



# Ministry of Defence

Ministry of Defence  
Defence Business Services  
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Our Ref: [REDACTED]

22 March 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 March to the Ministry of Defence, enclosing correspondence from [REDACTED] the Town Centre Development Manager at Caerphilly County Borough Council, requesting the following information:

*"In summer 2016, Caerphilly County Borough Council has the honour of hosting Armed Forces Day in Caerphilly town. In readiness for this event, we would like to update the Cenotaph within the town centre. At present, the Cenotaph bears three plaques – those who lost their lives in World War 1, World War 11 and a third plaque that contains the names of soldiers who died in Northern Ireland and Cyprus, the most recent date being 1972.*

*In order to update the Cenotaph, I would like to utilise the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:*

*The names of Armed Services personnel who:*

- *Lived in the Caerphilly Basin (CF83 post code area) at the time of their death, and;*
- *Lost their lives in the line of duty between January 1972 and November 2015.*

*I would be grateful if the name of each person could be accompanied by the year of their death and the name of the conflict in which they lost their life."*

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 some of the information in scope of your request is held.

I have established the names of two individuals who fulfil the stipulated criteria. One is the late WO2 Michael Norman Williams, who died on 24 June 2008 in Afghanistan. He served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Parachute Regiment. The second is Pte James John Hamilton Prosser, who died on 27 September 2009 in Afghanistan. He served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Royal Welsh Regiment.

The information has been obtained from the Armed Forces Memorial Database which was created using Casualty Files and Lists as source documents. It is therefore not to be regarded as a validated source of historical information. Some errors have been found and the Defence Business Services is keen to ensure that the information published is correct and welcome being told of any anomalies and errors.

The information provided relates to deaths on operations and may not have occurred as a result of hostile action.

Information on fatalities but not resting places, arising from recent operations in Afghanistan and Iraq is available at:

[www.gov.uk/uk-forces-operations-in-afghanistan](http://www.gov.uk/uk-forces-operations-in-afghanistan)

[www.gov.uk/operations-in-iraq](http://www.gov.uk/operations-in-iraq)

The names of Service personnel killed for example in Northern Ireland (Operation Banner), Sierra Leone (Operation Barras) and the Falklands War are available on non-MOD military history websites. You may also find that appeals made in the local media prompts additional information from local historians, families and organisations.

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 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,

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