

WAR

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STATISTICS ON THE Australian defence force show how the 'boom or bust' approach to defence preparedness adopted by Australia has at times seriously weakened the nation's capacity to counter threat.

One of the major arguments advanced in favour of the federation of the Australian colonies in the late nineteenth century was the need for an integrated defence force. Despite the reassurance gained from membership of the British Empire, the colonists were sufficiently unnerved by various alarms to have begun thinking about defence. Before World War I, however, expenditure was modest. 'Boy conscription' allowed for most young males to receive some rudimentary training; and the Fisher Labor government gave high priority to the creation of an Australian navy, which was reflected in defence expenditure, particularly in the years following 1910.

During World War I Australia devoted huge resources, human and financial, to the empire's cause. Over 400 000 men were recruited to an expeditionary force which, when first offered to the 'mother country' by Andrew Fisher, was not expected to exceed 20 000; 331 781 of these recruits served outside Australia, in Gallipoli, the Middle East and France. Australia's human contribution was staggering for a small nation of just four million inhabitants and gave confidence to those who argued during the conscription campaigns of 1916 and 1917 that Australia had done enough. Even if conscription had been introduced by either of two plebiscites it is unlikely that many more men could have been found for the Australian Imperial Force.

The returning World War I soldiers fitted back into society as best they could, many scarred in mind and in body (213 061 were wounded in some way). Nearly 60 000 did not come back at all. Perhaps because of these tragic statistics, the nation turned inward and did not want to hear of war again. In any case people believed, albeit naively, that the Great War was 'the war to end all wars'. Defence expenditure was cut dramatically and under the impact of the economic turmoil of the 1930s was as low as it had been in the first decade of federation. This meant that the permanent force was reduced to a mere skeleton, while equipment was outdated and barely operational. For some years Australia's defence capability was laughable—here was 'bust' indeed.

Then, with a shock, some Australians began to realise just what a dangerous place the world of the late 1930s had become. Even after the outbreak of war in September 1939, though, many Australians preferred to regard it as little more than a European affair. Enlistment was at first

desultory, with enthusiasm being shown only for the air force, where fewer personnel could be accommodated. Eventually, 396 661 men and women served outside Australia during World War II and nearly one million wore uniform—many of them as home troops, for in this war Australia itself was under threat. Once again, this represented ‘boom’—a very creditable contribution of resources from what was by then a nation of some seven million people. To this must be added the efforts made in the agricultural and manufacturing industries to feed and clothe the troops. For the first time ever Australia was on a total war footing, and the great wartime prime minister, John Curtin, demanded an all-out effort.

Australians saw action in the Middle East, as well as in and over Europe and, of course, in the Pacific. Casualties, both in total and in proportion to the population, were lower than had been the case in World War I. Even so, nearly 45 000 Australians lost their lives. Many of them became prisoners of war, a relatively rare occurrence in the 1914–18 war. Those captured by the Germans had a comparatively quiet war and a reasonable chance of survival, but those taken prisoner by the Japanese suffered terrible conditions and over one-third of them died in captivity.

Even as World War II drew to a close, few Australians regarded peace as secure. Although won at such great cost, it seemed fragile, as the world split into two armed camps: East and West, ‘free’ and communist. The crusade against communism meant that defence spending remained relatively high during the 1950s and 1960s—especially as the defence industries began to increasingly tempt customers with ever more sophisticated items. Australia struggled to remain in the arms race and adopted the view that demonstrated loyalty to the West’s cause would guarantee assistance if the nation itself was threatened. The American alliance assumed great importance for most Australians and was sanctified in the ANZUS treaty of 1951.

Australia’s defence posture was determined by meeting its alliance obligations, and equipment purchases remained relatively low compared with those of more independently minded nations. These obligations drew Australians into the Korean War and other conflicts in southeast Asia. The most important of these, in terms of duration and the number of troops committed, was the Vietnam War. Nearly 50 000 Australians served in Vietnam, with 496 men killed. Although these figures are insignificant when compared with statistics from earlier wars, as Australia’s most contentious war Vietnam has an importance which is impossible to measure in statistical terms.

