

(4.) Captain Knyvett's alleged grievance should be made in accordance with General Regulation 176, and should at this stage deal in general terms with the acts which occurred and which he requires to be investigated.

(5.) Without first cautioning Captain Knyvett as to the gravity of the action he is taking, and calling upon him to couch the language of his letter in more moderate and general terms, I do not feel justified in forwarding this communication.

(6.) It pains me to receive an official communication of such a character.

G. C. B. WOLFE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding Auckland District.

13th Nov., 1909.—O.C. No. 1 Coy.—Forwarded for your information and reply.—G. W. S. PATTERSON, Lt.-Col., Commanding Auckland Division, N.Z.G.A.V.

13/11/09.—To O.C. G.A.V.D.—Noted, and regret unable to alter letter.—FRANK KNYVETT, Capt.

No. 3.

The OFFICER COMMANDING AUCKLAND DIVISION NEW ZEALAND GARRISON ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS to the OFFICER COMMANDING THE AUCKLAND VOLUNTEER DISTRICT.

Auckland, 13th November, 1909.

DISCIPLINE: Forwarded with Captain Knyvett's explanation.—G. W. S. PATTERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding Auckland Division New Zealand Garrison Artillery Volunteers.

No. 4.

The OFFICER COMMANDING AUCKLAND DISTRICT to the ADJUTANT-GENERAL, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th November, 1909.

No. 1 Company New Zealand Garrison Artillery Volunteers' Visit to Wellington.

I REGRET being obliged to forward the attached correspondence according to regulation.

Captain Knyvett has been cautioned and given the opportunity to reconsider his action, but refuses to do so. I can therefore only forward the correspondence for your consideration.

G. C. B. WOLFE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding Auckland District.

No. 5.

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington to the OFFICER COMMANDING AUCKLAND VOLUNTEER DISTRICT.

Wellington, 29th November, 1909.

WITH reference to the attached correspondence, I beg to inform you that, as Captain Knyvett is considered to have been guilty of an act of gross insubordination in having forwarded the letter in question, in which he not only criticizes the administration of the Defence Department, but also brings charges against a superior officer couched in most insubordinate language, and as he refuses to withdraw the said letter, you are to place this officer under arrest, prefer a charge of insubordination against him, and proceed in accordance with section 54 (1) of the Defence Act.

H. D. TUSON, Colonel, Adjutant-General.

The Officer Commanding Auckland District.

No. 6.

The OFFICER COMMANDING AUCKLAND VOLUNTEER DISTRICT to the ADJUTANT-GENERAL, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington.

Auckland, 3rd December, 1909.

WITH reference to your instructions contained in minute dated 29th November, 1909, I placed Captain Knyvett under arrest and preferred a charge against him (see Enclosure No. 1). On the evening of the 2nd December, 1909, at 7.30 p.m., I held a preliminary inquiry into the case under 54 (1) of Defence Act. The summary of evidence will be found on sheet marked (see Enclosure No. 2).

On considering the whole matter I have come to the following conclusion: Captain Knyvett either does not or will not realise the gravity of his action, and refuses either to moderate the tone of his letter or withdraw it. Neither does he admit that when referring to his superior officer there is anything insubordinate in his language. I think there ore the case is too serious and involved for me to deal with, and I therefore beg to forward the same to you for your consideration and action.

The Adjutant-General.

G. C. B. WOLFE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding Auckland District.