

the findings and sentences of Courts Martial as if he were an officer of the home force of relative rank and holding the same command.

And whereas by the New Zealand Army (Visiting Forces) Order 1968 issued pursuant to section 6 (5) of the aforesaid Act it was declared that the portion of the New Zealand Army that is for the time being serving in South Vietnam is serving together and acting in combination with such of the military forces of the Commonwealth of Australia as are also serving in South Vietnam:

And whereas the aforesaid order remains in full force and effect:

And whereas you have been for the time being appointed to command the Australian Forces Vietnam (Army Component):

Now, therefore, pursuant to the New Zealand Army Act 1950 and the Visiting Forces Act 1939, I, the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Richard Churton Wild, the Administrator of the Government of New Zealand, do hereby authorise and empower you from time to time and as occasion may require to convene general Courts Martial for the trial of such persons subject to military law as members of the aforesaid portion of the New Zealand Army as are for the time being under or within the territorial limits of your command or jurisdiction who are charged with any offence against the New Zealand Army Act for which they may be tried by Court Martial whether such offence shall have been committed before or after the date of this Warrant or the date you shall have taken up your command:

And I do hereby authorise and empower you to confirm the findings and sentences of such general Courts Martial, but not to confirm, in the case of officers, any sentence of death, imprisonment, cashiering, or dismissal from Her Majesty's service and, in the case of soldiers, any sentence of death, discharge with ignominy from Her Majesty's service, dismissal from Her Majesty's service, or imprisonment for a term exceeding 12 months, and to cause any sentence thereof to be put into execution so far as you may lawfully do so under New Zealand military law:

And I do hereby further authorise and empower you to delegate to any officer under your command or jurisdiction not below the rank of field officer, a general or a limited authority to convene general Courts Martial for the trial of such persons subject to military law as members of the aforesaid portion of the New Zealand Army as are for the time being under or within the territorial limits of his command or jurisdiction whether the offence was committed before or after such officer shall have taken up his command, but not the power to confirm the findings and sentence of such Courts Martial:

I direct that the proceedings of every general Court Martial or of every district Court Martial convened by that last-mentioned officer shall be reserved for confirmation by you in accordance with this Warrant:

And that, in all cases where your power to confirm is restricted by the terms of this Warrant, the proceedings shall be reserved for confirmation by the Chief of the General Staff of the New Zealand Army:

And for executing these several powers, matters, and things herein expressed this Warrant shall be to you and to others whom it may concern a sufficient warrant and authority:

And I declare that this Warrant shall without ratification extend to and invest with the aforesaid authorities and powers your successors and any officer, being an officer not below the rank of Brigadier for the time being performing the duties of the Commander Australian Forces Vietnam (Army Component):

As witness the hand of His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, this 29th day of May 1970.

D. THOMSON, Minister of Defence.

*General Court Martial Warrant Under Section 6 of the Visiting Forces Act 1939*

RICHARD WILD, Administrator of the Government

To: The Commander, 1 Australian Task Force.

WHEREAS by section 6 (4) (b) of the Visiting Forces Act 1939 it is provided that when a home force and another force are acting in combination any officer of the other force duly appointed to command the combined force, or any part thereof, shall be treated and shall have over members of the home force the like powers of command and punishment and may be invested with the like authority to convene and confirm the findings and sentences of Courts Martial as if he were an officer of the home force of relative rank and holding the same command:

And whereas by the New Zealand Army (Visiting Forces) Order 1968 issued pursuant to section 6 (5) of the aforesaid Act it was declared that the portion of the New Zealand Army that is for the time being serving in South Vietnam is serving together and acting in combination with such of the military forces of the Commonwealth of Australia as are also serving in South Vietnam:

And whereas the aforesaid order remains in full force and effect:

And whereas you have been for the time being appointed to command 1 Australian Task Force:

Now, therefore, pursuant to the New Zealand Army Act 1950 and the Visiting Forces Act 1939, I, the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Richard Churton Wild, the Administrator of the Government of New Zealand, do hereby authorise and empower you from time to time and as occasion may require to convene general Courts Martial for the trial of such persons subject to military law as members of the aforesaid portion of the New Zealand Army as are for the time being under or within the territorial limits of your command or jurisdiction who are charged with any offence against the New Zealand Army Act for which they may be tried by Court Martial, whether such offence shall have been committed before or after the date of this Warrant or the date you shall have taken up your command:

And I do hereby authorise and empower you to confirm the findings and sentences of such general Courts Martial, but not to confirm, in the case of officers, any sentence of death, imprisonment, cashiering, or dismissal from Her Majesty's service and, in the case of soldiers, any sentence of death, discharge with ignominy from Her Majesty's service, dismissal from Her Majesty's service, or imprisonment for a term exceeding 12 months, and to cause any sentence thereof to be put into execution so far as you may lawfully do so under New Zealand military law:

I direct that in all cases where your power to confirm is restricted by the terms of this Warrant, the proceedings shall be reserved for confirmation by the Chief of the General Staff of the New Zealand Army:

And for executing these several powers, matters and things herein expressed this Warrant shall be to you and to others whom it may concern a sufficient warrant and authority:

And I declare that this Warrant shall without ratification extend to and invest with the aforesaid authorities and powers your successors and any officer, being an officer not below the rank of Colonel, for the time being performing the duties of the Commander 1 Australian Task Force.

As witness the hand of His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, this 29th day of May 1970.

D. THOMSON, Minister of Defence.

*Revocation of General Court Martial Warrant Given Under Section 6 of the Visiting Forces Act 1939*

RICHARD WILD, Administrator of the Government

To: The Commander or the Officer for the time being Commanding Far East Land Forces.

WHEREAS I am empowered by the New Zealand Army Act 1950 to authorise and empower you from time to time and as occasion may require to convene general Courts Martial for the trial of any person subject to military law who is charged with an offence for which such person may be tried by Court Martial and to confirm the findings and sentences of such Courts Martial, and also to authorise and empower you to delegate such of these powers as you may think fit to any officer under your command or jurisdiction not below the rank of field officer:

And whereas by Warrant dated the 22nd day of May 1964 power and authority as aforesaid was granted to you:

And whereas owing to the reorganisation of the New Zealand Army the terms of the aforesaid warrant relating to confirmation of certain sentences have required to be revised, and I have executed a further Warrant in substitution therefor:

Now, therefore, I, the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Richard Churton Wild, the Administrator of the Government of New Zealand, do hereby cancel and revoke the said Warrant dated the 22nd day of May 1964 and all Warrants issued thereunder.

As witness the hand of His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government of New Zealand, this 29th day of May 1970.

D. THOMSON, Minister of Defence.