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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 June requesting the following information:

“the total number of soldiers who have died in training exercises in the past five years, (ie from January 2010 until present day) either in the UK or abroad. Please DO NOT include deaths from disease or in circumstances not related to the training exercise itself.

Clarification was sought and you confirmed that your request related to all UK Army soldiers.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and is provided below.

Between 1 January 2010 and 30 May 2015 (the latest data available), **14** Army soldiers died whilst on training or exercise where cause of death has been coded to an injury related condition<sup>1</sup>.

In accordance with the request, figures exclude those deaths where the cause of death has been coded to a disease related condition.

In addition to the 14 deaths mentioned above, four Army soldiers died whilst on training or exercise where the cause is not yet known or has been confirmed by a coroner as unascertained. It is therefore not possible from data held by Defence Statistics to determine whether these deaths were as a result of a disease related condition or in circumstances related to the training exercise itself.

Please note, whilst Defence Statistics (Health) receive the duty status of personnel who have died, it is not always possible to identify whether a death occurred whilst training or on exercise.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

<sup>1</sup> As per the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems 10th Revision (ICD-10).

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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