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Dear XXXXXXXXX

Thank you for your letter of 18 March in which you requested the following information:

Since 2010, how many homicide cases have been investigated by:

1. *The Royal Military Police;*
2. *The Royal Naval Police; and*
3. *The Royal Air Force Police.*

In relation to those cases, in how many cases was the victim alleged to have been killed outside England and Wales? (We are not asking for information about referring for charge, charge or conviction).

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, and I can confirm that information is held which falls within the scope of your request. Please refer to the tables below:

Royal Military Police	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (to 31 March)	Total
Murder	~	~	~	~	~	-	-	10
Manslaughter	~	~	-	-	-	~	-	10

Royal Navy Police	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (to 31 March)	Total
Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Royal Air Force Police	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (to 31 March)	Total
Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter	~	-	-	-	-	-	-	~

It should be noted that totals are rounded in accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy; therefore totals may not equal the sum of their parts. All numbers are rounded to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid bias. All numbers less than five have been suppressed and presented as '~' and '-' denotes zero.

Please note that the information provided only relates to cases where the Service Police had jurisdiction and were the lead investigating agency in the case. They do not include any cases investigated by Civil Police Forces.

The information has been collated by the Service Police Crime Bureau's (SPCB) Crime Statistics Analysis Cell (CSAC) on behalf of the Royal Navy Police, the Royal Military Police and the Royal Air Force Police. The SPCB information has been extracted from a database known as "REDCAP". While REDCAP can be searched in various ways (for example, via crime classification, date of offence or date of birth), the manner in which information has been electronically recorded over many years means that it is not possible within FOI time/constraints to identify those cases that may have originally been classed as a homicide (murder or manslaughter) but then reclassified to a non-homicide offence. This information also does not include any investigation being conducted by the Iraq Historic Allegations Team.

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, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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. 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, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat