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**1862-01-10 Edgar M. Churchill requests position as drum major
as at age 57 he is too old to carry a heavy knapsack**

Edgar M. Churchill

Washington, D. C.

Gen. Hodgdon Dear Sir as to the understand^{ing}
that I had with Col. Howard that if
I would have my name put upon the
band list when we got to Washington if
he wanted a drum major that I should
have the appointment but Sir it
appears by the influence of some other
person or persons that he dont want
me but wants ^{me} to drum ~~me~~ as a common
drummer in the regiment if I had not
had the promise of drum major I
should never have started for I am
to old a man to carry a heavy knapsack
& a drum for I am fifty seven years old
which if I had the drum commission
I should had nothing to carry but myself
which I could have stood it

So under those ~~and~~ Circumstances I
want to get my discharge Col Howard
told me to write to you & for you to
write to me that I shall have my discharge
& he will sign it I wish you would be
so good as to send it as soon as receive this
for my family needs my services for
I lost most all I had in South Carolina
last winter.

Your most Obedient Servant

Edgar M. Churchill

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June 10