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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 16 August 2021 requesting the following information:

The information I am requesting is a full list of British Armed Forces service personnel (including commonwealth and other non-British nationals) whose military careers were ended as a direct result of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan from 11 September 2001 until the present date (16 August 2021).

I would like to know each of their Names, dates of birth, country of birth, regiment/unit served with, date time location of incident causing injury or death, the nature of their discharge (physical injury, mental injury or death). If known details of non-profits who have helped these service persons and their family's would be much appreciated.

This information is to be used to make a memorial tribute which will be displayed publicly so accuracy of information is paramount.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The information requested regarding injured service personnel falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Some of the information requested regarding deaths is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. Some of the details of those who died on operations in Iraq (Op TELIC) and Afghanistan is already in the public domain and can be found at : [Iraq - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://Iraq - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)) and [Afghanistan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://Afghanistan - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)).

From 11 September 2001 to 16 August 2021, **639** UK armed forces personnel died as a result of operations in Afghanistan (**457**) and Iraq (**182**). **Annex A** to this document provides you with a compiled list of individuals who have died with core information for name, date of birth, country of birth, parent unit, date of incident and country of incident. In some cases, certain individual details are not held by the Ministry of Defence and these have been recorded as 'Information not held' within the table presented at Annex A.

Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to note the following:

The numbers presented for operations in Afghanistan include UK armed forces fatalities that have occurred on Op VERITAS (October 2001 to March 2006), Op HERRICK (April 2006 to 30

November 2014) and Op TORAL (1 December 2014 to August 2021). The numbers presented for operations in Iraq includes UK armed forces fatalities that have occurred on Op TELIC (20 Jan 2003 to 22 May 2011 and Op SHADER (9 August 2014 to present).

The number of UK service personnel who suffered a traumatic or surgical amputation resulting from injuries sustained in Afghanistan and Iraq, and were medically discharged has been published in the following official statistic: [UK service personnel amputations: financial year 2019/2020 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-service-personnel-amputations-financial-year-2019-2020).

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 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.

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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