


Given Names Aubrey Roy Liddon		Surname Wiltshire		Number Lieut Colonel						
Occupation Clerk		Address Longwood		Born 24 ?						
Next of Kin Mrs M Wiltshire Mother		N of K Address Armidale 14 Airlie Avenue		<div>EHS</div> Religion C of E Sin/Mar S						
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War Experiences

Compiled by L.J.Starkey

10/5/15 Left Melbourne on the "Ulysses".
 30/8/15 Leaves Alexandria for Gallipoli.
 7/1/16 Arrives Alexandria from Mudros.
 19/3/16 Leaves Alexandria
 26/3/16 Arrives at Marsailles.
1/7/16 Mentioned in despatches for successful raid on German trenches.
27/7/16 Wounded in action. GSW Left Thigh.
 3/8/16 Sent to England from Calais. Admitted to 3rd London General hospital Wandsworth.
26/8/16 Mentioned in despatches for gallant and good conduct for fighting at Pozieres.
 3/9/16 Seconded
 14/9/16 Attends No 1 Command Depot. Transferred to B Camp.
 27/9/16 Returns to 22nd Battalion.
11/10/16 Promoted Major.
17/1/17 Awarded Military Cross.
10/6/17 Promoted Lieutenant Colonel.
 1/1/18 Granted leave to England.
 2/2/18 Resumed Command 22nd Battalion.
 6/2/18 To command Brigade.
 16/2/18 Resumed command of 22nd Battalion.
3/6/18 Awarded the DSO.
4/6/18 Mentioned in Haig's Despatches.
 16/10/18 Given temporary Command of 6th Brigade.
 27/11/18 Returned to 22nd Battalion.
10/12/18 Mentioned in Despatches.
 24/2/19 Made temporary Commander 6th Infantry Brigade.
 21/3/19 Resumed Command of the 22nd Battalion.
 10/5/19 Sent to Depot.
 17/5/19 Leaves France.
3/6/19 Awarded CMG.
 27/7/19 Leaves England on the "Chemnitz"

History

Aubrey died in East Melbourne on 1 June 1969 and was cremated.

Citation Military Cross. Rec GOC 6th Aust Infantry Brigade.

For consistent good work in command of his company through the operations since March 26th, at Fleurbaix, Ruemarle (in command of a raiding party) and at Pozieres (wounded).

He has distinguished himself by his personal gallantry in reconnoitring No Ma's Land as by his devotion to duty and his thoroughness in command.

Citation. DSO 5/3/18

For conspicuously good work during the operations from Sept., 1917 to February 1918. This officer commanded Battalion and captured the 1st objective at Broodseinde on 4th October 1917.

His example, tireless energy and leadership went far to make this a successful operation. Again on 9th October he led his Battalion through heavy enemy opposition and gained his objectives.

He sets at all times a fine example to those under his command.

Citation. C.M.G. Rec Brig General Commanding 6th Infantry Brigade.

This officer has served with his Battalion since its inception and has been in command for 18 months. During the operations at MontBrehain 2nd - 6th October this officer took a major part in the preliminary attacks - he displayed remarkable initiative and indomitable leadership. The personal reconnaissance carried out by Lt Col Wiltshire, south of Beaurevoir, under most dangerous conditions and nerve breaking situations was of immense value. The double operation, which he was entrusted with was carried out with great dash. He succeeded in driving a wedge and holding the position - thus easing the task of units which subsequently carried Beaurevoir and MontBrehain. Lt Col Wiltshire has been equally successful in the administration of his Battalion and during the last few months has successfully acted as Brigadier for a period of 6 weeks.

Australian Dictionary of Biography

Aubrey Roy Liddon Wiltshire (1891-1969), banker and soldier, was born on 28 May 1891 at Longwood, Victoria, son of Rev. Albert Arthur Wiltshire and his wife Sara, née Hodgson, both Victorian born. Educated at Euroa High School, he matriculated and became a clerk with the local branch of the Bank of Australasia in March 1907; he was transferred to Sale in 1911 and to the bank's principal office in Collins Street, Melbourne, in 1912.

