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Question:

1) In the most recent years for which figures are available, how many Army service leavers were aged 22 at discharge, how many years had each service leaver served in the armed forces (from date of enlistment), and what was the reason for discharge in each case?

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NB:

All Figures are based on information recorded in the Joint Personnel Administration System (JPA).

Figures are for all Trained Regulars (Officers and Soldiers) who left the Army between 1st April 2011 and 31st March 2014 (Financial Year's 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014).

Definition of Exit Reasons

Administrative/Discipline - Discharges from the Army for administrative or disciplinary reasons. Includes for example "Services No Longer Required" (SNLR), misconduct, indiscipline, inefficiency and discharge following court-martial.

Voluntary Outflow - Those who choose to leave the Army before the end of their agreed engagement or commission period are said to leave on Voluntary Outflow (VO).

Redundancy - Those who leave on Redundancy. The majority of those who leave on Redundancy apply to do so.

Other - Those who leave for any other reason than those listed above (i.e. such as Medical, Death). Also those without an exit reason, and data errors.

Trained Regular Outflow between 1st April 2011 and 31st March 2014 for those Aged 22 (equal to or between 264 Months and 275 Months) at the point of Outflow only, by Exit Reason and Length of Service at the point of Outflow.

Length of Service at point of Outflow	Total	Exit Reason			
		Administrative / Discipline	Voluntary Outflow	Redundancy	Other
Total	1,990	450	1,300	40	200
1 to 12 Months	10	-	-	-	-
13 to 24 Months	80	80	-	-	10
25 to 36 months	130	100	-	-	20
37 to 48 Months	340	100	210	-	30
49 to 60 Months	630	80	490	10	60
61 to 72 Months	640	70	500	20	60
73 to 84 Months	150	20	100	10	20

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Trained Regular Outflow between 1st April 2011 and 31st March 2014 for those Aged 23 (equal to or between 276 Months and 287 Months) at the point of Outflow only, by Exit Reason and Length of Service at the point of Outflow.

Length of Service at point of Outflow	Total	Exit Reason			
		Administrative / Discipline	Voluntary Outflow	Redundancy	Other
Total	2,080	420	1,230	190	240
1 to 12 Months	10	10	-	-	-
13 to 24 Months	60	60	-	-	-
25 to 36 months	120	100	-	-	10
37 to 48 Months	340	90	220	-	30
49 to 60 Months	460	50	320	20	60
61 to 72 Months	410	60	260	60	40
73 to 84 Months	530	50	340	70	70
85 to 96 Months	140	10	80	40	10

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

All Figures are based on information recorded in the Joint Personnel Administration System (JPA).

The figures are for Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, TA and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.

Length of service has been calculated using entry date. There are known problems with the entry date information extracted from JPA which is supposed to reflect their 'current entry date' but if personnel have transferred to the Army from another Service, served under an alternative assignment type (e.g. reserve forces), are re-entrants or have transferred from Other Ranks to Officers, their entry date may correspond to any of these events. The resulting LoS may reflect their current period of service, include previous service, or it may be the time that has elapsed since they first joined the Armed Forces, irrespective of any break in service.

Figures have been rounded to 10 to prevent disclosure and add clarity to the presentation of figures. Numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.

"-" denotes zero or rounded to zero.