

PROPERTY RETURNS DIVISION

(EXAMINATION SECTION—FORM I.)

Ordnance Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., June 9th, 1865.

Sir:

Your return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores pertaining to
Stores in charge of the 161 N. Y. Infy

for first quarter of 1865., has been examined in this
Office, and referred to the Second Auditor for settlement.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

By order of the Chief of Ordnance:

Lieut. Col. W. D. Kinsey
161 N. Y. Infy

Geo. R. M. Guinness
Lieut. of Ordnance and Assistant.

This letter is the evidence that the property return referred to above has passed the administrative scrutiny of the Ordnance Bureau, and has there been found correct. IT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PRESERVED BY THE RECEIVER.



Head Quarters 161st N. Y. Vol
Stacks ~~at~~ Sta March 31, 1865

I certify on honor that the following
list of Ordnance Stores were abandoned
in the field for want of transportation

Two (2) Arm Chests
Thirty Six (36) Packing Boxes

W. H. H. School
Commanding the Regiment

Two duplicates

Invoice of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, turned over by Capt. J. W. Todd Chf. of Co. 106.
to Capt. F. H. Perkins Assistant Quartermaster at New Orleans for
transportation to Col. H. B. Kinsey 161st N. Y. Inf. at Sumnerville La.
in obedience to order Col. Kinsey's Requisition Aug 13th 1865

NO. OF BOXES.	MARKS.	CONTENTS.	WEIGHT.
		42 Enfile R. M. & Bayonets	
		116 Bayonet Scabbards	
		62 Cap Pouches & Pickets	
		64 Cartage Boxes	
		57 " " Plates	
		84 " " Belts & Plates	
		68 Waist Belts	
		65 " " Plates	
		46 Gun Slings	
		41 Ball Screws	
		43 Tripers	
		28 Screen Hairers	
		2 Arrow Chests	
		14,000 Rds Long Ball Cartage Cal. 57	
		16 Boxes Packing	

I certify, That the above is a correct Invoice of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, turned over by
me this 21st day of Aug, 1865, to Capt. F. H. Perkins Asst. Quartermaster
at New Orleans for transportation to Sumnerville La.

(IN TRIPLICATE.)

One direct to the officer by mail. Two to the Quartermaster, who
keeps one, and forwards the other to the receiving officer.

J. W. Todd
Capt. Chief of Ordnance
Dept. of the Gulf.

Invoice of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, turned over by Capt. J. J. Williamson A.O.O.
 To Capt G. M. Keated, A. Q. M. at Fort Morgan Ala. for Transportation to Lieut. Col.
 W. B. Kinsey, 161st New York Vols. Dauphin Island, In obedience to Requisition of
 Lt Col. Kinsey of Feby 20th 1865.

No of Boxes	Marks.	Contents.
28	—	28,000 Rounds, Elongated Ball Cartridges Cal. 577
	Lt Col. W. B. Kinsey. 161 st N.Y. Vols. Dauphin Island. Ala.	28 Boxes, Packing.

I certify that the above is a correct Invoice of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, turned
 over by me, this 27th day of February 1865, to Capt. G. M. Keated
 A. Q. M., for Transportation to Lt. Col. W. B.
 Kinsey Comdg 161st New York Vols. at Dauphin Island Ala

J. J. Williamson
 Capt. 128th N.Y. Vols. A.O.O.

~~Abstract~~ A^o Voucher N^o 2

Invoice of Stores

turned over to Q. M. R. for transportation

By Capt. J. S. Williams acc

on the 27 day of Feb 1865

received 27 day of Feb 1865

Rec^d at Starks Landing Ala this 31st day of March 1863
of Lt Col W^m B Kinsey 161st N.Y.V. the following Ord^s & Ord^s Stores
as per invoice dated the 31st day of March 1863-

- | | | |
|------|---------------------------|----------|
| 8 | Enfield Rifle Muskets | Co. 3.77 |
| 9 | Baynet Scabbards | |
| 9 | Gun Pouches & Gun Picks | |
| 9 | Cartridge Boxes | Co. 58 |
| 9 | Cartridge Box Plates | |
| 9 | Cartridge Box Belts | |
| 9 | Cartridge Box Belt Plates | |
| 9 | Gun Slings | |
| 9 | Waist Belts | |
| 9 | Waist Belt Plates | |
| 4070 | Elongated Ball Cartridges | Co. 5.77 |

P. F. Van Hook Capt
161st N.Y.V.
Ord^s Company

Abstract No 1 Voucher No 3

Receipt for issues to
Capt Benj F Van Trigel
Co A 161st N.Y.V

on the 31st day of March 1865
as per invoice dated

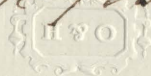
the 31st day of March 1865



Rec^d at Starks Landing Ala this 31st day of March 1865 of
Lt Col. W^m B Kinsey 16th W. I. the following Ordnance and Store as
per Invoice dated the 31st day of March 1863.

