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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter dated 12 October 2015 requesting the following information:

"It has been reported from a previous FOI that there have been 126 deaths of personnel (across all services) at British military training camps over the last 15 years.

Can you please provide the latest figure to date?

Can this include the number of deaths in each of the Royal Navy, including Royal Marines, the RAF, the British Army and MoD civilians over the last 15 years?

Please also provide a gender breakdown of how many men and women died during this period for each of the services at the training camps.

Can you list how each of the personnel died at the training camps, including, if possible, all/some of the following: The deceased's name, age, rank, where and when they died?"

Upon clarification of your request on 22 October 2015 (reference 20151021_FOI2015 08806 [REDACTED] Clarification) you confirmed that you required information on UK Armed Forces personnel who died whilst taking part in training or exercise rather than those who died at British military training camps.

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 31 October 2015 (the latest data available), **131** UK Armed Forces have died whilst on training or exercise. The addition of five deaths includes three personnel who died in 2012 and have since been reclassified as deaths whilst on training or exercise.

Table 1 below presents this information by Service and gender as requested.

Table 1: UK Armed Forces deaths¹ on training² or exercise by Service and gender, 1 January 2000 to 31 October 2015, numbers

Service	All	Male	Female
All	131	124	7
Naval Service ³	22	21	1
Army	88	83	5
RAF	21	20	1

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. Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

A list of the 131 personnel referenced in **Table 1** along with accompanying information requested can be found at **Annex A** to this document.

Defence Statistics (Health) compiles the Department's authoritative deaths database for all **UK Armed Forces personnel who died whilst in Service** going back to 1984. Information is compiled from several internal and external sources from which we release a number of internal analyses and external National Statistics Notices.

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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Annex A to FOI2015/08806

Rank	Forename	Surname	Date of Death	Age at Death	Where	Cause
Sergeant	Stefan	Robert	11/01/2000	30	England	Parachuting accident
Lance Corporal	Edward	Bircher	02/02/2000	25	England	Natural cause
Marine	Alan	Richards	31/03/2000	17	England	Live fire accident
Private	Christopher	France	06/04/2000	18	England	Land Transport accident
Lance Corporal	Andrew	Bowden	13/05/2000	24	England	Cause unascertained ¹
Corporal	Leslie	Douglas	16/06/2000	34	Overseas	Live fire accident
Corporal	David	Mallon	05/07/2000	25	England	Natural cause
Corporal	Adrian	Powell	23/08/2000	30	Overseas	Land Transport accident
Sergeant	Martin	Halls	23/08/2000	34	Overseas	Land Transport accident
Major	Michael	Brown	29/10/2000	43	England	Natural cause
Rifleman	Johnathan	Mackenzie	09/02/2001	17	England	Natural cause
Flight Lieutenant	John	Ball	07/03/2001	54	Overseas	Yachting accident
Flight Sergeant	Steven	Fryer	07/03/2001	46	Overseas	Yachting accident
Captain	Stuart	Rule	05/04/2001	27	England	Diving accident
Lance Corporal	Robert	Brown	05/06/2001	52	Scotland	Natural cause
Lieutenant	Paul	Syred	11/07/2001	25	England	Land Transport accident
Corporal	Michael	Paterson	11/07/2001	28	England	Land Transport accident
Flight Lieutenant	Jason	Hayes	25/07/2001	28	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Corporal	Simon	Hunston	28/08/2001	25	Overseas	Live fire accident
Lance Corporal	Peter	Banbury	24/09/2001	28	England	Natural cause
Private	Christian	Wink	24/09/2001	22	Overseas	Land Transport accident
Corporal	Kevin	Collum	02/11/2001	28	Overseas	Land Transport accident
Flight Lieutenant	Elizabeth	Bond	28/11/2001	25	Wales	Rock climbing accident
Lieutenant (RN)	David	Christie	14/03/2002	28	England	Diving accident
Lieutenant (RN)	Rodney	Skidmore	12/06/2002	39	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Lieutenant (RN)	Jennifer	Lewis	12/06/2002	25	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Private	Stuart	McMaster	15/06/2002	19	Overseas	Parachuting accident
Apprentice	Kevin	Sharman	22/07/2002	17	Wales	Caving accident
Sergeant	Kevin	Butterton	27/07/2002	33	Overseas	Live fire accident
Corporal	Jason	Pears	09/09/2002	31	Overseas	Land Transport accident
Warrant Officer Class 2	Josephine	Lawton	01/11/2002	52	England	Natural cause
Lieutenant (RN)	Paul	Mcaulay	28/11/2002	27	England	Diving accident
Lieutenant Commander	Martin	London	05/12/2002	43	England	Aircraft accident
Captain	James	Acton	22/02/2003	27	Overseas	Kayaking accident

