Establishing Australian military authorities for the Australian National Bibliographic Database

The following is a list of headings to be used in the Australian National Bibliographic Database for the Australian Army, Air Force and Navy, and includes guidelines on establishing headings for an individual unit or component of the Army. For the full reference structure under these headings please consult the Libraries Australia Authorities database.

Army

Use the following headings for the Australian Army, expeditionary forces and reserves.

1901-1905  110 1# $aAustralia.$bCommonwealth Military Forces
1905-     110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy
1905-1946  110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bMilitia
1914-1921  110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bAustralian Imperial Force (1914-1921)
1939-1945  110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bAustralian Imperial Force, 2nd (1939-1946)
1941-1945  110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bVolunteer Defence Corps
1948-1983  110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bCitizen Military Forces
1983      110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bAustralian Army Reserve
Establishing headings for individual units

When establishing a heading for an individual unit or component of the Army, enter it directly under the heading for the principal service of which it is a part, according to RDA Instruction 11.2.2.22.1.

Australia. Army. Battalion, 10th.

110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bBattalion, 10th

not

110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bRoyal South Australia Regiment.$bBattalion, 10th.

110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bLight Horse Regiment, 6th

not

110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bAustralian Imperial Force (1914-1921).$bLight Horse Regiment, 6th

Include other elements of the hierarchy only when it is known that a conflict exists, such as when an infantry battalion was raised with the same number for both the home-based and expeditionary forces in the Second World War.

110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bAustralian Imperial Force, 2nd. (1939-1946).$bBattalion, 2nd

Since this occurrence is extremely rare, in case of doubt, omit the hierarchy.

110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bBattalion, 2nd
If a military unit is numbered, record the numbering in arabic ordinal numbers regardless of the form in which it appears on the publication.

110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bBattalion, 10th  
not
110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bBattalion, Tenth

Record the numbering of the second A.I.F. battalions in the form 2/XX.

110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bBattalion, 2/3rd  
not
110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bBattalion, 2nd/3rd  
110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bBattalion, Second Third

When establishing a heading for an infantry battalion, record only the word 'battalion' and the number of the unit, regardless of the way the name is written on the item being catalogued.

Third Australian Infantry Battalion  
4th Infantry Battalion  
5th Battalion

would become

110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bBattalion, 3rd  
110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bBattalion,4th
110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bBattalion, 5th

Thus providing useful collocation and lessening the possibility of duplicate headings.
**Air Force**

Use the following headings for the Australian Air Force and its Reserves.

- **1914-1919**  
  110 1# $aAustralia.$bArmy.$bAustralian Flying Corps

- **1919-1921**  
  110 1# $aAustralia.$bAustralian Air Corps

- **1921-**  
  110 1# $aAustralia.$bRoyal Australian Air Force

- **1928-1939**  
  110 1# $aAustralia.$bRoyal Australian Air Force.$bAuxiliary Air Force

- **1939-1960**  
  110 1# $aAustralia.$bRoyal Australian Air Force.$bCitizens' Air Force

- **1960-**  
  110 1# $aAustralia.$bRoyal Australian Air Force.$bAuxiliary Air Force (1960)

**Navy**

Use the following headings for the Australian Navy and its Reserves.

- 110 1# $aAustralia.$bCommonwealth Naval Forces

- **1911-**  
  110 1# $aAustralia.$bRoyal Australian Naval Reserve

- **1913-**  
  110 1# $aAustralia.$bRoyal Australian Navy
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