

CITIZEN FORCE COMMANDS

APPOINTMENTS MADE

LT.-COL. LAND FOR N.Q. REGIMENT

CANBERRA, April 22.—The Minister for the Army (Mr. C. Chambers) announced today the appointment of the commanding officers of Citizen Military Forces regiments to be raised in Queensland.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. Amies, O.B.E., has been appointed to command the Ninth Infantry Battalion (the Moreton Regiment) to be raised in the Brisbane area. Commissioned in the Citizen Forces in 1935, he joined the A.I.F. on the outbreak of war. He served with the 2/31 Battalion in the United Kingdom, Middle East and Syria. In August, 1942, he was appointed commanding officer of the 15th Battalion. He remained with this unit until September, 1944, and served with it in New Guinea.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. F. Bourne, L.S.O., has been appointed to command the 25th Infantry Battalion (the Darling Downs Regiment) to be raised in the Toowoomba, Ipswich and Warwick area. He was commissioned in the Citizen Forces in 1936 and joined the A.I.F. on the outbreak of war. He was with the 2/9 Battalion until August, 1943, and was then appointed commanding officer of the 2/12 Battalion. He remained with the battalion until the war ended. He saw service in the United Kingdom, Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo.

31ST INFANTRY BATTALION

Lieutenant-Colonel J. T. Land, O.F., M.C., has been appointed to command the 31st Infantry Battalion (the North Queensland Regiment) to be raised in the Townsville, Cairns and Mackay areas. A veteran of the 1914-18 war, he saw service during the last war in the Middle East and New Guinea. In August, 1943, he was appointed to command the 2/2 Pioneer Battalion. He was appointed commandant of Buna Base Sub-area in December of that year.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. A. McL. Searle has been appointed to command the 42nd Infantry Battalion (Central Queensland Regiment) to be raised in the Rockhampton, Bundaberg and Maryborough areas. He was commissioned in the Citizen Forces in

borough areas. He was commissioned in the Citizen Forces in 1935 and joined the A.I.F. in 1940 as a captain in the 2/2 Machine-Gun Battalion. He became its commander in May, 1945, and saw service in the Middle East and Borneo.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. Wilson has been appointed to command the 11th Field Regiment, with headquarters to be located in Brisbane. He saw service with the Royal Australian Artillery in the Middle East and on his return to Australia was successively in command of the 11th Field Regiment, the 57th Anti-Aircraft Regiment and the 13th Field Regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. F. Marks has been appointed to command the 7th Field Ambulance, with headquarters to be situated in Brisbane. He was commissioned in the A.A.M.C. in 1937 and joined the A.I.F. on the outbreak of war. He held various senior medical appointments and saw service in the Middle East and New Guinea.

The commander of the 3rd composite Anti-Aircraft Regiment, with headquarters to be situated at Bulimba, has yet to be determined.