Corporal	Christopher	Strickleton	04/06/2003	29	England	Live fire accident
Private	James	Parkinson	15/11/2003	26	Overseas	Land Transport accident
Captain	Benuprasad	Limbu	02/12/2003	39	England	Natural cause
Lance Corporal	Andrew	Craw	07/01/2004	21	Overseas	Live fire accident
Sergeant	Derek	Heath	25/01/2004	49	England	Natural cause
Sergeant	William	McLellan	16/02/2004	34	Overseas	Diving accident
Leading Hand	Jeffery	Walters	21/02/2004	36	Scotland	Natural cause
Corporal	Deshbahadur	Rai	28/07/2004	32	Overseas	Drowned crossing river
Flight Lieutenant	Lawrence	Coulton	02/09/2004	40	England	Aircraft accident
Flight Lieutenant	Paul	Morris	02/09/2004	38	England	Aircraft accident
Major	Colin	Petchey	05/09/2004	45	Overseas	Paragliding accident
Captain	Douglas	Loose	09/09/2004	33	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Sergeant	Oliver	Kemp	09/09/2004	36	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Private	Daniel	Kelly	09/09/2004	20	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Private	Vincent	Crain	09/09/2004	19	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Private	Bradley	Gomersall	09/09/2004	19	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Private	Kevin	Dimmock	09/09/2004	26	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Marine	Johannes	Voges	29/09/2004	30	Overseas	Land Transport accident
Lieutenant	Wendy	Westhead	16/01/2005	48	Wales	Natural cause
Lance Corporal	William	Priddy	16/05/2005	21	England	Land Transport accident
Major	David	Knight	25/05/2005	52	Scotland	Mountaineering accident
Corporal	Peter	Armour	27/05/2005	26	Overseas	Heat injury
Highlander	Dale	Cowie	17/06/2005	18	Overseas	Live fire accident
Staff Sergeant	Denise	Halewood	14/07/2005	42	Overseas	Mountaineering accident
Captain	Zachary	Speakman	26/07/2005	28	Overseas	Caught in Avalanche
Staff Sergeant	Albert	McCormick	04/09/2005	40	Scotland	Natural cause
Marine	Steven	Beveridge	16/10/2005	25	Scotland	Climbing accident
Captain	Daniel	Wright	17/11/2005	25	England	Parachuting accident
Staff Sergeant	Stephen	Holloway	26/11/2005	33	Overseas	Live fire accident
Sergeant	Marc	Little	07/12/2005	32	Overseas	Parachuting accident
Private	Stuart	Shilliday	15/06/2006	27	England	Heat injury
Marine	Gordon	Campbell	25/09/2006	27	England	Aircraft accident
Senior Aircraftman	Shaun	Broster	04/10/2006	24	Overseas	Natural cause
Aircraftman	Matthew	Bowden	29/10/2006	49	England	Natural cause
Lance Corporal	John	Fitton	11/04/2007	34	England	Natural cause
Private	Andrew	Borkertas	15/06/2007	17	England	Drowned crossing river
Sapper	Christopher	Williams	12/07/2007	22	Overseas	Land Transport accident

