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Forthcoming Anniversaries

13 June 1941: Australians involved in Battle for Jezzine, Syria
13 June 1945: Australians capture Brunei
14 June 1917: First Australian armoured fighting vehicle in action at Beersheba
14 June 1966: 6 RAR arrives in South Vietnam
14 June 1982: British forces retake the Falkland Islands
15 June 1901: Sgt James Rogers, South African Constabulary, awarded the VC for his actions at Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State
16 June 1942: HMAS Nestor sunk by enemy ships in the Mediterranean
16 June 1953: 3 RAR relieves 2 RAR in Korea
17 June 1966: MV Jeparit departs Sydney for its first voyage to Vietnam
18 June 1943: Australian prime minister announces that the nation is no longer under threat of invasion
20 June 1864: Australians engage Maoris at Te Ranga, NZ
21 June 1940: HMAS Sydney and Stuart bombard Bardia

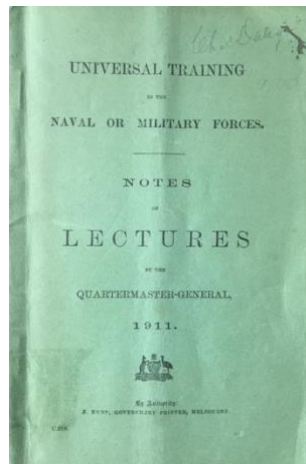
RUSIV Defence Update

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Defence Plans in 1911



In 2022 the strength of the Australian Defence Force is stated to be around 60,000 full-time and 30,000 part-time. Australia currently has a population of just over 26 million.

In 1911 the Australian population was 4.5 million. In 1909 an Act was passed instituting a universal liability to be trained in the Defence Force in time of peace. The scheme included Senior Cadet training for 14- to 18-year-olds and Adult Training from 18 to 20 years (later extended to 26 years). The illustrated pamphlet, recorded only in the RUSIV Library, explains this scheme.

It was estimated that it would produce, when in full operation, 100,000 Senior Cadets and 112,000 Citizen Soldiers. The Citizen Soldiers would be distributed between 93 infantry battalions, 28 light horse regiments and 56 artillery batteries with a 'due proportion' of engineers, Army Service Corps, Army Medical Corps, troops for forts and other services. The scheme also provided for the foundation of a military college.

Under the heading of 'Higher Training' the pamphlet states 'Valuable deductions may be made by the study of ... war. With this object, the Government now assists the work of the United Service Institutions in the several states'.

Readers may draw their own conclusions!

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