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SURVEY OF AUSTRALIAN EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL - NOVEMBER 1966

This survey was conducted in November 1966 in order to obtain estimates of the number and characteristics of Australian ex-service personnel who had served in the Australian armed forces during wartime, and of the number and characteristics of their dependants.

2. The survey was carried out at the request of the Repatriation Department and the Services Canteens Trust Fund, and was designed to identify three classes of person, namely:

- (a) those who had served in the Australian armed forces during wartime (see definitions, paragraph 5),
- (b) the widows of men who had served during the 1939-45 War (see definitions),
- (c) children, under 19 years of age, of ex-service personnel who had served during the 1939-45 War (see definitions).

3. The survey was based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, hospitals, etc.). It covered the whole of Australia, and questions were asked of persons aged 18 years and over at November 1966, with the exception of members of the permanent armed forces and national servicemen enlisted in the Regular Army Supplement, and certain diplomatic personnel, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations. Ex-service personnel were first identified and then information was obtained about their children. As a result of this procedure children with both parents deceased or living outside Australia at the time of the survey, and children whose only surviving parent was serving in the permanent armed forces, were excluded.

4. Persons who were patients in hospitals or sanatoria other than Repatriation Hospitals, or who were inmates of gaols, etc., and for whom, for the purpose of the survey, the institution was regarded as their dwelling, were not asked the questions on ex-service status. The estimates ascribe to such persons characteristics (e.g. ex-service status) according to the proportions found in the sample. Patients in Repatriation Hospitals, however, were asked the relevant questions.

5. Definitions. For the purposes of the survey the following definitions were used.

- (i) Service in the Australian Armed Forces in Wartime (defined in (ii) below) - service in any of the following:
 - (a) the permanent naval, military or air forces of the Commonwealth of Australia;
 - (b) the citizen forces, by persons who enlisted for service in the 1939-45 War (including service in the R.A.N.V.R., C.M.F., etc.);
 - (c) the Voluntary Aid Detachment in a full-time paid capacity;
 - (d) the nursing or other women's services which were auxiliary to the naval, military or air forces (i.e. Royal Australian Naval Nursing Service; Australian Army Nursing Service; Royal Australian Air

Force Nursing Service; Women's Royal Australian Naval Service; Australian Women's Army Service; Australian Army Medical Women's Service; Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force; Australian Army Medical Corps; Army Medical Corps Nursing Service - 1914-18 War).

(ii) Service in Wartime - service in the Australian armed forces (see (i) above) in any of the following:

- (a) the South African (Boer) War, which commenced on 11 October 1899;
- (b) the 1914-18 War between 5 August 1914 and 11 November 1918 inclusive;
- (c) the 1939-45 War between 3 September 1939 and 30 June 1947 inclusive (including service in the occupation forces in Japan);
- (d) the Korean operations - in an operational area between 27 June 1950 and 19 April 1956 inclusive;
- (e) the Malayan operations - between 29 June 1950 and 30 August 1957 inclusive;
- (f) the Far East Strategic Reserve - persons, except members of the naval forces in the complement of a sea-going vessel, allotted special duty in the Federation of Malaya and the Colony of Singapore between 1 September 1957 and 27 May 1963 inclusive;
- (g) the Special Overseas Zone - service personnel who were allotted special duty in Vietnam (Southern Zone) from 1 July 1962; Sarawak, Sabah and Brunei from 8 December 1962; Malaya (North) from 28 May 1963; Malayan Peninsula and Singapore from 7 July 1965.

(iii) Service Outside Australian Territorial Waters - service in the Australian armed forces during wartime:

- (a) outside the territorial waters of the Commonwealth of Australia or the Dominion of enlistment.
- (b) in the Territories of Papua or New Guinea.

Note. Service in the Northern Territory north of 14.5° South Latitude (approximately north of Katherine) for three months or more between February 1942 and November 1943 was defined as service in a "theatre of war". Therefore persons who served in that area during that period are included in the tables which follow as if they had served outside Australian territorial waters.