Flight Lieutenant	David	Sale	08/08/2007	28	England	Aircraft accident
Senior Aircraftman	Philip	Burfoot	08/08/2007	27	England	Aircraft accident
Private	Sean	Tait	10/08/2007	17	England	Aircraft accident
Highlander	Kevin	Mitchell	14/09/2007	23	Overseas	Parachuting accident
Guardsman	Craig	Rae	21/09/2007	18	Overseas	Land Transport accident
Corporal	James	Wilson	07/12/2007	48	England	Natural cause
Private	Scott	Mugridge	14/04/2008	20	Overseas	Land Transport accident
Major	Alexander	Blake	30/04/2008	35	Overseas	Hang Gliding accident
Staff Sergeant	Vincent	Hussell	29/05/2008	36	England	Aircraft accident
Lieutenant	Mark	Reynolds	29/05/2008	24	England	Aircraft accident
Corporal	Philip	Smith	09/06/2008	26	England	Land Transport accident
Able Rating	Christopher	Johnstone	24/06/2008	42	England	Diving accident
Marine	Jamie	Hutton	15/07/2008	23	England	Land Transport accident
Marine	Benjamin	Poole	28/07/2008	26	Wales	Cause unascertained ¹
Sergeant	David	Macgregor	12/08/2008	53	Scotland	Natural cause
Lieutenant	Charlotte	Pitstra	10/12/2008	25	Overseas	Natural cause
Flight Lieutenant	Kenneth	Thompson	02/07/2009	27	Scotland	Aircraft accident
Flight Lieutenant	Nigel	Morton	02/07/2009	43	Scotland	Aircraft accident
Corporal	Jonathan	Beynon-Fisher	22/07/2009	33	England	Rock climbing accident
Lieutenant	Peter	Rous	03/11/2009	25	England	Cause unascertained ¹
Sergeant	Andrew	Pearson	28/01/2010	37	England	Fall from ladder
Senior Aircraftman	Paul	Mahoney	04/02/2010	26	Overseas	Caught in Avalanche
Rifleman	Craig	Johnson	19/02/2010	23	Wales	Land Transport accident
Sergeant	Stephen	Entwistle	23/02/2010	46	England	Natural cause
Corporal	Gordon	Brass	28/05/2010	34	Scotland	Rock climbing accident
RN Chaplain	John	Hill	15/06/2010	54	England	Natural cause
Sapper	Emori	Ratu	27/01/2011	31	England	Struck by bridge side panel whilst dismantling
Lance Corporal	Benjamin	Tate	29/06/2011	30	Wales	Land Transport accident
Private	Peter	Kayiwa	06/07/2011	30	England	Cause unascertained ¹
Officer Cadet	Henry	Whitworth	29/08/2011	22	Overseas	Parachuting accident
Private	Dean	Griffiths	14/09/2011	21	England	Live fire accident
Fusilier	James	Wilkinson	26/11/2011	21	Overseas	Live fire accident
Sergeant	Gary	Duncan	29/04/2012	50	Northern Ireland	Natural cause
Private	Michael	Maguire	02/05/2012	21	Wales	Live fire accident
Private	John	Lomas	21/06/2012	22	Overseas	Rafting accident
Flight Lieutenant	Hywel	Poole	03/07/2012	28	Scotland	Aircraft accident
Flight Lieutenant	Adam	Sanders	03/07/2012	27	Scotland	Aircraft accident

Squadron Leader	Samuel	Bailey	03/07/2012	36	Scotland	Aircraft accident
Marine	Paul	Woodland	03/10/2012	32	England	Drowned when Medium Inflatable boat capsized
Marine	Ashley	Hicks	07/10/2012	25	Wales	Climbing accident
Signalman	Nicholas	Guya	01/02/2013	29	England	Natural cause
Corporal	Paul	Turner	23/04/2013	31	England	Natural cause
Trooper	Edward	Maher	13/07/2013	31	Wales	Heat injury
Lance Corporal	Craig	Roberts	13/07/2013	24	Wales	Heat injury
Corporal	James	Dunsby	30/07/2013	31	England	Heat injury
Lieutenant	Damien	Moran	03/08/2013	23	Overseas	Snorkeling accident
Private	Michael	Ihemere	28/08/2013	26	England	Cause unascertained ¹
Private	Rajat	Gurung	12/03/2014	29	England	Cause not yet known ²
Corporal	James	Walters	26/04/2014	36	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Staff Sergeant	Spencer	Faulkner	26/04/2014	38	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Captain	Thomas	Clarke	26/04/2014	30	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Flight Lieutenant	Rakesh	Chauhan	26/04/2014	29	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Corporal	Oliver	Thomas	26/04/2014	26	Overseas	Aircraft accident
Sergeant	Gregory	Rodan	07/07/2014	38	Wales	Cause not yet known ²
Private	Jamie	Sawyer	12/03/2015	20	Overseas	Kayaking accident
Lieutenant	Gareth	Jenkins	28/05/2015	25	England	Natural cause
Rifleman	Mathew	Evans	18/06/2015	25	Overseas	Cause not yet known ²
Senior Aircraftman	Jack	Lyons	16/09/2015	53	England	Cause not yet known ²
Private	Megan	Park	16/09/2015	21	England	Cause not yet known ²
Lance Corporal	Ali	Woodford	29/09/2015	26	Overseas	Parachuting accident

Source: Defence Statistics (Health)

Notes:

1. Deaths which have been investigated by a coroner and for which no definitive medical cause of death can be found.
2. Deaths where a definitive cause is not yet known and awaiting investigation by a coroner.