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Dear

Thank you for your email of 30 January 2015 requesting the following information:

- "1. How many soldiers are there in the regular parachute battalions.*
- 2. How many of these are parachute trained."*

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

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. There are 1320 personnel in the Regular parachute battalions and 1190 of these are parachute trained.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd 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.

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Please quote the reference number above in any future communication.

Yours sincerely,

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