	December 1864
3	90	2002.FIA.8.5.92-.96	January 1865
4	91	2002.FIA.8.5.97-.100	February 1865
		Series 5, Continued	
4	92	2002.FIA.8.5.101-.107	March 1865
4	93	2002.FIA.8.5.108-.112	April 1865
4	94	2002.FIA.8.5.113-.118	June 1865
4	95	2002.FIA.8.5.119-.120	July 1865

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Series 6, Monthly Reports

4	97	2002.FIA.8.6.1-.18
4	98	2002.FIA.8.6.19-.32
4	99	2002.FIA.8.6.33-.45

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2002.FIA.8  
Series 7, Special and General Orders

4	100	2002.FIA.8.7.1-.15
4	101	2002.FIA.8.7.16-.23
4	102	2002.FIA.8.7.24-.39

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Series 8, Correspondences

4	103	2002.FIA.8.8.1	January 1864
4	104	2002.FIA.8.8.2	March 1864
4	105	2002.FIA.8.8.3	April 1864
4	106	2002.FIA.8.8.4-.7	May 1864
4	107	2002.FIA.8.8.8-12	June 1864
4	108	2002.FIA.8.8.13	July 1864
4	109	2002.FIA.8.8.14	August 1864
4	110	2002.FIA.8.8.15	November 1864
4	111	2002.FIA.8.8.16-.17	December 1864



4	112	2002.FIA.8.8.18 -.26	January 1865
4	113	2002.FIA.8.8.27-.38	February 1865
4	114	2002.FIA.8.8.39-.42	March 1865
4	115	2002.FIA.8.8.43-.53	April 1865
4	116	2002.FIA.8.8.54-.59	April 1865
4	117	2002.FIA.8.8.60-.62	May 1865
4	118	2002.FIA.8.8.63	June 1865
4	119	2002.FIA.8.8.64-65	August 1865
4	120	2002.FIA.8.8.66	September 1865

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Series 9, Accounts of Clothing Issued

4	121	2002.FIA.8.9.1-.5	
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