So much of Australia’s history in the twentieth century has been affected by war that its social and cultural impact has become a major area of study for historians and other analysts. Statistics on membership of the Returned Services League are included among these tables to show how many Australians, over how long a period, have wanted to play some part in keeping the memory of their service and their mates’ sacrifice alive. Statistics cannot show the importance either of the former empire or of the American alliance in the thinking of defence planners and other Australians, but upon it depended the ‘boom or bust’ approach to defence preparedness. A much more independent stance may be required in the coming century, but the cost of this in financial and human terms is likely to be very high indeed.



WR 1 DEFENCE EXPENDITURE, AUSTRALIA 1902-1983

Year 30 June	£'000	Year 30 June	£'000	Year 30 June	£'000	Year 30 June	\$'000	Year 30 June	\$'000
1		1		1		1		1	
1902	861	1919	66 690 ^a	1936	6 828	1952	318.8	1969	1 164.7 ^b
1903	767	1920	49 772 ^a	1937	7 639	1953	430.6	1970	1 103.1 ^b
1904	856	1921	32 532 ^a	1938	9 357	1954	355.4	1971	1 137.6 ^b
1905	935	1922	15 029 ^a	1939	17 006	1955	355.0	1972	1 217.1 ^b
1906	970	1923	8 150 ^a	1940	55 715	1956	381.4	1973	1 285.3 ^b
1907	1 036	1924	9 423 ^a	1941	170 829	1957	377.0	1974	1 412.6
1908	1 085	1925	6 522 ^a	1942	320 706	1958	370.2	1975	1 790.7
1909	1 051	1926	6 317	1943	562 664	1959	378.6	1976	1 943.3
1910	1 535	1927	7 779	1944	545 133	1960	387.2	1977	2 256.3
1911	3 006	1928	7 259	1945	460 690	1961	396.4	1978	2 471.0
1912	4 082	1929	6 397	\$'000		1962	406.2	1979	2 704.6
1913	4 346	1930	4 679	1946	757.2	1963	428.2	1980	3 116.1
1914	4 752	1931	3 688	1947	248.8	1964	521.0	1981	3 659.1
1915	19 564 ^a	1932	3 052	1948	144.8	1965	609.0	1982	4 264.3
1916	44 214 ^a	1933	3 021	1949	123.8	1966	747.8	1983	4 942.2
1917	60 055 ^a	1934	4 021	1950	110.6	1967	950.0 ^b		
1918	59 895 ^a	1935	5 293	1951	182.0	1968	1 109.5 ^b		

(a) Includes war expenditure (excluding interest, war pensions and repatriation) of £15.0m in 1914-15; £39.1m in 1915-16; £55.6m in 1916-17; £56.2m in 1917-18; £62.6m in 1918-19; £45.8m in 1919-20; £26.9m in 1920-21; £8.7m in 1921-22; £2.1m in 1922-23; £2.7m in 1923-24; and £1.2m in 1924-25.
 (b) Includes United States credits of \$132.1m in 1967; \$90.6m in 1968; \$91.2m in 1969; \$46.9m in 1970; \$56.9m in 1971; \$43.6m in 1972; \$58.0m in 1973.

WR 2-8 ENLISTMENTS IN AUSTRALIAN SERVICES BY STATE, WORLD WAR I

Year & month	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	Total
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1914							
Aug		6 326	1 481	2 012	981		
Sept		2 929	1 556	921	487		
Oct	20 761	2 512	1 386	493	167	4 096	52 561
Nov		1 366	673	658	163		
Dec		1 714	1 054	728	97		
1915							
Jan	3 969	2 478	1 937	1 364	271	206	10 225
Feb	4 108	2 013	1 248	594	265	142	8 370
Mar	3 957	2 041	1 054	658	185	1 018	8 913
Apr	3 482	1 201	772	360	227	208	6 250
May	5 654	1 735	1 069	1 062	317	689	10 526
June	5 279	3 381	1 267	1 394	378	806	12 505
July	8 961	21 698	2 197	1 453	781	1 485	36 575
Aug	12 991	3 983	3 013	2 705	1 119	1 903	25 714
Sept	6 911	2 331	3 569	1 651	724	1 385	16 571
Oct	3 797	1 531	2 417	1 020	364	785	9 914
Nov	5 880	1 429	2 017	607	336	961	11 230
Dec	4 364	1 291	1 943	729	150	642	9 119
1916							
Jan	8 753	5 043	3 886	1 981	505	1 933	22 101
Feb	4 240	7 536	2 835	1 386	533	1 978	18 508
Mar	4 320	5 585	2 059	1 011	879	1 743	15 597
Apr	3 218	2 571	1 600	890	519	1 078	9 876
May	4 187	2 887	1 404	870	398	910	10 656
June	2 275	1 581	1 083	430	341	872	6 582
July	2 405	1 302	864	469	258	872	6 170
Aug	2 780	1 247	744	690	280	604	6 345
Sept	3 195	2 331	1 719	1 009	410	661	9 325