6	Enfield Rifle Muskets Col. 5.77
17	Bayonet Scabbards
10	Capt Pouches 2 ^d Cone Picks
10	Cartndge Boxes Cal. 58
10	Cartndge Box Plates
10	Cartndge Box Belts
10	Cartndge Box Belt Plates
10	Gun Slings
10	Waist Belts
10	Waist Belt Plates
10	Screw Drivers 2 ^d Cone Wrenches.
10	Wheels
2800	Chargaled Ball Cartndges. Col. 5.77

Wm H. Clark
Capt Co B 11th Regt Ala



Abstract No 1 Voucher No 4

Receipt for Issue to
Capt Wm H Clark
Co "B" 161st N.Y.V.

on the 31st day of March 1865

as per invoice dated

the 31st day of March 1865



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Rec^d at Starks Landing Md This 31st day of March 1863
of Lt Col^l W^m B Kinney 16th W. I. the following Ordn^{ce} & Ordn^{ce} Stores
as per invoice dated the 31st day of March 1863

6	Enfield Rifle Muskets Co ^l 577
10	Bayonet Scabbards
11	Cap Pouches & Am ^u Pouches
10	Cartridge Boxes Co ^l 58
10	Cartridge Box Plates
14	Cartridge Box Belts
14	Cartridge Box Belt Plates
6	Gun Slings
12	Waist Belts
12	Waist Belt Plates
4400	Elongated Ball Cartridge Co ^l 577

John Laillan
St Landg Co^l 16th W. I.

Abstract No 1 Vouchers No 5

Receipt for issue to

1st Lieut John Saidlow

Co C 161st N.Y.V.

on the 31 day of March 1865

as per invoice dated

the 31st day of March 1865

Wm. H. ...
...
...

Rec^d at Stark's Landing Ala this 31st day of March 1863
of Lt Col J^m P Kinsey 161st N.Y.V. the following Ord^s & Ord^s Str^s
as per invoice dated the 31st day of March 1863:

- | | | |
|------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 10 | Enfield Rifle Muskets | Col 577 |
| 18 | Bayonet Scabbards | |
| 18 | Cap Pouches 2 ^d and Pikes | |
| 18 | Cartidge Boxes | Col 58 |
| 18 | Cartidge Box Plates | |
| 18 | Cartidge Box Belts Plates | |
| 18 | Cartidge Box Belt Plates | |
| 10 | Gun Slings | |
| 18 | Waist Belts | |
| 18 | Waist Belt Plates | |
| 3680 | Elongated Ball Cartidge | Col 577 |

James M. Cadmus
Capt. 161st N.Y. Vols.



Abstract No 1 Voucher No 6

Receipt of Issues to

Capt James M Cadmus
Co "D" 161st NY V.

on the 31st day of March 1865

As per invoice dated

the 31st day of March 1865

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Rec^d. at Starks Landing Ala this 31st day of March 1865 of
Sgt. Wm. P. Kinney 161st N.Y. the following Ordn^{ce} & Ordn^{ce} Stores as per
invoice dated the 31st day of March 1865

- | | | |
|------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 | Enfield Rifle Muskets | Co. 577 |
| 20 | Bayonet | Scotts |
| 4 | Col. Pouches | 2 ^d Cav. Pikes |
| 3 | Cartridge Boxes | Co. 58 |
| 6 | Cartridge Box Belts | |
| 6 | Cartridge Box Belt Plates | |
| 1 | Gun Sling | |
| 3 | Waist Belts | |
| 2 | Waist Belt Plates | |
| 10 | Screw Drivers | 2 ^d Cav. wrenches. |
| 10 | Wipers | |
| 2791 | Elongated Ball Cartridges | Co. 577 |

J. J. Fairchild
Capt. Co. "E" 161st N.Y. V



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Abstract No 1 Voucher No 7

Receipt of Issues to
Capt S. S. Fairchild's
Co "E" 161st N.Y. I

on the 31st day of March 1865

as per annexed data

the 31st day of March 1865

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Rec^d at Starks Landing Ala this 31st day of March 1865 of
H. W. P. Kinsey 161st M. I. the following Ordnance Stores
as per invoice dated the 31st day of March 1865.

