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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 14 September in which you requested the following information.

“A breakdown of how many men and how many women are in each Infantry Regiment in the UK, by rank, and the same information for last year and five years ago.”

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. The information you requested is attached.

Please note that as the request relates to Infantry regiments the information provided is for males only. This information represents trained regular Army personnel within each Infantry regiment and includes personnel currently serving with another unit. It does not necessarily equate to the total strength of the Infantry as some personnel were not attributed to an Infantry regiment at the time of data extraction. Please note that the figures in the attachment have been rounded to the nearest 10 and “-“ refers to 0 or a figure rounded to 0. This is in accordance with the Government’s statistical rounding policy.

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Yours sincerely,

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Trained Regular Army Officer Strengths of Infantry Regiments by Paid Rank

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Regiment	Rank	01/08/2011	01/08/2015	01/08/2016
Grenadier Guards	Regiment Total	70	70	70
	Lt Col	10	10	10
	Maj	20	20	20
	Capt	30	20	20
	Lt	10	20	10
	2Lt	-	-	-
Coldstream Guards	Regiment Total	70	70	70
	Lt Col	-	10	10
	Maj	20	20	20
	Capt	30	30	20
	Lt	20	10	10
	2Lt	-	-	-
Scots Guard	Regiment Total	80	70	70
	Lt Col	10	10	10
	Maj	20	20	20
	Capt	30	30	30
	Lt	20	10	10
	2Lt	-	-	10
Irish Guards	Regiment Total	70	50	60
	Lt Col	10	10	10
	Maj	20	10	20
	Capt	30	20	20
	Lt	10	10	10
	2Lt	-	-	-
Welsh Guards	Regiment Total	60	60	60
	Lt Col	-	10	10
	Maj	20	20	20
	Capt	20	20	20
	Lt	10	10	10
	2Lt	-	-	-
Royal Regiment of Scotland	Regiment Total	400	300	300
	Lt Col	50	40	40
	Maj	150	110	110
	Capt	140	100	100
	Lt	50	50	30
	2Lt	-	-	10
Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment	Regiment Total	160	130	130
	Lt Col	20	20	20
	Maj	50	50	50
	Capt	60	40	40
	Lt	20	20	20
	2Lt	-	-	-
Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	Regiment Total	180	150	150

	Lt Col	20	20	20
	Maj	60	50	50
	Capt	70	50	60
	Lt	20	20	10
	2Lt	-	-	-
Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	Regiment Total	160	120	120
	Lt Col	20	10	20
	Maj	50	50	50
	Capt	60	40	40
	Lt	20	10	10
	2Lt	-	-	-
Royal Anglian Regiment	Regiment Total	160	120	120
	Lt Col	20	10	10
	Maj	60	40	40
	Capt	50	40	40
	Lt	20	20	20
	2Lt	-	-	-
Yorkshire Regiment	Regiment Total	200	160	160
	Lt Col	30	30	20
	Maj	70	60	60
	Capt	70	60	50
	Lt	30	20	20
	2Lt	-	-	-
Mercian Regiment	Regiment Total	220	180	170
	Lt Col	30	20	30
	Maj	80	70	70
	Capt	80	60	60
	Lt	30	30	20
	2Lt	-	-	-
Royal Welsh	Regiment Total	160	120	120
	Lt Col	20	20	20
	Maj	50	50	40
	Capt	60	50	40
	Lt	20	10	10
	2Lt	-	-	-
Royal Irish Regiment	Regiment Total	100	80	80
	Lt Col	20	20	20
	Maj	40	30	30
	Capt	20	20	20
	Lt	10	10	10
	2Lt	-	-	-
Parachute Regiment	Regiment Total	230	240	240
	Lt Col	30	30	30
	Maj	80	90	80
	Capt	90	100	100
	Lt	30	30	30
	2Lt	-	-	-
Royal Gurkha Rifles	Regiment Total	80	80	80
	Lt Col	10	10	10
	Maj	30	30	20
	Capt	30	20	30
	Lt	20	10	10
	2Lt	-	-	-

Rifles	Regiment Total	360	310	320
	Lt Col	40	40	40
	Maj	130	110	110
	Capt	130	110	110
	Lt	60	50	40
	2Lt	-	-	20

Notes/Caveats:

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Trained Regular Army Soldier Strengths of Infantry Regiments by Paid Rank