Year & month	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	Total
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1917							
Oct	3 656	2 481	2 238	938	1 012	1 195	11 520
Nov	2 039	750	911	182	435	738	5 055
Dec	1 100	564	402	187	103	261	2 617
1918							
Jan	1 858	1 084	716	353	116	448	4 575
Feb	1 657	1 499	703	502	170	393	4 924
Mar	1 842	1 159	728	505	173	582	4 989
Apr	1 927	1 014	636	406	136	527	4 646
May	1 746	1 139	587	401	155	548	4 576
June	1 459	888	452	358	100	422	3 679
July	1 906	960	461	379	95	354	4 155
Aug	1 123	879	518	415	131	208	3 274
Sept	1 026	619	312	278	84	141	2 460
Oct	1 092	771	326	251	149	172	2 761
Nov	1 349	704	300	234	127	101	2 815
Dec	918	610	326	216	84	93	2 247
1918							
Jan	932	730	283	134	117	148	2 344
Feb	753	534	265	159	99	108	1 918
Mar	613	457	169	142	81	56	1 518
Apr	1 501	624	269	206	113	68	2 781
May	2 614	1 206	432	405	112	119	4 888
June	1 374	459	294	212	121	80	2 540
July	1 260	800	295	179	120	87	2 741
Aug	1 467	688	325	203	170	106	2 959
Sept	1 122	644	289	176	124	96	2 451
Oct	1 707	902	458	288	127	137	3 619
Nov	502	192	163	105	96	66	1 124
Totals	164 030	112 399	57 705	34 959	15 485	32 231	416 809

WR 9-17 SERVICE PERSONNEL, AUSTRALIA 1901-1983

Year 31 Dec	NAVY			ARMY			AIR FORCE		
	Perma- nent	Part- time ^a	Total	Perma- nent	Citizen force ^a	Total	Perma- nent	Part- time ^a	Total
1901	..	..	..	..	..	28 886	..	..	145 945
1902	..	..	..	..	..	25 604	..	..	164 341
1903	..	..	..	..	..	22 404	..	..	105 521
1904	..	..	..	..	..	19 880	..	..	12 509
1905	..	..	..	..	..	20 499	..	..	10 779
1906	..	..	..	..	..	21 948	..	..	..
1907	196	982	1 178	1 329	20 582	21 911	..	..	..
1908	208	997	1 205	1 379	21 252	22 631	..	..	..
1909	242	989	1 231	1 448	21 913	23 361	..	..	..
1910	240	1767	2 007	1 522	21 987	23 509	..	..	..
1911	370	1741	2 111	2 003	22 196	24 199	..	..	..
1912	862	4107	4 969	2 235	21 461	23 696	..	..	..
1913	3 486	5113	8 599	2 774	31 763	34 537	..	..	..
1914	3 730	5693	9 423	2 989	42 656 ^b	45 645	..	..	..
1915	3 730	5693	9 423	3 176	57 796 ^b	60 972	..	..	..
1916	4 450	..	..	3 462	70 665 ^b	74 127	..	..	..
1917	4 700	..	..	3 923	84 439 ^b	88 362	..	..	..
1918	5 668	5772	11 440	4 014	118 172 ^b	122 186	..	..	..
1919	4 924	5773	10 697	..	..	109 881 ^b	..	..	..
1920	5 065	3427	8 492	3 154	99 511 ^b	102 665	..	..	..
1921	5 066	3427	8 493	3 179	124 781 ^b	127 960	151	151	151
1922	4 143	3809	7 952	2 073	35 083	37 156	280	280	280
1923	3 876	4016	7 892	1 703	36 900	38 603	351	351	351
1924	3 877	5030	8 907	1 697	37 192	38 889	420	420	420
1925	4 930	6172	11 102	1 740	43 533	45 273	624	624	624
1926	5 019	7354	12 373	1 748	42 887	44 635	814	814	814
1927	5 056	6214	11 270	1 748	42 887	44 635	829	829	829
1928	5 146	6398	11 544	1 755	46 176	47 931	935	935	935
1929	4 913	7626	12 539	1 669	25 785	27 454	852	852	852
1930	4 253	5447	9 700	1 556	29 726	31 282	835	835	835
1931	3 411	5625	9 036	1 536	28 285	29 821	823	823	823
1932	3 142	5577	8 719	1 540	28 006	29 674	885	885	885
1933	3 158	5033	8 191	1 540	25 423	27 963	813	813	813
1934	3 249	5658	8 907	1 668	28 006	29 674	885	885	885
1935	3 997	5301	9 298	1 800	27 462	29 262	1 131	1 131	1 131
1936	4 189	4847	9 036	2 032	34 031	36 063	1 666	1 666	1 666
1937	4 310	4235	8 545	2 319	34 624	36 943	2 206	2 206	2 206
1938	5 051	4512	9 563	2 795	42 895	45 690	2 793	2 793	2 793
1939	5 440	4819	10 259	..	..	..	5 681	5 681	5 681
1940	15 983	..	15 983	118 295	32 774	151 069	32 077	32 077	32 077
1941	20 167	..	20 167	173 939	91 977	265 916	61 100	61 100	61 100
1942	26 219	..	26 219	..	..	495 881 ^c	114 252	114 252	114 252