He served three years in the senior cadets, joined the militia and in 1913 was commissioned in the 56th Infantry (Yarra Borderers). Promoted lieutenant in February 1915, Wiltshire transferred next month to the 22nd Battalion, Australian Imperial Force: his family had agreed that he could enlist and that his brother John was to take care of their mother. According to family accounts, Aubrey soon afterwards met John in an army camp and found that he had joined the 23rd Battalion; he never spoke to him again. John was commissioned on active service and won the Military Cross and Bar.

Aubrey was promoted captain in May and, on reaching Gallipoli in August, was appointed unit adjutant. In the evacuation of the peninsula in December he had charge of the battalion's last party. He remained adjutant until April 1916 when he was given command of a company in France. Placed in charge of training a 200-strong brigade raiding-party, he had overall command of an attack on German lines at Armentières on the night of 29-30 June for which he was complimented in Army Corps orders. While in charge of 'C' Company at Pozières, he was wounded on 27 July. During his convalescence recommendations went forward citing his good work in commanding his company and his personal gallantry in reconnaissance; he was awarded the Military Cross. Returning to his unit, he was promoted major in October and made second-in-command; between October 1916 and February 1917 he temporarily commanded the battalion.

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Wiltshire resumed work with the Bank of Australasia. He transferred as an accountant to Ballarat where, on 29 August 1922, he married Jean Alice Margaret Craig Morrison with Presbyterian forms. He was appointed manager of a Melbourne branch in 1923; returning to head office as acting accountant in 1925, he became sub-manager in 1931. Meanwhile, he also continued his militia career: in 1920-21 he was temporary commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment; in 1921-24 he commanded the 8th Battalion and in 1924-28 the 24th.

In 1932 Wiltshire went to Perth as inspector and manager of the bank's operations; from there he was appointed manager of the Sydney office in December 1933. His name was put forward as the next superintendent in 1935, but the bank's directors considered him too young for the post. Sent to London in 1938, he returned and became manager of the Collins Street branch. In July 1940 he was seconded to the Department of Defence Co-ordination for six months as inspector-general of administration. He was eventually appointed superintendent of the bank in April 1944 when his qualities of energy and experience were recognized as essential to revitalizing its operations. In 1949 his position was renamed general manager in preparation for a merger with the Union Bank which produced the Australia-New Zealand Bank in 1951. One of two joint general managers, he was the first sole general manager from December 1953 until his retirement in July 1954. Survived by his wife and a daughter, Wiltshire died in East Melbourne on 1 June 1969 and was cremated. His estate was sworn for probate at \$339,066.

Lieutenant Colonel Aubrey Roy Liddon WILTSHIRE

22nd Battalion Adjutant, August 1915 – April 1916; 22nd Battalion Company Commander April 1916 – October 1916; 2nd in Command 22nd Battalion October 1916 – June 1917; Commanding Officer 22nd Battalion, June 1917 to end of war

Born 28th May 1891, Longwood, Victoria; died 1st June 1969, East Melbourne, Victoria.

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Gazette Tuesday 26th January 1915 p 2

News and Notes

Messrs W. K DeBoos, of National Bank Hamilton, and son, of Mr DeBoos, Euroa. and Roy Wiltshire, formerly of Euroa, have joined the expeditionary forces.

Advertiser Friday 16th April 1915 p2

We notice in the list of military appointments just published in the Commonwealth force, the names of G. Lydiard, Lieutenant, and B. Wiltshire and, G. Maxfield, both late of Euroa, second lieutenants.

Gazette Tuesday 20th April 1915 p2

Military Appointments

The following appointments in the Commonwealth Forces have just been published;- G Lydiard, Lieutenant, and R Wiltshire and G Maxfield both late of Euroa, second Lieutenants. Corporal T H Morgan to staff sergeant major.

Gazette Tuesday 12th October 1915 p 2

OUR SOLDIERS.

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Two of our boys (Roy Wiltshire and Gordon Maxfield) are occupying the honourable position of Adjutant at the front.

Shepparton residents have applied for a ' Gazette ' containing account of the reception of our returned soldier-Lance-Corporal Everard Wignell. We regret that our paper must be minus "Welcome." It was not Everard's fault that he had to return without firing a shot. It was impossible to land the horses, other wise he would have landed at Gaba Tepe on April 25th, as he was among the first to go from here. His return is due to injuries caused by a horse rolling on him. Owing to circumstances, we have not been able to give our boys ' send offs,' must we also forego ' Welcoming ' them, and so showing them that we appreciate the sacrifices they are making for us?