5	Enfield Rifle Muskets	Co ^h 5:77
7	Bayonet Scabbard	
7	Cop Pouches & Gun Picks	
7	Cartridge Boxes	Co ^h 5:77
7	Cartridge Box Plates	
7	Cartridge Box Belts	
7	Cartridge Box Belt Plates	
7	Gun Slings	
7	Waist Belts	
7	Waist Belt Plates	
4	Balls	Series
2660	Elmgate Ball Cartridges	Co ^h 5:77

John D. Gillette
Capt 161st M. I.
Comdg Co. F.

Abstract No 1 Voucher No 8

Receipt for Issues to
Capt John F Little
Co 5th 101st N.Y.V.

on the 31st day of March 1865

as per invoice dated

the 31st day of March 1865

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Rec^d at Shanks Landing Ala the 31st day of March 1865 of
Lt Col. Wm. Kinsey 161st N.Y.V. the following Ord^s and Ordn^s
as per invoice dated the 31st day of March 1865-

4060 Elongated Ball Cartys Co. 577

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Edward FitzPatrick Capt 161st
N.Y.V.

Lt Col. Com^d 161st N.Y.V.

Abstract No 1 Voucher No 9

Receipt for issues to
Capt Edward Fitz Patrick
Co "G" 161st N.Y. V.

on the 31st day of March 1865
as per invoice dated
the 31st day of March 1865



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Rec^d at Starks Landing Ala this 31st day of March '68
of Lt Col W^m B Kinsey 161st N.Y. & the following Ordn^{ce} & Ordn^{ce} Store
as per invoice dated the 31st day of March 1865.

2	Enfield Rifle Muskets Cal 5.77
10	Bayonet Scabbards
8	Cartndge Box Belts
8	Cartndge Box Belt Plates
4	Waist Belts
4	Waist Belt Plates
8	Screwdrivers 2 ^d Case muchos
8	Wipers
3350	Elongated Ball Cartndge Cal 5.77

W. C. Pruitte Capt.
161st Regt N.Y. Vols Camp No. 10

Abstract No 1 Voucher No 10

Receipt of Issues to
Capt W^m R Prentiss

C^o "H" 101st N^y I.

on the 31st day of March 1865

as per invoice dated

the 31st day of March 1865

Wm R Prentiss
Capt
C^o "H" 101st N^y I.

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Rec^d at Starks Landing Md this 31st day of March 1865
of Lt Col W^m B Kinsey 16th N.Y.S. the following Ordnance
Store as per invoice dated the 31st day of March 1865

18	Bayonet Scabbard
4	Cartndge Boxes Col. 58
2	Cartndge Box Belts
2	Cartndge Box Belt Plates
3300	Elongated Ball Cartndge Col. 577

R. B. Sofner
Lt 161st N.Y.S.
Comd'g Co "G"





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Contract No 1 Voucher No 11

*Receipt for Issues to
1st Lt Royal W. S. S. per
Co "I" 161st N. Y. V.*

*on the 31st day of March 1865
as per invoice dated
the 31st day of March 1865*

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Rec^d at Starks Landing Ala this 31st day of March 1865 of
 Lt Col. Wm B Kimer 161st N.Y.V. the following Ordn^{ce} & Ordn^{ce} Store
 as per invoice dated the 31st day of March 1865-

- | | |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 3 | Enfield Rifle Muskets Cal. 5.77 |
| 10 | Bayonet & Cobblards |
| 3 | Cap Pouches & Canteens |
| 3 | Cartidge Boxes Cal. 58 |
| 3 | Cartidge Box Plates |
| 10 | Cartidge Box Belts |
| 10 | Cartidge Box Belt Plates |
| 3 | Gun Slings |
| 3 | Waist Belts |
| 3 | Waist Belt Plates |
| 15 | Hipers |
| 2920 | Elkington Ball Cartidges Cal. 5.77 |