Year 31 Dec	NAVY			ARMY			AIR FORCE		
	Perma- nent	Part- time ^a	Total	Perma- nent	Citizen force ^a	Total	Perma- nent	Part- time ^a	Total
1943	34 498	..	34 498	..	..	529 674	145 945	145 945	145 945
1944	36 350	..	36 350	..	..	481 029	164 341	164 341	164 341
1945	39 592	..	39 592	..	..	419 335	105 521	105 521	105 521
1946	32 245	..	32 245	..	..	63 000	12 509	12 509	12 509
1947	10 846	267	11 113	..	..	34 595	10 779	10 779	10 779
1948	11 066	..	11 066	10 712	8 697	19 409	8 025	..	..
1949	10 188	98	10 286	14 958	16 202	31 160	9 286	..	..
1950	10 252	4943	15 195	14 543	18 236	32 779	9 442	152	9 594
1951	12 381	6254	18 635	19 443	20 981	40 424	12 884	1221	14 105
1952	14 144	7398	21 542	27 572	42 858	70 430	15 527	5512	21 039
1953	14 273	6767	21 040	27 180	69 061	96 241	15 557	5061	20 618
1954	14 181	4800	18 981	24 414	82 893	107 307	14 853	3 750	18 603
1955	13 211	4944	18 155	23 098	85 177	108 275	15 359	3041	18 400
1956	13 096	4821	17 917	23 059	87 291	110 350	15 734	2575	18 309
1957	11 661	6656	18 317	21 599	77 043	98 642	14 546	1483	16 029
1958	10 745	7982	18 727	20 746	57 776	78 522	14 826	947	15 773
1959	10 699	7850	18 549	21 973	54 683	76 656	15 455	864	16 319
1960	10 598	7816	18 414	21 433	37 921	59 354	15 743	764	16 507
1961	10 722	7770	18 492	20 459	26 958	47 417	15 592	671	16 263
1962	11 103	6424	17 527	21 623	30 041	51 664	15 815	765	16 580
1963	11 663	5433	17 096	22 639	27 341	49 980	15 840	788	16 628
1964	12 569	5202	17 771	23 493	27 505	50 998	16 564	926	17 490
1965	13 503	4205	17 708	26 729	28 434 ^d	55 163	17 720	750	18 470
1966	14 714	4483	19 197	34 434	32 708 ^d	67 142	19 358	1035	20 393
1967	15 893	4724	20 617	43 710	35 559 ^d	79 269	20 130	1362	21 492
1968	16 454	4951	21 405	43 350	36 793 ^d	82 143	21 564	1304	22 868
1969	16 758	2 661	19 419	43 915	35 884 ^d	79 799	22 712	1369	24 081
1970	17 089	2 383	19 472	44 513	33 316 ^d	77 829	22 642	1509	24 151
1971	16 997	2303	19 300	43 769	30 943 ^d	74 712	22 539	1488	24 027
1972	16 890	2120	19 010	41 273	28 009 ^d	69 282	22 720	1399	24 119
1973	17 215	1935	19 150	33 930	23 119 ^d	57 049	22 717	1191	23 908
1974	16 141	1593	17 734	30 235	20 000	50 235	21 119	748	21 867
1975	16 094	1302	17 396	31 514	20 374	51 888	21 546	554	22 100
1976	15 993	1025	17 018	31 430	21 183	52 613	21 351	458	21 809
1977	16 990	970	17 960	31 988	21 641	53 629	21 703	473	22 176
1978	16 298	917	17 215	31 883	23 164	55 047	21 689	490	22 179
1979	16 582	1037	17 619	31 813	22 978	54 791	21 803	498	22 301
1980	16 961	1039	18 000	32 321	23 986	56 307	22 249	502	22 751
1981	17 298	1021	18 319	32 898	31 125	64 023	22 322	591	22 913
1982	17 598	1094	18 692	32 876	31 706	64 582	22 711	873	23 584
1983	17 198	1204	18 402	33 072	33 227	66 299	22 512	1178	23 690