Shepparton Advertiser Monday 22nd November 1915 p 4

Gazette Tuesday November 9th 1915 p 2

HISTORIC LONESOME PINE.,
PIECE SECURED BY EUROA BOY.

The historic lonesome pine tree on the ridge on which the Australians fought so gallantly in Gallipoli, fell before the sapper. A round of it, three inches in diameter and an inch and a half in depth, has reached Melbourne, and is in the temporary custody of Colonel W. M. Reeve, head of the Beechworth Occupation Branch of the Lands Department, who is uncle of the sender, **Captain A. R. Wiltshire**, Adjutant of the 23rd. Battalion of the 6th Infantry Brigade.

Captain Wiltshire (a son of the late Rev. A. R. Wiltshire, who was accidentally killed at Euroa seven years ago, and Mrs. Wiltshire, of Airlie Avenue, Armadale), asked his uncle to keep the precious piece of wood for him, and Colonel Reeve says that he will guard it safely as an inspiring relic of a wonderful charge. "Under separate cover send a little parcel containing a small round piece of wood which I want you to keep for me," wrote Captain Wiltshire to Colonel Reeve. "It is a piece of tree that is known right through the army in these parts as one round which some of the bloodiest encounters have been fought. It was cut down just lately, and I was lucky enough to get a piece of it, for it will have a sentimental value to every soldier of the Australian forces. It is a bit of the Lonesome Pine, which, no doubt, you have read a good deal about. It was only a small tree and had to go before the sappers, but the name is still attached to the place it occupied along the front.

Many a good Australian lost his life trying to get to the Lonesome Pine, but we are there now with a vengeance. Mr. A. W. Crooke Chief Clerk of the Forestry Department, said that the piece of wood was evidently a slice of the trunk of a sapling pine about ten years of age. The bark was unlike other pines he had seen and resembled that of the ti-tree. It was perforated noticeably by the borer insect, and it might be necessary to subject the specimen to heat or other treatment to preserve it.

Gazette Tuesday 14th December 1915 p 2

Our Boys:

Several letters were yesterday received from the boys at the front. No special new war news is given. Most of them are well. In a private letter comes news that Bert Morgan is slightly wounded. Corporal Jack Wiltshire is recovering from his illness. Pte T. Mackrell is being invalided home, after suffering from diphtheria and

pneumonia.

Pte H. Hayes is coming home. In the Alfred Hospital the X ray have been put on Jim Leonard's leg and the bullet and two pieces of let can be distinctly seen in the bone. After Xmas the doctors will operate, re-break it and set over again. **Captain Roy Wiltshire**, (recommended for position of Comp. Commander), says it is very cold at Gallipoli and warm socks and mittens are badly needed by 22nd and 23rd Battalions.

Lang Lang Guardian Wednesday 22 December 1915, page 2

The Lonesome Pine.'

CAPTAIN WILTSHIRE SENDS A PIECE HOME.

Our readers no doubt have heard

of the "Lonesome Pine," a tree in Gallipoli, on the ridge for which the Australians fought so gallantly. A portion of the tree has been sent to Victoria by Captain Wiltshire, a son of the late Rev. A R. Wiltshire, who was accidentally killed at Euroa seven years ago, and who was at one time stationed at Lang Lang.

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Euroa Advertiser Friday 3 March 1916, page 3

LETTER FROM A LOCAL BOY

Ghezirehr 17.1.16

During the few days I had on special duty at Tel-El Kebir I saw all the old boys who are left of the 22nd battalion. I was a happy reunion. Nearly all my old tent mates were absent, either ill or wounded and in hospital. Joe Saxon is there, and is looking well I saw also Geo Lydiard, **Roy Wiltshire** and Gordon Maxfield. Tel El- Kebir is an old battlefield of the Soudan campaign where Wolsley fought and there is still evidence of that war--(old trenches etc. Everything is very uncertain just now, but there's a good time coming, for all that. All the boys are cheerful and happy. The Australian is a strange mixture, the greater his hardships the happier he seems. I saw Captain Pleasants yesterday and we had a long talk. He had several months of it, and although much thinner, is quite well.

