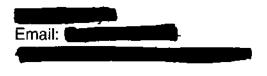


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Thank you for your email of 27 January 2017 requesting the following information:

"Please provide a numerical break down for the following:

- 1. How many, total, Elizabeth Crosses have been awarded?
- 2. How many of that total number have been awarded in relation to deceased service personnel from the following:
- a. The Royal Navy
- b. The Royal Marines
- c. The British Army
- d. The Royal Air Force"

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

A total of 2,677 Elizabeth Crosses and Scrolls have been issued. A breakdown by Service is provided below:

Royal Navy 124
Royal Marines 153
British Army 2,255
Royal Air Force 139
Royal Fleet Auxiliary 6

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, Ground 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,

Defence Business Services Secretariat