(a) These figures include the Emergency Reserves from 1965.
 (b) Includes all members enlisted for active service in World War I.
 (c) All full-time for these years except the VDC, which is not included and which reached a strength of 80 000 in 1942.
 (d) These figures include National Servicemen.

WR 18-26 ENLISTMENTS IN AUSTRALIAN SERVICES, 1939-1947

At end year	ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY		AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES		ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE		ALL SERVICES		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sept 1939	7 982	..	3 432	..	3 489	..	14 903	..	14 903
Nov 1941	19 367	..	285 725	2 375	59 782	1 410	364 874	3 785	368 659
Aug 1942	22 650	125	515 307	10 371	96 688	10 955	634 645	21 451	656 096
Aug 1943	31 335	1647	515 085	27 485	139 526	16 922	685 946	46 054	732 000
Aug 1944	33 024	2088	453 493	26 584	162 846	19 031	649 363	47 703	697 066
June 1945	37 693	2720	403 042	24 034	158 542	17 974	599 277	44 728	644 005
June 1946	18 745	788	93 328	7 944	19 989	2 669	132 062	11 401	143 463
June 1947	11 145	31	31 375	817	11 943	101	54 463	949	55 412

WR 27-45 REASONS FOR REJECTION OF APPLICANTS, 1939-1945

		Total rejected	Per-centage rejected
Defects of upper and lower extremities	27	41 374	12.41
Defects in height, weight, chest measurements; applicant too old or too young	28	9 021	2.77
Venereal disease	29	3 573	1.07
Tubercular disease	30	9 592	2.87
Impaired constitution	31	10 805	3.24
Malformations of ear, nose, throat, chest, spine	32	5 807	1.76
Nervous disease	33	13 152	3.94
Defective intelligence	34	6 370	1.91
Defective vision	35	24 475	7.34
Disease of ear, nose and throat	36	14 316	4.29
Disease of heart	37	21 326	6.40
Disease of blood vessels	38	19 700	5.91
Disease of respiratory system (except TB)	39	17 519	5.25
Dental defects	40	2 682	0.80
Hernia and haemorrhoids	41	24 919	7.48
Diseases of generative organs (non-venereal)	42	16 591	4.93
Diseases of bones, joints and muscles	43	17 637	5.29
Ulcers, wounds and skin infections	44	22 299	6.69
Other diseases, and unspecified	45	51 973	15.60
Totals		333 131	100.00

WR 46-48 REJECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES, 1939-1945

Year 31 Dec	Examined	Rejected	Per-centage rejected
	46	47	48
1939	30 511	3 900	12.78
1940	311 040	40 159	12.91
1941	377 065	59 222	15.70
1942	871 307	193 144	22.15
1943	113 971	25 670	22.52
1944	39 290	7 344	18.66
1945	19 595	3 692	18.84
Total	1 782 779	333 131	18.69

WR 49-59 BATTLE CASUALTIES IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES, WORLD WAR I