Gazette Tuesday 2nd May 1916 p2

Personal

Captain Roy Wiltshire, who has been acting as adjutant, is now second in command of his company in Egypt, His brother, Corporal Jack Wiltshire has been ill, first at Lemnos, and then in England for months, and latest reports are that he is just able to get about a little again.

Gazette Tuesday 6th June 1916 p2

Personal

News has been received from private sources, that Captain Roy Wiltshire, son of the late Rev A Wiltshire, of Euroa, has been promoted to the rank of Major. The promotion is very creditable, when we remember Roy is only about 26 years of age.

Advertiser Friday 25th August 1916 p 2

War Casualties

Casualty lists issued during the week include the name of Captain **A R. Wiltshire** amongst the list of wounded. This soldier is well known in Euroa, being a son of the late Rev. A. A Wiltshire. whose name is held in respected memory by Euroa residents, as rector of St. Paul's Church of England here a few years back. The news was received with much regret by his many friends here, and it is hoped that his injuries are not serious.

Euroa Gazette Tuesday 24 October 1916, page 3

Personal

Captain Roy Wiltshire, has been discharged from the hospital in England, and is having leave of absence to recuperate before returning to the front. His leg is still very stiff owing to the piece of shell going through the muscle.

He mentions that just before going into action he met Mr Fuller (one time of Euroa Savings Bank), P. Pinder, W. Pezet, Joe Saxon, Bert Morgan and Alf Wignell (sitting on the ground having a shave). They were all tired, dog tired, and battle stained, but thinking of the old home so many miles away across the sea.

Corporal Jack Wiltshire is well again, and expected to return to the firing line immediately.

Euroa Gazette Tuesday 7 November 1916, page 3

Personal

Appreciation of the gallantry of Australian troops who took part in raids on the German trenches in Flanders,

during June and July, is expressed by Lieut General Sir William Birdwood, and issued in Australian military orders. The first named officer mentioned among the names of those commanding is that of Captain Roy Wiltshire. Euroa residents will be pleased to hear of his bravery and distinction.

Euroa Gazette Tuesday 28 November 1916, page 3

Personal

Word has been received that Private Ted Morley, who has been missing for some time, is a prisoner in Germany

Private W. Saxon is expected to arrive by a hospital ship on Thursday, and his many Euroa friends hope he will be well enough to come home. As he left Euroa with the first contingent, he has been away over two years, working hard as a stretcher bearer.

Captain Roy Wiltshire, though not thoroughly recovered from his wounds has returned to France. he was fortunate enough to meet his brother, Corporal Jack Wiltshire, after just arriving back in France, when there was great rejoicing, as each brother had heard the other was dead.

Advertiser Friday 5th January 1917 p 2

EUROA'S BRAVE MEN.

Euroa district has produced for the Empire ranks more conspicuously brave men than many other far larger centres. In the New Year Honor awards appear the names of MAJOR A. R. WILTSHIRE and CAPTAIN GORDON L. MAXFIELD as recipients of the Military Cross in recognition of distinguished services Major Aubrey R. L. Wiltshire is a son of Mrs. Wiltshire of Airlie Avenue, Armadale and the late Rev. A. A. Wiltshire. who met his death by an accident at Strathbogie Falls while rector of St. Paul's Church of England, Euroa. Major Wiltshire was a member of the staff of the Bank of Australasia. He saw service as a captain at Gallipoli. His only brother, Corporal John Wiltshire, is also in France. Captain Gordon Maxfield. the recipient of the Military Cross, is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Maxfield of Euroa. Prior to enlisting he was in business at Wonthaggi. He left Australia as a lieutenant (having previously held commission in the citizen forces) and gained his captaincy in the field. The Military Cross consists of a crown of silver having on each arm the imperial cross, and bearing in the centre the royal and imperial cipher. Ribbon, white, with purple stripe. The district honors now include:

Lt.-Col. L. C. Maygar, V. C.

Captain .F. H Tubb, V.C. Corpl.