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Regiment	Rank	01/08/2011	01/08/2015	01/08/2016
Grenadier Guards	Regiment Total	710	610	600
	WO1	-	-	-
	WO2	20	20	20
	SSgt	20	30	20
	Sgt	50	40	50
	Cpl	120	110	110
	LCpl	110	80	70
	Pte	400	340	330
Coldstream Guards	Regiment Total	690	640	620
	WO1	10	-	-
	WO2	30	20	20
	SSgt	30	30	40
	Sgt	50	40	30
	Cpl	110	100	90
	LCpl	110	100	110
	Pte	350	350	330
Scots Guard	Regiment Total	700	590	570
	WO1	10	-	-
	WO2	30	20	20
	SSgt	20	20	20
	Sgt	50	50	50
	Cpl	110	100	100
	LCpl	80	120	120
	Pte	410	280	260
Irish Guards	Regiment Total	620	490	480
	WO1	-	-	-
	WO2	20	20	20
	SSgt	30	30	30
	Sgt	40	30	40
	Cpl	80	90	80
	LCpl	100	90	80
	Pte	340	230	230

Welsh Guards	Regiment Total	570	510	470
	WO1	-	10	-
	WO2	20	10	20
	SSgt	20	20	20
	Sgt	40	40	40
	Cpl	100	70	70
	LCpl	90	80	90
	Pte	290	280	230
Royal Regiment of Scotland	Regiment Total	2,710	2,240	2,170
	WO1	20	20	20
	WO2	100	80	70
	SSgt	130	100	120
	Sgt	240	160	160
	Cpl	470	380	390
	LCpl	510	400	400
	Pte	1,230	1,090	1,000
Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment	Regiment Total	1,260	1,060	1,090
	WO1	10	10	10
	WO2	40	40	40
	SSgt	60	50	60
	Sgt	90	70	80
	Cpl	180	200	200
	LCpl	220	200	200
	Pte	670	500	520
Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	Regiment Total	1,320	1,020	980
	WO1	10	-	-
	WO2	50	40	40
	SSgt	60	50	50
	Sgt	120	70	70
	Cpl	210	200	190
	LCpl	230	160	170
	Pte	650	510	460
Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	Regiment Total	1,230	720	660
	WO1	-	10	-
	WO2	40	30	20
	SSgt	50	40	40
	Sgt	90	50	50
	Cpl	200	100	100
	LCpl	210	150	130
	Pte	630	350	320
Royal Anglian Regiment	Regiment Total	1,230	1,040	1,040
	WO1	-	-	-
	WO2	40	30	30
	SSgt	40	40	40
	Sgt	90	50	60
	Cpl	200	180	180
	LCpl	170	160	170
	Pte	690	570	550
Yorkshire Regiment	Regiment Total	1,570	1,240	1,210
	WO1	10	10	10
	WO2	50	40	40
	SSgt	60	50	60
	Sgt	130	100	100
	Cpl	270	200	200
	LCpl	290	190	180
	Pte	750	650	630

Mercian Regiment	Regiment Total	1,670	1,290	1,190
	WO1	10	10	10
	WO2	60	40	40
	SSgt	60	60	60
	Sgt	130	80	90
	Cpl	240	190	190
	LCpl	280	240	230
	Pte	890	670	580
Royal Welsh	Regiment Total	1,150	700	630
	WO1	10	-	-
	WO2	40	40	30
	SSgt	50	30	30
	Sgt	90	50	60
	Cpl	180	120	110
	LCpl	210	110	100
	Pte	570	350	300
Royal Irish Regiment	Regiment Total	590	540	530
	WO1	-	-	-
	WO2	20	20	20
	SSgt	30	20	30
	Sgt	40	30	30
	Cpl	80	90	100
	LCpl	100	100	90
	Pte	310	270	260
Parachute Regiment	Regiment Total	1,780	1,740	1,710
	WO1	10	10	10
	WO2	60	50	60
	SSgt	90	90	100
	Sgt	120	120	130
	Cpl	310	290	300
	LCpl	310	330	310
	Pte	890	840	810
Rifles	Regiment Total	3,070	2,790	2,860
	WO1	20	20	20
	WO2	90	90	90
	SSgt	120	130	130
	Sgt	190	150	170
	Cpl	510	470	500
	LCpl	550	510	480
	Pte	1,590	1,430	1,460

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