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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13 August 2015 requesting information on:

'How many people have died on serving Royal Navy ships and boats (including submarines and Royal Marine's landing craft) in the last five years.

Please include figures for people service in the Royal Navy and Royal Marine personnel, as well as all other staff on board (such as cleaners, kitchen hands and those working in the laundries).

Please specify when each person died and their place of death (eg the name of the ship or boat, host port or naval base)

Please specify each person's cause of death.

Please specify each person's nationality.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested and is attached at Annex A to this letter.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

**FOI RESPONSE: DEATHS ONBOARD SHIPS/SUBMARINES/BOATS
DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

The table below covers the requested five-year period 14 Aug 2010 to 13 Aug 2015 preceding the date of the FOI request.

The table does not include anyone who died ashore following an injury/illness/incident that happened onboard.

| Date of death | Nationality | Unit | Cause of death |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| Sep 10 | British | HMS CATTISTOCK | Suicide & Open Verdict |
| Apr 11 | British | HMS ASTUTE | Murdered |
| Jun 11 | British | HMS EDINBURGH | Suicide & Open Verdict |
| Sep 12 | British | HMS VIGILANT | Suicide & Open Verdict |
| Oct 12 | British | Royal Marines | Accident whilst on boat handlers course |
| Jun 14 | British | HMS BULWARK | Cause of death to be determined formally by HM Coroner at inquest |
| Dec 14 | British | HMS SOMERSET | Natural causes |