A. S. Burton (killed) V.C.

Lieut. F. Tubb, Military Cross

Major A. R. L. Wiltshire Military Cross

Capt. Gordon L. Maxfield. Military Cross

Advertiser 18th May 1917 p2

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Another old Euroa boy has gained great distinction in the present war, Major Roy Wiltshire having lately been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Gazette Tuesday 11 September 1917 p 3

The Youngest Colonel.

Saturday's 'Age' contains the following. — 'The Australian officers at the front are engaged in breaking records. A little while ago it was announced that Australia had produced the youngest colonel, the date of his birth being 1888. Now it appears a still younger officer has been appointed to that rank — Aubrey Roy Liddon Wiltshire, born on 28th May. 1891, having been appointed in April last Lieutenant colonel, after having commanded the 22nd Battalion, A.I.F., since 8th November, 1916, Colonel Wiltshire, before enlisting in the A.I.F., was an officer of the Bank of Australasia, and has won the Military Cross and the Croix de Guerre. He enlisted in the Yarra Borderers 1st July, 1913, and in the 22nd Batt., A.I.F., 16th March, 1915, as a second lieutenant, under Colonel Crouch, whose place as C O 22nd Batt he now fills. Colonel Wiltshire has his only brother fighting at the front. [Colonel Wiltshire is the son of the late Rev. A. A. Wiltshire, of Euroa, and Mrs Wiltshire, of Armadale.]

Advertiser 30th November 1917 p 2

CONCERNING PEOPLE

A Lieutenant from Gippsland in a recent letter, appearing in the Gippsland "Times," writes "First of all, and on a second occasion as few nights ago. I met Lieut.-Col. Wiltshire, MC, has only recently become a Lieut Col. His promotion is well - earned and he is now C.O of the battalion he has been with so long.

Gazette Tuesday 9th April 1918 p 4

News from the Front

Mrs Saxon has received letters from Lieut - **Colonel A R L Wiltshire** and Sergeant Kirby, confirming the death of her son, Pte Joe Saxon, who has been missing for some months. Lt - Col Wiltshire stated that there was absolutely no doubt that he was killed either on the 4th or 8th August. Sergeant Kirby stated that his brother and Joe, with 40 others, went out at night to dig a "hop over trench," and were heavily shelled by the Germans, Joe being killed by a shell fragment.

Advertiser Friday 7th June 1918 p 2

CONCERNING PEOPLE

It was announced in the dailies this week that **Lieut.-Col. A. R. L. Wiltshire** had been awarded the D.S.O. Mr. O. R. Lynes of Longwood, who has been in the employ of Mr. C. Grant, blacksmith, Devonish, for the past eight

months, has enlisted and is now in camp. In this- month's issue of "The Rechabite" a photo of the late Pte. A. Briggs, of Locksley, a member of the organisation, is published.

Gazette Tuesday 11th June 1918 p 3

News of our boys

by the last mail we received from Lieut - Colonel A R L Wiltshire, MC, FC de G; DSO, a copy of the "Twenty Seconds Echo," the first production of a monthly paper to be issued by his (the 22nd) Battalion, to contain a report of the doings of the Battalion and its members. This edition is dated April 1.

Advertiser Friday 4th April 1919 p 3

We note with pleasure that **Lt. Col. A. R. I. Wiltshire, D.S.O. M.C.**, of the 22nd Battalion, has recently been mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig. Col. Wiltshire at the time of his promotion to that rank was the youngest colonel in the British Army. His advance has been meteoric, he having left Australia on 8th May, 1915, as a lieutenant. He has seen close on four years service abroad, in Egypt, Gallipoli, Sinai, France and Belgium. From Euroa (where he was employed in the Colonial Bank) he was transferred to Gippsland, and while there took an active interest in the Citizen Force's, in which he gained a commission; and his study of military matters has stood him in good stead on active service.

Euroa Advertiser Friday 30 May 1919, page 2

Beware of the "Bonza" Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. Wiltshire, commanding officer of the 22nd Battalion, and an old Euroa boy, in a letter from Cologne, Germany, to Mr D Lee, head master of the Euroa State School, states:-"I am up on the Rhine for a few day, leave, and it is interesting to see the Hun at home. Evidently he is going to try and get some Australian trade after the peace, as one of the factories. here is producing "Bonza" brand pocket knives mounted on a card, with the Australian and English flags mounted on it, and the legend, . "Advance Australia.: How is that for cheek ? I have also seen 'Bonza' brand mouth organs in the shops here.

