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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 12 October 2014 requesting the following information:

I'm a PhD student looking at the lives of ex-soldiers (specifically ex-temporarily commissioned officers) in the aftermath of the First World War. Can you tell me does the MOD have any statistics concerning these men and this time range (1918-1945)? I know that the ONS keeps stats on the Falkland and Gulf War Veterans.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our recorded information, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

The MOD does not hold information on veterans for the period 1918-1945.

Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you might find it useful to note the following:

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) holds details about UK Service personnel who died from the 4 August 1914 - 31 August 1921 and from 3 September 1939 – 31 December 1947, after this date details are held by MOD but there are no centrally held records about those who died during the inter war years.

Many Service records for the inter war period (1918-1945) were destroyed, including those burnt in the Blitz, or are incomplete. Therefore MOD does not hold this information centrally.

Numbers of in-Service deaths relating to medal earning theatres from 1948 to the current date are published by MOD on the Gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-armed-forces-operational-deaths-post-world-war-2-2014>

The MOD also publishes statistics on the causes of deaths among the UK armed forces veterans of the Falklands campaign, and of the 1990/91 Gulf conflict. These publications can also be found on the Gov.uk website.

Falklands: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/causes-of-deaths-among-the-uk-armed-forces-veterans-of-the-falklands-campaign-1982-to-2012>

Gulf: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/causes-of-deaths-that-occurred-among-the-uk-veterans-of-the-199091-gulf-conflict>

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering in-Service deaths since 1948, or to our statistical publications covering the causes of deaths among Falklands and Gulf 1990/91 veterans and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing: DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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