W. B. Ludington
 Capt. 161st N.Y.V. Supt.
 Comdg. Co. "K"

Abstract No 1 Truckee No 12

Receipt for Issue to
Capt M. B. Sudington

Co. K "101" N. Y. V.

on the 31st day of March 1865

as per invoice dated

The 31st day of March 1865

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Abstract of Receipt for Issues to Company Commanders by Lieut Col. M. B. Kinsey for the quarter ending March 31 1863

Date	Number of Vouchers	To whom issued	Enfield Rifle Muzzle Cal 5.75	Bayonet-Scabbards	Cop. Pouches & Gun Buckles	Cartridge Boxes Col. 5.75	Cartridge Box Plate	Cartridge Box Belt	Cartridge Box Belt Plate	Gun Slings	Waist Belts	Waist Belt Plate	Ball Screws	Screw down & Cone Wrenches	Wipers	Col. 5.75 Ball	Cartridge Col. 5.75
1863																	
March 31		Captain B. F. Van Dyke	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9					4070
" "		" W. H. Clark	6	17	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10			2800
" "		1 st Lieut John Laidlaw	6	10	11	10	10	14	14	6	12	12					4400
" "		Captain James M. Cadmus	10	18	18	18	18	18	18	10	18	18					3650
" "		" B. S. Fairchild	2	20	4	3		6	6	1	8	2	10	10			2790
" "		" John F. Little	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	4				2660
" "		" Edward Fitz Patrick															4060
" "		" W. R. Frontier	2	10				8	8		4	4		8	8		3350
" "		1 st Lieut Royal R. Spher		15	4			2	2								2800
" "		Captain M. B. Ludington	3	10	3	3	3	10	10	3	3	3			15		3920
			42	116	62	64	57	84	84	46	68	65	4	28	43		34,000

Certified that the above Abstract is correct
 M. B. Kinsey
 Lieut Colonel

Abstract of Receipts and Issues of Ordnance pertaining to 161st Regt N.Y. Vol. for 1st Quarter 1865

Date	1 st Quarter 1865	Enfilade Rifle Muzzle Cap 577	Bayonet Scabbard	Cap Pouch & Case Pick	Cartridge Box Case	Cartry Box Plate	Cartry Box Bulb	Cartry Box Bolt Plate	Gun Slings	Vault Bolts	Vault Bolt Plate	Ball Screws	Screw drivers and com misc	Wheels	Elongated Ball Cartridge Cal. 577	Annulet	Packing Paper
1865																	
Jan 1 st 1865	On hand from last return														3,150		3
Jan 21 st 1865	Rec ^d from Capt J. W. Todd	42	116	62	64	57	84	84	46	68	65	4	28	43	14,000	2	16
Feb 27 th 1865	" " " J. J. Williamson														28,000		28
	Total	42	116	62	64	57	84	84	46	68	65	4	28	43	45,000	2	47
March 18 th 65	Account to Capt Ira Beddo														11,000		11
" 31 st 1865	" " " Benj ^s Van Tuyle	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9					4,070		
" " "	" " " W ^m H. Clark	6	17	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		10	10	2,800			
" " "	" " " St John Saidlaw	6	10	11	10	10	14	14	6	12	12			4,400			
" " "	" " " Capt J. W. Ladmus	10	18	18	18	18	18	18	10	18	18			3,650			
" " "	" " " S. S. Fairchild	2	20	4	3		6	6	1	5	2	10	10	2,790			
" " "	" " " John F. Little	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	4		2,660			
" " "	" " " Edward Fitz Patrick													4,060			
" " "	" " " W ^m R. Prentice	2	10				8	8		4	4		8	8	3,350		
" " "	" " " St Royal R. Scher		15		4		2	2						2,300			
" " "	" " " Capt Matthew B. Suedington	3	10	3	3	3	10	10	3	3	3		15	3,920			
	Lost or destroyed as per statement															2	36
		42	116	62	64	57	84	84	46	68	65	4	28	43	34,000 37,000	2	36 47
	Remaining on hand														11,000		11

Abstract of Receipts
and Issues of Cash
Ordinance Department
to 16th N. Y. 2^d for 1st
Quarters 1865.

