

No. 7.

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington, to the Right Hon. MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

Wellington, 8th December, 1909.

Discipline : Captain Knyvett.

IN connection with the above matter, a preliminary inquiry having been held in accordance with section 54 (1) of the Defence Act, 1908, the case is now submitted, in accordance with section 54 (2) of the same Act, with a recommendation, that a Court of Inquiry be convened to investigate charges against Captain Knyvett.]

R. J. SEDDON, Captain
(In absence of Colonel, Adjutant-General).

For Cabinet.—J. G. WARD.—10/12/09.

In Cabinet, 15th Dec., '09.—Court of Inquiry to sit in Auckland.—J. HISLOP, Acting-Secretary

No. 8.

Captain KNYVETT, Auckland, to the OFFICER COMMANDING GARRISON ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS, Auckland.

Drill Hall, Auckland, 9th December, 1909.

SIR,—

Arrest of Captain Knyvett.

I have the honour to most respectfully request that I may be informed when the Board of Inquiry which is to deal with my case will be held.

I would also most respectfully point out that over a week has passed since the preliminary inquiry held by the Officer Commanding the District, and so far I have not had any further word as to when the Board of Inquiry will be held.

I would like to point out that my business has been seriously affected by the public accounts throughout the whole of the Dominion as to my arrest, and the garbled accounts of the reasons thereof. I have already received letters from my agents in the South, which may probably considerably affect my business relationship with them; also it is very likely that I shall be making a business trip before the holidays to Australia, and I could not go with the knowledge that I was still under arrest.

I would most respectfully ask that this letter be forwarded through the proper channel to the proper authority for immediately dealing with it.

I have, &c.,
FRANK KNYVETT, Capt.

9/12/09.—O.C. District.—Forwarded.—G. W. S. PATTERSON, Lt.-Col., Commd. Auck. Div., N.Z. G.A.V.

No. 9.

Copy of MEMORANDUM from Captain R. J. SEDDON, Wellington, to Major SANDTMANN, Napier.

Wellington, 12th December, 1909.

As there is every likelihood of a Court of Inquiry being convened at Auckland about the end of this week, and in the event of your services being required to sit as a member on same, I write to ask whether you could make arrangements to get away.

R. J. SEDDON, Capt. S.O.

No. 10.

Major SANDTMANN, Napier, to Captain SEDDON, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Napier, 14th December, 1909.

CAN arrange attend Court Inquiry, Auckland, provided sitting continuously and I am not required be absent from Napier more than five days.

Major SANDTMANN.

No. 11.

Lieut.-Colonel WOLFE, Auckland, to ADJUTANT-GENERAL, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 14th December, 1909.

OFFICER Commanding Division has again approached me respecting Captain Knyvett's case, the officer concerned complaining of the length of time he is being kept in arrest. I respectfully request information whether there will be Court of Inquiry, and, if so, when.

Lieut.-Colonel WOLFE.