Theatre	Year 31 Dec	Killed	Died of wounds	Died of gas poisoning	Total	Wounded in action	Gassed	Shell shock wound	POWs	Total	Grand total	Deaths as % of battle casualties
		49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
France & Flanders	Apr-Dec 1916	9 948	2 575	18	12 541	27 891	230	613	995	29 729	42 270	29.6
France & Flanders	1917	15 162	4 790	84	20 036	49 148	4 462	895	2 295	56 800	76 836	26.2
France & Flanders	1918-19	8 297	3 671	221	12 189	37 181 ^a	11 804	116	558	49 659	61 848	19.7
POWs in Germany ^b	1916-19		267		267						267	
Total for France		33 407	11 303	323	45 033	114 220	16 496	1 624	3 848	136 188	181 221	24.8
Dardanelles	1915	5 833	1 985		7 818	19 441			70	19 511	27 329	28.6
Egypt & Palestine	1916-18	636	337		973	3 351			126	3 477	4 450	21.8
POWs in Turkey	1915-19		21		21						21	
United Kingdom	1915-19	3	1		4	1				1	5	
Mesopotamia ^c	1915-19	1			1						1	
Australia before	1921		34		34						34	
Totals		39 880	13 681	323	53 884	137 013	16 496	1 624	4 044	159 177	213 061	25.3

(a) Includes 1491 wounded and remained at duty in 1918.

(b) Captured in France and Flanders and taken to Germany.

(c) No exact statistics are available for the Australians (some 600-800) who served in Mesopotamia.

**WR 60
NATIONAL
SERVICEMEN,
AUSTRALIAN
ARMY
1965-1974**

Year 31 Dec	National Service- men
	60
1965	1 780
1966	8 119
1967	15 671
1968	15 688
1969	15 871
1970	16 208
1971	15 662
1972	11 947
1973	2 839
1974	38

**WR 61-73 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES — SUDAN, BOER WAR, MALAYA
AND INDONESIA**

	Sudan 1885	Boer War 1899-1902	Malaya 1948-1960 1964-1965	Indonesia 1962-1966
Total personnel on full-time duty	61	750	16 463	a
Total in service outside Australian mainland	62	750	16 463	7 000
Killed in action/missing, presumed dead	63	0	217	0
Died of wounds	64	0	57	6
Total battle deaths	65	0	274	6
Total non-fatal battle casualties	66	3	538	20
Total battle casualties	67	3	812	26
Non-battle deaths outside Australian mainland	68	1	314	22
Sick outside Australia	69	..	..	28
Accidentally injured outside Australia	70	..	35	33
Total non-battle casualties	71	1	349	83
Total casualties	72	4	1 161	109
Total deaths	73	1	588	28

(a) Not assessed.

**WR 74-81 NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES,
WORLD WAR I**

Theatre	Year 31 Dec	DEATHS						Total	Grand total
		From disease	From other causes	Total ^a	Sickness	Acci- dental injuries ^b	Self- inflicted injuries ^b		
		74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81
France & Flanders	Apr-Dec 1916	231	68	299	46 066	289	126	46 481	46 780
France & Flanders	1917	268	131	399	89 071	753	186	90 010	90 409
France & Flanders	1918	540	164	704	71 824	2588	388	74 800	75 504
France & Flanders	1919	434	36	470	6 092	56	1	6 149	6 619
POWs in Germany	1916-19	67	3	70					70
Total for France		1540	402	1942	213 053	3686	701	217 440	219 382
Dardanelles	1915	569	31	600	63 969			63 969	64 569
Egypt & Palestine	1916-18	454	136	590	38 360			38 360	38 950
POWs in Turkey	1916-19	39		39					39
Mesopotamia	1915-19	15		15					15
United Kingdom	1915-19	1072	177	1249	77 773			77 773	79 022
At sea ^c	1914-19	355	57	412					412
Australia (recruits)	1914-18	808	131	939	33 906 ^d			33 906 ^d	34 845
Australia (invalids)	1914-19	423	69	492					492
Other places	1914-19	88	5	93					93
Totals		5363	1 008	6 371	427 061	3686	701	431 448	437 819

(a) 29 deaths in the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force are not included in this total.