Advertiser Friday 13th June 1919 p 2 and Sentinel 17th June 1919 p2

Concerning People

We are pleased to note in the list of birthday honors for war service the name of **Lieut.-Col. A. R Wiltshire**, on whom the honour of CMG (Companion of St. Michael and St George) has been conferred Lieut Col. Wiltshire has made a phenomenal advance in the service. Leaving Broadmeadows on 8th May 1914 as a lieutenant, he rose within ? years to the rank of colonel, and at the time was the youngest colonel in the British Army. Col. Wiltshire had charge of the 22nd Battalion. His brother, Lieut. Jack Wiltshire MC, enlisted as a private, and saw service on Gallipoli.

Advertiser Friday 15th August 1919 p 2

Concerning People.

Pte. W. Spinks was welcomed with Euroa's customary hearty manner on Friday night by the townspeople, the band, and the lantern girl. Welcoming speeches were made by Cr Platt and Messrs- Carne (Father's and. A. Morgan (Soldiers') and the returning soldier was then motored away by Mr. Elgin, amidst cheering. The reception committee has a busy fortnight ahead, as quite a number of local boys are due to arrive within that time, amongst them being Lieut. Eric Thewlis M.C.,- Sergt. Fred. O'Neill, Sapper Ned Hoare, Ptes. Jack King, W. Neelands, W. Artridge, Corp. Alex Gordon, and Pte. Les Liddell, **Lieut Col. A. R. L. Wiltshire is due to arrive in Melbourne next week** Sergt. Syd. Monk arrived on Wednesday morning and was heartfully received by a representative gathering, although the inconvenient hour prevented the band and lantern girls brigade from taking part. Words of welcome and good wishes for the future were spoken by Cr. Platt and Messrs S.C. Turner (Fathers Assoc) and T A. Saxon (R.S L.), and the sergeant was then motored away to the customary cheers.

Advertiser 5th September 1919 p 3

A DISTINGUISHED SOLDIER.

On the "Chemnitz," among the troops returning was Lieut.-Col. **A. R. L. Wiltshire**, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., who enlisted on March 24, 1915, as 2nd lieutenant in the 22nd Battalion. Promoted to captain in May, 1915, he saw service with this rank on Gallipoli.

While still captain he took part on June 29-30, 1916, in a raid, the biggest up to that date on the West front. He commanded a selected party, consisting of one company from all battalions of the 6th Infantry Brigade. The Divisional Artillery and the Corps Heavy Artillery gave effectual support to the raiders. The enemy trenches were entered at three places. The raiders were thought to have killed eighty Huns, including two officers. Their own casualties were seven killed and 15 wounded.

In October the same year a majority was gained, and in the "London Gazette" of January 1, 1917, appeared the announcement of the award of the Military Cross to him. Given the rank of lieutenant colonel on June 10, 1917, he was placed in command of the 22nd Battalion. This promotion is remarkable for the fact that at the time Lieut. Col. Wiltshire was but 25 years of age. having been born at Longwood in 1891. Lieut.-Col. Wiltshire has led this unit since that date. His services as a leader were rewarded with the Distinguished Service Order, the award being announced among the Birthday Honors of 1918. His military services were further rewarded this year with a Companionship of St. Michael and St. George. Lieut.-Col. Wiltshire, before enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force, was an officer of the Bank of Australasia', and held a commission in the 56th Infantry Regiment, Commonwealth Military Forces.

A brother, Lieut. J. A. Wiltshire, M.C., also saw active service The two brothers are the sons of the late Rev. A A.

Wiltshire, of Euroa, and of Mrs. Wiltshire, Airlie Avenue, Armadale. He is a nephew of Col. W. M. Reeve, who formerly commanded the 5th Battalion.

Mercury. Hobart, Wednesday 24 July 1940, page 2

New Defence Officer

CANBERRA. July 23.- The appointment of Mr. Aubrey Roy Liddon Wilt Shire, manager of the Bank of Australasia Sydney, as Inspector-General of Administration of the Department of Defence Co-ordination, was notified in a special Commonwealth "Gazette" issued tonight.