QUARTERLY RETURN OF ORDNANCE AND ORDNANCE STORES received, issued, and remaining on hand in ~~Company~~ ^{161st} Regiment ^{New York Vol} Infantry,

DATE.	NUMBER OF VOUCHER.	1 st QUARTER 1865.	CLASS VI.										CLASS VII.										CLASS VIII.															
			SERVICEABLE.					UNSERVICEABLE.					ACCOUTREMENTS.					APPENDAGES.					(4) CARTRIDGES.															
			② MUSKETS OR RIFLES. (Write here description of arm.)		SWORDS.			② MUSKETS OR RIFLES. (Write here description of arm.)		SWORDS.			SERVICEABLE.			UNSERVICEABLE.		SERVICEABLE.			UNSERVICEABLE.		SERVICEABLE.			UNSERVICEABLE.												
			Springfield rifled muskets, calibre .58.	Enfield rifled muskets, calibre .577. calibre	Non-commissioned officers'.	Musicians'.	Springfield rifled muskets, calibre .58.	Enfield rifled muskets, calibre .577. calibre	Non-commissioned officers.	Musicians.	Bayonet scabbards.	Bayonet scabbards for sword bayonets.	Cap pouches and cone picks.	Cartridge boxes, ^③ calibre.	Cartridge-box plates.	Cartridge-box belts.	Cartridge-box belt plates.	Gun slings.	Non-commissioned officers' and musicians' sword belts and plates, double frogs.	Non-com. officers' waist belts and plates.	Waist belts, privates'.	Waist-belt plates.	Ball screws.	Bullet moulds.	Screw-drivers and cone wrenches.	Spring vises.	Tumbler and band spring punches.	Tompson's.	Wipers.	Elongated ball cartridges, calibre .574.	Round ball cartridges, calibre	Elongated Ball Cartridges, calibre .577.	Blank cartridges.	Percussion caps.	Ball Cartridges, calibre	Blank cartridges.
		On hand from last Return																																				
Jan 1 st		Taken up as per																																				
Jan 21	1	Received from Capt J. W. Todd	42								116		62	64	57	84	84	46			68	65			4		28						43					
Feb 27	2	Received from Capt J. J. Williamson																																				
		Received from																																				
		Received from																																				
		Repaired and transferred during the quarter																																				
		TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	42								116		62	64	57	84	84	46			68	65			4		28							43			45,000	
March 31	3 rd 12	* Issued to Company Commanders	42								116		62	64	57	84	84	46			68	65			4		28								43		34,000	
		Issued to																																				
		Issued to																																				
		Condemned and dropped by order of																																				
		Expended, as per Abstract																																				
March 31	13	Lost or destroyed, as per Statement																																				
		Charged on muster and pay rolls, as per Statement																																				
		Repaired and transferred during the quarter																																				
		TOTAL ISSUED AND EXPENDED	42								116		62	64	57	84	84	46			68	65			4		28									43		34,000
		REMAINING ON HAND TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR ON NEXT RETURN	"								"		"	"	"	"	"	"			"	"			"		"									"	11,000	

*The word "Issued" as used here means the same as the word "Transferred" as used in the Quartermaster's blanks.

DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING THIS RETURN.

- Before proceeding to fill up this form, read carefully the notes on the first page, below the endorsement, as also the following paragraphs of "Instructions for making Quarterly Returns of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores," approved by the Secretary of War, February 10, 1863, namely: 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 42, 47, 48, 52, 53, 54, 62, 63, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75.
- State the exact name of the fire-arm, as specified in the Classification of Ordnance Stores, Class 6, page 51, "Instructions for making Quarterly Returns," &c., &c.; also, whether smooth-bored or rifled, and the calibre.
- State the calibre of the cartridge boxes, (whether for .54 or .58 calibre balls.)
- State kind and calibre of the ball cartridges, whether elongated, or some patent kind. (.574 calibre is used in the .577 and .58 bores.)
- Make out the "Triplicate" first, and copy the "Duplicate" and "Original" from it. This will give neat and correct copies for the Bureaux at Washington.

DIRECTIONS FOR TRANSMITTING THIS RETURN.

