

I Holman S. Melcher - late ~~1<sup>st</sup> Lieut.~~  
 Co. "F" and Acting Adjutant 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Vols  
 Captain Co. F. 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Vols, hereby depose and  
 say that the Batten and Snare Drum  
 Heads - certified by me to have been worn  
 out and dropped from my Return of C.  
 C & Garrison Equipage - as <sup>1<sup>st</sup> Lieut.</sup> Acting Adjutant  
 of the 20<sup>th</sup> Regt. Maine Vols - in the month  
 of September 1863 - were worn out in  
 the Public Service - by use in the Drum  
 Corps of the 20<sup>th</sup> Regt. Maine Vols - and  
 that the active operations at the time preven-  
 ted the making out and forwarding of  
~~Inventory~~ and Inspection Reports of the articles  
 named.

Sworn and subscribed to before me  
 this day of June 1865 }  
 at Camp in the field Va.

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 Date: 1865  
 Description: Capt. Holman Melcher of Co. F of the 20th Maine Volunteers wrote and signed a sworn statement that a batten and snare drum heads that he returned were "worn out in the Public Service - by use in the Drum Corps of the 20th Regt. Maine Volunteers."