(b) For the Dardanelles and Palestine campaigns accidental and self-inflicted injuries are included under 'Wounded' (DF 53).

(c) No comprehensive statistics exist for sickness on transports.

(d) Discharged medically unfit.

WR 82-89 BATTLE CASUALTIES IN THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICES, WORLD WAR II

	WAR AGAINST GERMANY AND ITALY				WAR AGAINST JAPAN			
	Royal Australian Navy	Australian Army	Royal Australian Air Force	All services	Royal Australian Navy	Australian Army	Royal Australian Air Force	All services
	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89
Killed in action/missing presumed dead	900	2 610	5036	8 546	840	6 294	1140	8 274
Died of wounds	3	700	58	761	41	1 090	65	1 196
Died of wounds while POW		56	9	65		50		
Died of sickness, disease and injury while POW		95	14	200		5 336		
Presumed died while POW		91				2 391	138	8 031
Total killed	903	3 552	5117	9 572	997	15 161	1343	17 501
POWs escaped, recovered or repatriated	25	6 874	1020	7 919	238	13 872	235	14 345
Wounded and injured in action (cases)	26	8 925	529	9 480	553	13 191	253	13 997
Total	954	19 351	6666	26 971	1788	42 224	1831	45 843

WR 90-93 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES, KOREAN WAR, 1950-1953

	Royal Australian Navy	Australian Army	Royal Australian Air Force	All Services
	90	91	92	93
Killed ^a	2	276	28 ^b	306
Died while a POW		1		1
Accidental and other deaths	3	16	13 ^c	32
Total deaths	5	293	41	339
Wounded	6	1210 ^d	^e	1216
POWs		23	6	29 ^f
Total casualties	11	1526	47	1584

- (a) Includes those who died of wounds.
- (b) Air battle casualties.
- (c) Nine in flying accidents; three in ground accidents; one died of illness.
- (d) Includes 36 twice wounded.
- (e) No information on RAAF wounded available.
- (f) Includes 21 POWs repatriated after the armistice (27 July 1953) and one who died while a POW.

WR 94-97 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES, VIETNAM WAR, 1962-1972

Killed in action	94	423 ^a
Wounded in action	95	2398 ^b
Missing	96	2 ^c
Non-battle deaths	97	71 ^d

- (a) Including 4 RAAF, 4 RAN.
- (b) Including 30 RAAF, 20 RAN.
- (c) RAAF.
- (d) Including 8 RAAF, 4 RAN.

WR 98-107 PERSONNEL IN SERVICE OUTSIDE THE AUSTRALIAN MAINLAND

Maori Wars	98	1 050
Sudan	99	750
Boxer Rebellion	100	560
Boer War	101	16 463 ^a
World War I	102	331 781
World War II	103	396 661
Korea	104	{ 10 657 (Army) 4 507 (Navy)
Malaya	105	7 000 (Army only)
Indonesia	106	3 500 (Army only)
Vietnam	107	{ 42 700 (Army) 2 858 (Navy) 4 443 (Airforce)

- (a) Does not include Australians serving in other than Australian units.

WR 108 AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR, WORLD WAR I

Theatre	Year	POWs
		108
France & Flanders	Apr-Dec 1916	995
	1917	2295
	1918-19	558
Total		3848
Dardenelles	1915	70
Egypt & Palestine	1916-18	126 ^a
Total		4044 ^b

- (a) Includes 21 servicemen who died of wounds, and 39 who died of disease while POWs in Turkey.
- (b) Includes 267 servicemen who died of wounds, and 70 who died of disease and other causes while POWs in Germany.

WR 109-112 AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES PRISONERS OF WAR, WAR AGAINST GERMANY AND ITALY 1939-1945

	POW CAMPS			Total
	In German area	In Italian area	Syria ^a	
	109	110	111	112
Repatriated under Geneva Convention	811	91		902
Escaped to Allied lines	135	32		167
Escaped to Switzerland, later reached Allies		410		410
Recovered after cessation of hostilities	5400		176	5576
Killed by enemy weapons, and presumed dead while POW	45 ^b	39		84
Died of wounds while POW	25	30		55
Died of sickness, disease or injury while POW	79	16		95
Total POWs accounted for	6495	618	176 ^c	7289

- (a) 8 June-12 July 1941.
- (b) Nine prisoners in German POW camps were unaccounted for and reported missing after the cessation of hostilities; their deaths have since been presumed and are included in 'Died of wounds'.
- (c) These personnel were never in a POW camp; they were captured a few days before the end of the Syrian campaign and afterwards released to the Allies.