6. Since the survey estimates are based on a sample they are subject to sampling variability, that is, variations that might occur by chance because only a sample of the population was enumerated. Estimates of less than 5,000 are not published in the tables because they would be subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived from the tables by deduction, undue significance should not be attached to them. Further information on variability of survey estimates is available on request.

7. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

TABLE 1. - EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL (a) : AGE GROUP AND MARITAL STATUS.

AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1966

('000)

Age group (years)	Never married			Married			Total (b)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
20 - 34	*	*	*	7.6	*	7.6	8.7	*	8.7
35 - 39	*	*	*	24.9	*	27.1	28.3	*	30.7
40 - 44	14.7	} 6.8	{ 16.9	163.9	27.1	191.0	182.2	30.9	213.1
45 - 49	12.7		{ 14.5	167.2	13.9	181.1	183.6	16.9	200.5
50 - 54	13.8		{ 14.7	116.6	} 6.1	{ 121.1	135.5	6.2	141.7
55 - 59	7.9		{ 9.9	76.1		{ 77.7	88.9	} 5.5	{ 92.6
60 - 64	6.2		*	6.8		37.3	*		38.1
65 - 69	} 6.6	*	{ 6.9	{ 36.7	*	37.0	45.6	*	46.4
70 - 74		*		{ 36.7	*	36.9	46.0	*	46.6
75 and over	*	*	*	20.0	*	20.5	30.7	*	31.5
Total	68.2	7.9	76.1	687.1	50.9	738.1	797.5	64.0	861.5

(a) Persons who served in the Australian armed forces during wartime (see definitions, paragraph 5). (b) Includes widowed and divorced persons. The estimated numbers of males were: widowed 34,200, divorced 7,900.

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

TABLE 2. - EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL (a) : MARITAL STATUS, STATES, NOVEMBER 1966

('000)

State	Never married		Married		Widowed		Total (b)		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W.	24.7	*	243.3	17.0	13.2	*	284.6	21.9	306.5
Vic.	18.6	*	197.7	13.0	9.0	*	226.9	16.1	243.0
Qld.	11.4	*	109.5	7.7	5.8	*	119.1	9.9	129.0
S.A.	*	*	55.6	5.0	*	*	62.6	5.7	68.4
W.A.	7.1	*	60.6	6.2	*	*	72.1	7.7	79.8
Tas.	*	*	21.1	*	*	*	24.1	*	25.6
Aust. (c)	68.2	7.9	687.1	50.9	34.2	*	797.5	64.0	861.5

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 1. (b) Includes divorced persons. The estimated number of divorced males was 7,900. (c) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

TABLE 3. - EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL (a) : AGE GROUP AND AREA OF SERVICE

AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1966

('000)

Age group (years)	Served outside Australian Territorial waters (b)			Did not serve outside Australian Territorial waters			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
20 - 34 (c)	7.7	*	7.7	*	*	*	8.7	*	8.7
35 - 39	20.1	*	20.2	8.2	*	10.5	28.3	*	30.7
40 - 44	135.6	} 6.5	(137.7	46.6	28.8	75.4	182.2	30.9	213.1
45 - 49	138.9		{ 140.6	44.7	15.3	59.9	183.6	16.9	200.5
50 - 54	96.9		{ 98.5	38.6	} 7.9	{ 43.3	135.5	6.2	141.7
55 - 59	60.7		{ 61.2	28.2		{ 31.4	88.9	} 5.5	{ 92.6
60 - 64	30.9		{ 31.6	16.9	*	18.1	47.8		{ 49.6
65 - 69	31.4	*	31.6	14.3	*	14.9	45.6	*	46.4
70 - 74	39.9	*	40.0	6.1	*	6.6	46.0	*	46.6
75 and over	25.5	*	26.1	5.2	*	5.4	30.7	*	31.5
Total	587.7	7.4	595.1	209.8	56.6	266.4	797.5	64.0	861.5

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 1. (b) Includes persons who served in a defined area of the Northern Territory between February 1942 and November 1943 (see definitions, paragraph 5). (c) Includes 6,900 males aged 30-34 years, of whom 6,200 served outside Australian Territorial waters.

