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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 20 November requesting the following information:

'How many British soldiers, seamen and airmen are currently being held at The Military Corrective Training Centre (MCTC) in Colchester, Essex.

For each person held there, I would like to know:

- What branch of the military they were/are serving in*
- What regiment, squadron, etc. they are/were in*
- Their rank*
- The crime or alleged offence which has led them to be held there*
- Their sentence to stay at the centre.'*

I am treating your letter as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Detainees at MCTC are categorised as either Detainee Under Sentence (DUS) or Service Custody Platoon (SCP), which refers to those in detention whilst under investigation, awaiting trial or transfer to HM Prison (having being sentenced by Courts Martial). The information shown below reflects the position as at 31 October 2015.

The total number of detainees by Service is as follows:

Service	DUS	SCP	Total
Navy	5	0	5
Royal Marines	~	0	~
Army	30	~	30
RAF	0	~	~

The parent units or formations that the detainees are from are as follows:

Royal Navy/Royal Marines
Commando Logistic Regiment
Commando Training Centre
Her Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth
HMS Drake
HMS Nelson
HMS Raleigh
Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose

Army
1st Battalion The Mercian Regiment
1st Battalion Grenadier Guards
1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment
1st Battalion The Rifles
1st Battalion Royal Tank Regiment
1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment
2nd Battalion The Mercian Regiment
2nd Battalion The Rifles
2nd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment
3 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery
4 Regiment Army Air Corps
4th Battalion The Rifles
5th Battalion The Rifles
6 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps
13 Air Assault Support Regiment Royal Logistic Corps
14 Regiment Royal Artillery
26 Engineer Regiment
26 Regiment Royal Artillery
27 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps
32 Engineer Regiment
HQ 1 (UK) Armoured Division
Joint Helicopter Command
Queens Dragoon Guards
Queens Royal Hussars
Royal Gurkha Rifles
Royal Lancers
Royal Welsh

Royal Air Force
RAF Waddington

The rank profile of the detainees is as follows:

Rank	Quantity
Able Seaman	5
Civilian Subject to Service Discipline	~
Junior Non-Commissioned Officer	~
Marine	~
Private (and equivalents)	25

The offences committed by those currently detained, and the sentences awarded, are as follows. This excludes those in SCP, where a sentence has not yet been awarded:

Offence	Sentence (days)
Fraud x 13	184 total
Grievous Bodily Harm	366
Offence 1, Battery	366 total
Offence 2, Battery	
Offence 3, Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order	
Sexual Assault	275
Grievous Bodily Harm	366
Racially Aggravated Actual Bodily Harm	366
Grievous Bodily Harm	427
Disgraceful Conduct	458
Absent Without Leave	184
Theft x 4	305 total
Offence 1, Battery	150 total
Offence 2, Harrassment	
Offence 3, Disobeying A Lawful Command	
Offence 1, Failing To Attend A Duty	120 total
Offence 2, Taking Without Consent	
Offence 3, Absent Without Leave	
Offence 1, Fraud x 3	150 total
Offence 2, Burglary	
Offence 3, Absent Without Leave x 2	
Grievous Bodily Harm	366
Malingering	182
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Absent Without Leave	75
Offence 1, Desertion	396 total
Offence 2, Absent Without Leave	
Disgraceful Conduct	182
Absent Without Leave	182
Fraud	122
Grievous Bodily Harm	182
Absent Without Leave x 2	60 total
Offence 1, Using Violence Against A Superior	46 total

Offence 2, Absent Without Leave	
Desertion	60
Offence 1, Disobeying A Lawful Command	42 total
Offence 2, Absent Without Leave x 2	
Absent Without Leave x 2	60 total
Absent Without Leave	28
Absent Without Leave	45
Absent Without Leave	40
Battery	16
Actual Bodily Harm	60
Offence 1, Disobeying A Lawful Command	28 total
Offence 2, Use Threatening Abusive Behaviour	
Theft x 4	21
Absent Without Leave	28
Taking Without Owner's Consent	28
Disobeying A Lawful Command	28
Using Violence Against A Superior	21

All manpower numbers have been rounded to the nearest 5. Numbers between 0 and 5 are represented by '~' in order to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality. Totals may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.

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, 1st 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, <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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