

APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS

New A.I.F. Units

CANBERRA, Thursday. — Brigadier Street, Army Minister, announced to-day that the following selections for appointments as officers of new A.I.F. units of the First Australian Corps had been made:—

Commanding Officer, 2nd Pioneer Battalion. Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Wellington, attached 1st A.V.
Commanding Officer, 2nd Machine-gun Battalion. Lieut.-Colonel D. A. Whitehead, 1st Machine-gun Regiment, (N.S.W.)
Commanding Officer, 2nd Pioneer Battalion. Major F. Mackillopp, Australian Staff Corps (N.S.W.)
Commanding Officer, 2nd 1st Field Workshop. Major C. A. Elliott, Australian Army Ordnance Corps (Victoria).
Commanding Officer, 2nd 2nd Army Field Workshop. Major W. D. Chapman, 1st A.V.
Adjutant Royal Units. T.Q.M. and H. Lieut. G. R. V. Smith, Australian Instructional Corps (V.)

Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Wellington, town clerk of Essendon, is one of two Lieut.-colonels in Victoria who also hold an air pilot's licence.

Lieut.-Colonel Wellington was in Broadmeadows camp undertaking a refresher course when the 1914-1918 war



Lieut.-Col. N. F. WELLINGTON

broke out. He was adjutant to the 21st Battalion, A.I.F., until 1916, when he was selected for staff training to replace Regular Army officers on loan to the Commonwealth Government.

After training and examination he was posted G.S.O. III., Fourth Australian Division. He received the first nomination of First Anzac Corps for additional staff training at Cambridge, and served

with the Regular Army till war ended. He gained the Military Cross near Ypres while brigade major to 16th Brigade, British Army.

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