to a superior officer. The defence I wish to make for that ~~defence~~ mistake is; that after ~~me~~ being recruited into, & serving with for 22 months, the 12th Can. H. F. Regt. he had developed the practice of bringing up a grievance with his superior officers and derriving satisfaction from them.

In closing I will say that I am sure the accused shall be justly treated in the ~~[illegible]~~ way he deserves by this court.

Thank you, sir

Wm. Stewart.

(DEFENDING OFFICER.