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

TABLE 4. - EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL (a) : AREA OF SERVICE, STATES, NOVEMBER 1966

('000)

State	Served outside Australian Territorial waters (b)			Did not serve outside Australian Territorial waters			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W.	211.6	*	214.0	73.0	19.6	92.5	284.6	21.9	306.5
Vic.	166.1	*	167.9	60.8	14.4	75.2	226.9	16.1	243.0
Qld	85.4	*	87.6	33.7	7.8	41.4	119.1	9.9	129.0
S.A.	46.4	*	46.7	16.2	5.4	21.6	62.6	5.7	68.4
W.A.	53.7	*	54.4	18.4	7.1	25.5	72.1	7.7	79.8
Tas.	18.5	*	18.7	5.6	*	6.9	24.1	*	25.6
Aust. (c)	587.7	7.4	595.1	209.8	56.6	266.4	797.5	64.0	861.5

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 1. (b) See footnote (b) to previous table. (c) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

TABLE 5. - EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL (a) : WAR IN WHICH SERVED (b), STATES, NOVEMBER 1966
(,000)

State	1914-18 War only			1939-45 War (c)			Total (d)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W.	28.4	*	29.2	249.3	20.9	270.2	284.6	21.9	306.5
Vic.	25.6	*	25.7	197.5	15.9	213.4	226.9	16.1	243.0
Qld	11.8	*	12.0	104.4	9.7	114.1	119.1	9.9	129.0
S.A.	6.7	*	6.8	55.2	5.6	60.8	62.6	5.7	68.4
W.A.	6.2	*	6.2	64.2	7.6	71.9	72.1	7.7	79.8
Tas.	*	*	*	20.2	*	21.7	24.1	*	25.6
Aust. (e)	82.4	*	83.6	697.8	62.3	760.1	797.5	64.0	861.5

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 1. (b) For definitions see paragraph 5. (c) Includes persons who served during both the 1914-18 and the 1939-45 Wars; there were 18,300 males in this category. (d) Includes persons who served in wartime in other than the 1914-18 and the 1939-45 Wars (see definitions, paragraph 5); there were 17,300 males in this category. (e) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

TABLE 6. - EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO SERVED DURING THE 1939-45 WAR (a) :
AGE GROUP AND AREA OF SERVICE, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1966
(,000)

Age group (years)	Served outside Australian Territorial waters (b)			Did not serve outside Australian Territorial waters			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
35 - 39	13.7	*	13.8	7.9	*	10.0	21.6	*	23.8
40 - 44	134.5	*	136.6	46.5	28.7	75.2	181.0	30.7	211.7
45 - 49	138.6	*	140.3	44.7	15.3	59.9	183.3	16.9	200.2
50 - 54	96.6	*	98.2	38.5	7.9	43.2	135.1	6.2	141.3
55 - 59	60.6	*	61.1	28.2			31.4	88.8	5.4
60 - 64	30.2	*	30.9	15.8	*	16.8	46.0		
65 - 69	16.5	*	16.5	9.1	*	9.4	25.5	*	25.9
70 - 74	7.4	*	7.4	5.0	*	5.5	9.8	*	10.1
75 and over	*	*	*				6.7	*	6.9
Total	502.2	6.5	508.7	195.6	55.8	251.4	697.8	62.3	760.1

(a) For definitions see paragraph 5. (b) See footnote (b) to Table 3.

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

TABLE 7. - EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO SERVED DURING THE 1939-45 WAR (a) :

AREA OF SERVICE STATES, NOVEMBER 1966

('000)

State	Served outside Australian Territorial waters (b)			Did not serve outside Australian Territorial waters			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W.	181.1	*	182.9	68.2	19.1	87.3	249.3	20.9	270.2
Vic.	141.8	*	143.4	55.7	14.3	70.0	197.5	15.9	213.4
Qld	73.2	*	75.2	31.3	7.7	38.9	104.4	9.7	114.1
S.A.	39.5	*	39.7	15.7	5.4	21.0	55.2	5.6	60.8
W.A.	46.7	*	47.3	17.6	7.0	24.6	64.2	7.6	71.9
Tas.	15.1	*	15.3	5.1	*	6.4	20.2	*	21.7
Aust. (c)	502.2	6.5	508.7	195.6	55.8	251.4	697.8	62.3	760.1