WR 113-119 AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES PRISONERS OF WAR, WAR AGAINST JAPAN
1941-1945

	Malaya	Java	Timor	Ambon	New Britain & New Ireland	Other South- West Pacific Area	Total
	113	114	115	116	117	118	119
Escaped or recovered by Allies before cessation of hostilities	83	22					105
Recovered after cessation of hostilities ^a	10 535	2007	842	304	65	7	13 760
Died of wounds while POW	25	1	13	7	2		48
Died of sickness, disease or injury while POW	4 250	509	130	444	25	2	5 360
Killed by Allied and enemy weapons and presumed dead while POW	491	197	139	320	1014	33	2 194
Total deaths while POW	4 766	707	282	771	1041	35	7 602
Total POWs accounted for ^b	15 384	2736	1124	1075	1106	42	21 467

(a) Including 19 personnel who died on the way to Australia.

(b) The total number of personnel recorded missing at the cessation of hostilities with Japan was 3756, all of whom have been accounted for, having died or being presumed dead while a POW, or having been recovered, or having been killed in action.

WR 120-123 ENEMY
PRISONERS OF WAR IN
AUSTRALIA, WORLD WAR II

At 31 Dec	German	Italian	Japan- ese	Total
	120	121	122	123
1940				
1941	1539	5 195		6 734
1942	1642	5 217	30	6 889
1943	1649	6 617	1112	9 378
1944	1568	15 701	4322	21 591
1945	1567	17 022	5569	24 158
1946	1467	4 634	9	6 110

WR 124-128 LOCAL AND OVERSEAS
INTERNEES HELD IN AUSTRALIA,
WORLD WAR II

At 31 Dec	German	Italian	Japan- ese	Others	Total
	124	125	126	127	128
1939	278				278
1940	3245	1976			5 221
1941	3698	1957	968	36	6 659
1942	2661	3836	4022	212	10 731
1943	2296	852	3141	120	6 409
1944	1851	226	2800	97	4 974
1945	1576	99	2764	73	4 512
1946	202	2		4	208

NOTE Local internees were civilians resident in Australia at the outbreak of war. Overseas internees were civilians brought to Australia from overseas.

WR 129-138 MEMBERSHIP OF THE RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S LEAGUE BY
STATE, 1918-1982

At 31 Dec	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	Tas	WA	NT	ACT	PNG	Total
	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138
1918 ^a	7 015	7 197	4 248	3 470	1 349	5 400	..	..	..	28 679
1922	7 207	6 627	4 211	5 880	2 094	3 668	77	..	100	29 864
1926	3 607	6 581	3 293	5 673	1 053	4 413	..	..	..	30 346
1930	10 472	12 119	4 848	6 301	1 556	6 585	..	352	43	42 276
1934	18 990	16 270	6 431	7 181	2 137	5 962	36	275	..	57 282
1938	27 112	21 615	10 267	11 078	3 713	8 008	72	282	..	82 147
1942	26 310	27 215	10 312	15 398	3 942	8 267	..	281	..	91 725
1946	127 445	106 266	44 539	46 745	12 935	34 332	226	897	562	373 947
1950	89 685	82 470	32 214	39 700	11 001	20 367	703	816	1391	278 347
1954	79 361	76 076	27 818	38 683	10 314	18 391	.. ^b	740	1118	252 501
1958	77 763	70 285	28 780	37 087	9 787	16 359	..	911	1425	242 397
1962	94 232	68 539	27 816	33 087	9 239	17 150	..	1149	1273	252 485
1966	112 795	61 805	24 215	27 936	8 185	14 488	..	1230	1325	251 979
1970	128 920	58 627	28 122	24 933	8 501	12 062	..	1324	1663	264 152
1974	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	266 400
1978	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	266 269
1982	126 072	62 469	39 935	20 375	6 598	10 788	..	1266	1021	268 524

(a) Membership records were not put into proper order until 1920; 1918 figures may be unreliable. 1918 figures are as at 12 June.

(b) Included in SA.