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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 30 March 2022 in which you requested the following information:

*“Could you possible let me have a list of Royal Engineers who died at Batus training camp in Canada between 08.10.1977 and the 21.11.1977. Also servicemen who belonged to the Scotchguards who died accidentally in Belfast (op banner) between 08.03.1979 and 28.12.1980 i would like there regiment ,squadron and names please”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. 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 and is below (Annex A). Where you have asked for information on ‘Scotchguards’, information on Scots Guards has been provided.

Under Section 16 (advice and assistance) you may wish to be aware that further details about individuals are available by searching the Roll of Honour available here:

<http://veterans.mod.uk/index.php>

Information on how to apply for Service Records of someone who is deceased are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records/apply-for-someone-elses-records>

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Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat

## Annex A

1. In the period 8 October 1977 to 21 November 1977, there has been **one** death among the Royal Engineers where the death occurred at BATUS training camp in Canada. **Table 1** below provides the name, regiment, and unit details.

**Table 1: Deaths among Royal Engineers at BATUS training camp in Canada**  
8 October 1977 to 21 November 1977

Name	Regiment	Unit
Andrew J C Cook	Royal Engineers	26 Eng Regt

source: Defence Statistics Health

2. Andrew J C Cook's unit was 5 Field Squadron.
3. In the period 8 March 1979 to 28 December 1980, there has been **one** accidental death among the Scots Guards whilst on Op BANNER in Belfast. **Table 2** below provides the name and regiment details.
4. Details on the squadron is not held electronically.

**Table 1: Deaths among Scots Guards on Op BANNER in Belfast**

8 March 1979 to 28 December 1980

Name	Regiment
Edwin J Murrison	Scots Guards

source: Defence Statistics Health

5. Please note, brief information on more recent deaths that occurred as a result of operations in Northern Ireland is available in the public domain and can be found in the following link.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/fields-of-operation/>
6. For data prior to 1984, Defence Statistics have access to the Armed Forces Memorial (AFM) database owned by the tri-Service Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre. The AFM database was created in order to identify Service personnel whose names were and continue to be engraved on the Armed Forces Memorial at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire. The AFM database records the deaths of all personnel who have died in Service since 1st Jan 1948, and for those who were killed or who died in Palestine from 1st Aug 1945 to 31st Aug 1948. Please note, the AFM database is not regarded as a validated source of historical fatality information, therefore, it cannot be guaranteed to be 100% complete or accurate due to it being populated manually from Service files.