(a) For definitions see paragraph 5. (b) See note (b) to Table 3. (c) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

TABLE 8. - EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO SERVED DURING THE 1939-45 WAR (a) :

AGE GROUP AND MARITAL STATUS, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1966

('000)

Age group (years)	Never married			Married			Total (b)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
35 - 39	*	*	*	19.4	*	21.3	21.6	*	23.8
40 - 44	14.6	*	16.8	162.9	26.9	189.8	181.0	30.7	211.7
45 - 49	12.6	*	14.4	167.0	13.9	180.9	183.3	16.9	200.2
50 - 54	13.8	*	14.7	116.3	*	120.8	135.1	6.2	141.3
55 - 59	7.9	*	9.9	76.1	*	77.7	88.8	} 5.4	{ 92.5
60 - 64	6.1	*	6.7	36.4	*	37.0	46.0		
65 - 69	*	*	*	20.1	*	20.2	25.5	*	25.9
70 - 74	*	*	*	7.8	*	7.8	9.8	*	10.1
75 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.7	*	6.9
Total	61.1	7.9	69.0	610.7	49.6	660.3	697.8	62.3	760.1

(a) For definitions see paragraph 5. (b) Includes widowed and divorced persons. The estimated numbers of males were: widowed 19,000, divorced 7,000.

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

TABLE 9. - EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO SERVED DURING THE 1939-45 WAR (a) :

MARITAL STATUS, STATES, NOVEMBER 1966

('000)

State	Never married			Married			Total (b)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W.	22.4	*	25.6	216.4	16.2	232.6	249.3	20.9	270.2
Vic.	16.8	*	18.5	175.1	12.7	187.9	197.5	15.9	213.4
Qld	9.7	*	11.1	91.1	7.5	98.7	104.4	9.7	114.1
S.A.	*	*	*	49.7	5.0	54.8	55.2	5.6	60.8
W.A.	6.6	*	7.3	54.0	6.1	60.2	64.2	7.6	71.9
Tas.	*	*	*	17.8	*	18.8	20.2	*	21.7
Aust. (c)	61.1	7.9	69.0	610.7	49.6	660.3	697.8	62.3	760.1

(a) For definitions see paragraph 5. (b) See footnote (b) to Table 8. (c) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

TABLE 10. - CHILDREN (a), UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE, OF EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL

WHO SERVED DURING THE 1939-45 WAR (b) : AGE GROUP, STATES, NOVEMBER 1966

('000)

Age group (years) and status	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
0 - 4	32.5	26.1	16.1	7.0	6.4	5.0	94.7
5 - 10	99.4	83.3	50.6	25.3	23.7	10.7	296.9
11 - 15							
Full-time student	135.3	117.1	66.4	34.8	38.8	12.5	410.4
Other	8.9	*	*	*	*	*	23.7
16 - 18							
Full-time student	27.4	35.7	10.7	8.3	6.9	*	93.8
Other	71.8	43.6	34.6	18.2	21.6	6.2	197.4
Total	375.3	310.7	182.8	95.5	100.1	38.4	1,117.0

(a) Excludes children with both parents deceased or living outside Australia at the time of the survey and children whose only surviving parent was serving in the permanent armed forces. (b) For definitions see paragraph 5. (c) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

TABLE 11. - WIDOWS OF EX-SERVICEMEN WHO SERVED DURING THE 1939-45 WAR (a) :

STATES, NOVEMBER 1966

('000)

State	Widows with children under 19 years of age	Widows without children under 19 years of age	Total
New South Wales	5.5	18.0	23.5
Victoria	} 6.0	(14.1	17.9
Queensland		(7.2	9.4
South Australia	*	*	} 9.3
Western Australia	*	*	
Tasmania	*	*	*
Australia (b)	14.7 (c)	48.0	62.6

(a) For definitions see paragraph 5. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) These widows had 29,800 children under 19 years of age, of whom 11,700 were resident in New South Wales and 7,300 in Victoria.

* Less than 5,000. See paragraph 6, page 2.

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