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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

(~~This is to certify that~~ I was a corporal of Company " C " of the 154 th N.Y. Vols ~~That~~ I went out with the Regiment at its first organization in 1862. and served with it until its discharge in 1865. ~~that~~ I was well acquainted with Charles W McKay . ~~That~~ ^{the} said Charles W McKay and myself were together with the extreme advance at the Battle of Dug Gap Ga. on May 8 th 1864. and it is my beleif that we were as far up the mountain as any Union soldiers who were not captured. The Regiment after loosing Eight men Killed outright and Forty Two wounded was ordered to fall back to the protection of a ridge about Thirty rods from the position of the Enemy. While laying in this position some of our comrades could be seen lying between the lines under fire and so badly wounded as to be unable to get away. At this time Sergeant Stephen Welch and Charles W. McKay went out boldly between the lines and subjected to a heavy fire from the enemy and brought off the body of Corporal Geo Greek who was Mortally wounded and unable to walk. According to my understanding of the act of Congress , these men Viz Stephen Welch and Charles W. McKay are entitled to the " Medal of Honor " for gallant conduct in action" for their brave and courage^{ous} deed in going to the rescue of their wounded comrade , at the risk of their own lives)

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 Late Corporal of Co " C " 154 th N.Y. Vols

*Examined and subscribed before me
 this October 25th 1893
 Wm. B. Howard
 Justice of the Peace*