

(d) *The "Natural Increase" in the Population.*—Regarding the "natural increase" of 93,000 mentioned above, it should be pointed out that this consisted largely of an increase in the number of *young children* in the community (the number under fourteen having increased by 25,000 due to a recent stimulus in the birth-rate) and an increase in the number of *old people* (the number over sixty having increased by 36,000). In the remaining ages (fourteen to sixty) the natural increase over the period was therefore not 93,000, but only 32,000, and one-half of these were women.

(e) *Strength of Mobilized Forces (excluding Casualties) :—*

Dates used.—September, 1939, outbreak of war ; End 1940, first Libyan advance ; November, 1941, prior to entry of Japan ; September, 1942, peak mobilization in New Zealand ; End 1943, approach to present position.

Date.	Army.	Navy.	Air Force.	Total.
September, 1939	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
End 1940	37,000	3,000	9,000	49,000
November, 1941	60,000	5,000	15,000	80,000
September, 1942	125,000	6,000	26,000	157,000
End 1943	80,000	9,000	40,000	129,000

(f) *Casualties on Active Service (all Forces combined) :—*

Date.	Deaths.	Missing.	Prisoners.	Total.
November, 1941	1,194	1,134	3,560	5,888
September, 1942	3,747	2,552	6,513	12,812
End 1943	6,814	897	7,290	15,001

(g) *Forces plus Casualties and Population :—*

Date.	Total Population (including Forces and Casualties).	Males aged Fifteen to Sixty-four in Population.	Forces plus Casualties.	As a Percentage of	
				Total Population.	Males aged Fifteen to Sixty-four.
September, 1939	1,630,000	565,000	3,000	0·2	0·5
End 1940	1,667,000	570,000	49,000	2·9	8·6
November, 1941	1,678,000	573,000	86,000	5·1	15·0
September, 1942	1,695,000	577,000	170,000	10·0	29·5
End 1943	1,723,000	582,000	144,000	8·4	24·7

(h) *Wartime Changes in Labour Force available to Industry (September, 1939, to End of 1943) :—*

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Labour force at outbreak of war	520,000	180,000	700,000
Portion of natural increase in population during the war normally available to industry	+16,000	+ 5,000	+21,000
Additional numbers available to industry as a result of war mobilization—i.e., industrial conscription, deferment of retirements, continuation of work after marriage, &c.	+16,000	+51,000	+67,000
Less net number withdrawn to Forces after allowing for releases back to industry	—146,000	— 8,000	—154,000
Industrial labour force at end of 1943	406,000	228,000	634,000