Send with the "ORIGINAL FOR THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT" one complete set of vouchers as above numbered. Send with the "DUPLICATE FOR THE ORDNANCE OFFICE" such Abstracts as are required by the "Instructions for making Ordnance Returns." Keep with the "TRIPPLICATE TO BE RETAINED" one complete set of vouchers—exact duplicates of those sent with the "Original." Mail the "Original," with its vouchers, and the "Duplicate for the Ordnance Office," accompanied by the enclosed printed letter of transmittal, properly filled up, to the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., in one package, within twenty days after the expiration of the quarter for which the return is made. (See paragraph 1421, General Regulations of the Army.) All officers stationed east of the Rocky mountains, who are accountable for Ordnance Stores, whose Returns fail to reach the Ordnance Office within sixty days from the termination of the quarter for which they are due, and who do not give a reasonable excuse for the delay, are now reported to the Adjutant General of the Army for a stoppage of their pay until the proper return is made. Officers stationed west of the Rocky mountains will be allowed ninety days from the last day of the quarter before being reported. If officers have neglected to make Returns for past quarters, correct Returns for each should be made out before commencing that for the current quarter. The printed blank forms enumerated in paragraph 75, "Instructions for making Returns of Ordnance Stores," will be furnished from the Ordnance Office, Washington, D. C., on application by letter.

for the Quarter ending March 31st, 1865.

CLASS IX.												PART SECOND.			
PARTS OF ARMS FOR REPAIRS.						TOOLS AND MATERIALS.						MISCELLANEOUS			
												Arm chests.	Armors' chests.	Packing boxes.	Inst'ns for making Returns.
												2	16	28	3
												2	47		
												2	36		
												2	36		
												1	11		

PASTE AN ADDITIONAL SHEET ALONG HERE FOR ENTERING FULL SETS OF ARMORER'S TOOLS.

Send the Returns, the letter of transmittal, and all papers connected with them, to the Chief of Ordnance, in ONE PACKAGE.

TRIPPLICATE TO BE RETAINED BY OFFICER SIGNING THE RETURN.
[With one set of Vouchers.]

QUARTERLY RETURN
OF
ORDNANCE AND ORDNANCE STORES
RECEIVED, ISSUED, AND REMAINING ON HAND.

Co. 141st Regiment N.Y. Vol. Infantry,

COMMANDED BY
Col. W. P. Kinsey

DURING THE
1st Quarter ending March 31st, 1865.



RETAINED COPY.

MEMORANDUM.

The Original and Duplicate of this Return were transmitted to the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., on the day of , 1865.

Commanding.

* Give name of officer signing this Return.

ALL COMPANY OFFICERS HAVING ORDNANCE STORES TO ACCOUNT FOR SHOULD OBSERVE—

1. That each officer's accountability commences from the day he took command of the Company; he is to make returns for his own accountability only, and is not held responsible for that of any other person.
2. That all property returns in the Ordnance Department are made *quarterly*, and not *monthly*.
3. That the account of property rendered in this Return must invariably be closed at the end of the official quarter, viz: 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December of each year; *except*, where officers by reason of leaving the service, or being transferred to a new station or command, desire to close their accountability between these dates; in which case it will terminate at the date the balance on hand was transferred to another person.
4. That it must be clearly stated how the stores with which the United States is credited came into the possession of the officer—whether brought forward from the last return; received on an invoice from another person; taken up by virtue of an inventory made by a Board of Survey, or on a certified statement, made by the officer himself.
5. That every issue to another person must be made in compliance with proper authority, a copy of the order or requisition being furnished, and the issue attested by the receipt of that person. Where this cannot be obtained, a certified invoice of the stores which were issued must be filed as a voucher, with a statement on its face showing why the receipt could not be obtained. (See paragraph 39 of "Instructions," &c.) No property can be condemned and dropped, except by authority of a regularly authorized inspector. (See paragraph 42 of "Instructions," &c.) Nothing but ammunition, parts of arms, and material for repairs can be expended, and these only in such quantities as the necessities of the case will warrant. Statements of losses or damage should be supported by the report of a Board of Survey; if the certificate of the officer accountable is filed, it should be supported by any corroborative evidence which can be obtained, such as the certificates of other officers, order of a superior, or the affidavits of enlisted men or citizens. In short, every transaction noted on the return must be supported by proper vouchers, which are the legal evidences of the correctness of the statements made.
6. That the return is signed with full name and official title, and that it is done legibly; that the station and date are inserted in the proper place, when the return is finished and signed, and that the P. O. address of the station is given.

I CERTIFY that the foregoing Return exhibits a correct statement of the public property in my charge during the Quarter ending March 31st, 1865.

STATION
Starks Wharf Sta
March 31st, 1865.

W. P. Kinsey
Col
Commanding Company.

Post Office Address of the Station: Via New Orleans La