

APPENDIX B

INITIAL ESTIMATE OF AUSTRALIAN FORCES LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF FIRST YEAR OF WAR

TOTAL FORCES LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE		FORCES STATIONED IN AUSTRALIA AND ITS TERRITORIES FOR HOME DEFENCE, TRAINING, MAINTENANCE, ETC., AND EXPANSION OF THE WHOLE FORCE		FORCES LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER STRATEGIC REQUIREMENTS		REMARKS
(a)		(b)		(c)		(d)
NAVAL:	Approx Personnel	Home Defence:	Personnel		Personnel	
2 Light Fleet Carriers	2,200	5 'Q' Class Destroyers	1,100	2 Light Fleet Carriers	2,200	a. After the end of 1954, 4 Daring Class Destroyers <u>will</u> be available in Columns (a) and (c) instead of the 2 as shown.
1 8" Cruiser	1,000	8 A/S Frigates	1,440	1 8" Cruiser	1,000	
1 6" Cruiser	700	2 A.A. Frigates	360	1 6" Cruiser	700	
2 Battle Class Destroyers	600	2 Frigates (ex Sloops)	240	2 Battle Class Destroyers	600	
2 Daring Class Destroyers	600	22 A.M.S.	2,000	2 Daring Class Destroyers	600	
3 Tribal Class Destroyers	800	Part of Fleet Train	500	3 Tribal Class Destroyers	800	
5 'Q' Class Destroyers	1,100	Auxiliary Craft	1,000	2 A.A. Frigates	360	
8 A/S Frigates	1,440	Harbour Defence Forces	3,000	Part of Fleet Train	500	
4 A.A. Frigates	720		9,640			
2 Frigates (ex Sloops)	240					
22 A.M.S.	2,000					
Fleet Train	1,000	Training, Maintenance Establishments, Etc. Personnel under Training for Reinforcements and for Expansion of the whole Force				
Auxiliary Craft	1,000		10,600			
Harbour Defence Forces	3,000					
Training, Maintenance Establishments, Etc. Personnel under training for Reinforcements and for Expansion of the whole Force	10,600					
TOTAL PERSONNEL	27,000		20,240		6,760	

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(a)		(b)		(c)		(d)
ARMY:						
Field Forces - Three Infantry Divisions One Armoured Brigade Corps Troops	127,000	Home Defence - Coast and Anti-Aircraft Defences and Garrison Battalions	23,000	First Component - Force HQ One Division (a) Corps Troops including One Armoured Regiment Force and Base Troops	41,000	a. Formed from expansion of A.R.A.
Home Defence - Coast and Anti-Aircraft Defences Garrison Battalions	23,000	Training, Maintenance Establishments, Etc. Personnel under training for Reinforcements and for Expansion of the whole Force.	90,000	Second Component - HQ Corps Two Divisions (b) Corps Troops Force and Base Troops	81,000	b. These formations exist in peace time as 2nd and 3rd C.M.F. Divisions.
Training, Maintenance Establishments, Etc. Personnel under training for Reinforcements and for Expansion of the whole Force.	90,000			One Armoured Bde. Group	5,000	
TOTAL PERSONNEL	240,000		113,000		127,000	

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(a)		(b)		(c)		(d)
AIR FORCES:						
Operational Flying Units	Aircraft	Operational Flying Units	Aircraft	Operational Flying Units	Aircraft	Operational Flying Units marked thus ø are units of the peace-time R.A.A.F.
1 Bomber Wing ø (3 Squadrons)	36	4 Fighter Squadrons	48	1 Bomber Wing (3 Squadrons)	36	
1 Fighter Wing ø (2 Squadrons)	48	1 Transport Squadron	18	1 Fighter Wing (2 Squadrons)	48	
1 Fighter Wing (2 Squadrons)	48	4 General Reconnaissance Squadrons	48	1 Fighter Wing (2 Squadrons)	48	
4 Fighter Squadrons ø	48	Maritime Strike Squadron	12	1 Transport Wing (2 Squadrons)	36	
1 Transport Wing ø (2 Squadrons)	36			1 Transport Squadron	18	
2 Transport Squadrons	36			1 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (with Air Observation Post Flight)	9	
2 General Reconnaissance Squadrons ø	24			1 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron	12	
2 General Reconnaissance Squadrons	24					
1 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (with Air Observation Post Flight) ø	9					
1 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron ø	12					
1 Maritime Strike Squadron ø	12					
TOTAL						
4 Wings (9 Squadrons) 13 Squadrons				4 Wings (9 Squadrons) 3 Squadrons		
22 Squadrons	345	10 Squadrons	126	12 Squadrons	219	

PERSONNEL		PERSONNEL		PERSONNEL		
Task Force - Operational Flying Units plus Ancillary Units	11,500	Home Defence -	25,000	Task Force - Operational Flying Units plus Ancillary Units	11,500	
Home Defence -	25,000	Training, Maintenance Establishments, Etc.				
Training, Maintenance Establishments, Etc. Personnel under Training for Reinforcements and for Expansion of the whole Force	40,500	Personnel under Training for Reinforcements and for Expansion of the whole Force.	40,500			
TOTAL PERSONNEL	77,000		65,500		11,500	