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Dear

Thank you for your email received on 9 August 2019 requesting the following information:

"My freedom of information request is that of data regarding casualties varying in their roles. In this I mean, the amount of people who died as a result of combat but organized as how many people from each rank (private-Field Marshal (although I doubt anyone of the rank of field marshal was killed)) and then again organized by regiment. And if possible organized by both at once. (Replace regiments for branches etc for the navy and RAF)"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The Ministry of Defence requires further information in order to determine whether it holds information within the scope of your request. In particular, we need to know the date period you require information for. For example combat deaths since 2006.

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to note the following:

Information regarding deaths, including rank and regiments, of each UK service person whilst on operations in Afghanistan is available:

https://www.gov.uk/government/fields-of-operation/afghanistan

Information regarding deaths of each UK service person whilst on operations in Iraq is available: https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100812135740/http://mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FactSheets/OperationsFactsheets/OperationsInIraqBritishFatalities.htm

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be

contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely

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