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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 24 June 2015 requesting the following information:

*"Please can you tell me how many members of the Armed Forces have died during training or exercises for each year from 2000 until present. Please can you break down the information by reservist and regular. If possible please can you also break down the figures according to service."*

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 the information in scope of your request is held.

Between 1 January 2000 and 18 July 2015 (the latest data available), **125** UK Armed Forces have died whilst on training or exercise.

**Table 1** below presents this information by year, Service and Service type as requested.

**Table 1: UK Armed Forces deaths<sup>1</sup> on training<sup>2</sup> or exercise by calendar year, Service and Service type, 1 January 2000 to 18 July 2015, numbers**

Service	All	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>3</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Naval Service<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Regular	21	1	1	5	0	2	1	1	0	3	0	2	1	2	1	0	1
Reserve	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Army</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Regular	69	6	6	5	3	9	9	1	6	5	2	2	3	2	3	5	2
Reserve	17	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	1	0
<b>RAF</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Regular	16	0	4	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
Reserve	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Defence Statistics (Health)

Notes:

1. Figures are for **all** causes of death that occurred whilst on training or exercise; Accidents, Assaults, Natural causes and cause not yet known.
2. Figures are for **all** types of training or exercise.
3. Up to and including 18 July 2015.
4. Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

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

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Yours sincerely

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