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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 16 June 2023 requesting the following information:

I am interested in obtaining detailed data regarding British military troop fatalities during training exercises since the year 2014, broken down either by financial or calendar years, whichever is best.

In particular, I am seeking information on the following:

- The total number of fatalities that have occurred amongst British military personnel during training exercises since 2014.
- The specific dates and locations of each fatality.
- The cause of death as listed in the Coroner's report, or any other official finding pertaining to each fatality.
- The regiments to which each of the deceased personnel belonged.

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.

For the purposes of this response, we are interpreting "training exercises" as deaths occurring on training or exercise.

From 1 January 2014 to 18 June 2023, **36** UK armed forces personnel died whilst on training or exercise. **Table 1** presents the date and location of death, cause of death as defined in ICD10¹, service, and the Corp/Regiment the deceased belonged to.

**Table 1: UK armed forces¹ deaths on training and exercise, cases.
1 January 2014 – 18 June 2023**

Date of death	Location of death	ICD10 Sub chapter description ²	Service	Corps
12-Mar-14	Tidworth Garrison	Other forms of heart disease (I30–I52)	Army	Adjutant General's Corps
26-Apr-14	Afghanistan	Injuries involving multiple body regions (T00–T07)	Army	Intelligence Corps
26-Apr-14	Afghanistan	Injuries involving multiple body regions (T00–T07)	RAF	RAF Odiham
26-Apr-14	Afghanistan	Injuries involving multiple body regions (T00–T07)	Army	Army Air Corps
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¹ International statistical classification of diseases and related health problems 10th revision

07-Jul-14	Training Area - Snowdonia	Ischaemic heart diseases (I20–I25)	Army	The Royal Logistic Corps
12-Mar-15	Cyprus	Other and unspecified effects of external causes (T66–T78)	Army	The Royal Logistic Corps
28-May-15	Dartmoor	Other forms of heart disease (I30–I52)	Royal Marines	Royal Marines
18-Jun-15	Germany	Ill-defined and unknown causes of mortality (R95–R99)	Army	Infantry - Rifles
16-Sep-15	RAF Leeming	Injuries to the head (S00–S09)	RAF	2622 SQN RAUXAF
16-Sep-15	Pirbright	Ill-defined and unknown causes of mortality (R95–R99)	Army	The Royal Logistic Corps
29-Sep-15	Germany	Injuries involving multiple body regions (T00–T07)	Army	Infantry - Rifles
08-Jan-16	HMNB Clyde	Ill-defined and unknown causes of mortality (R95–R99)	Royal Navy	HMS Victorious
08-Jul-16	RAF Boscombe Down	Injuries involving multiple body regions (T00–T07)	RAF	23 Sqn RAF Waddington
19-Jul-16	Training Area - Brecon	Other forms of heart disease (I30–I52)	Army	Infantry - Rifles
22-Aug-16	Training Area - Otterburn	Injuries to the head (S00–S09)	Army	Infantry - Scots
01-Nov-16	Training Area - Tain	Injuries to the head (S00–S09)	Army	Infantry - Rifles
15-Jun-17	Training Area - Castlemartin	Burns and corrosions of multiple and unspecified body regions (T29–T32)	Army	Royal Armoured Corps
15-Jun-17	Training Area - Castlemartin	Injuries involving multiple body regions (T00–T07)	Army	Royal Armoured Corps
26-Mar-18	Training Area - Chepstow	Ill-defined and unknown causes of mortality (R95–R99)	Army	Corps of Royal Engineers
30-Jun-18	Estonia	Injuries to the head (S00–S09)	Army	Infantry - Yorks
14-Nov-18	Portland Harbour	Injuries to unspecified part of trunk, limb or body region (T08–T14)	Royal Marines	Royal Marines
04-Feb-19	Training Area - Catterick	Injuries involving multiple body regions (T00–T07)	Army	Royal Armoured Corps
24-Jan-20	Tregantle, Cornwall	Other and unspecified effects of external causes (T66–T78)	Royal Marines	Royal Marines
16-Nov-20	HMS Collingwood	Ischaemic heart diseases (I20–I25)	Royal Navy	RNAS Yeovilton
04-Mar-21	Training Area - Castlemartin	Injuries to unspecified part of trunk, limb or body region (T08–T14)	Army	Infantry - Welsh Guards
02-Sep-21	RAF Weston-On-The-Green	Injuries involving multiple body regions (T00–T07)	RAF	RAF Brize Norton
15-Oct-21	Training Area - Salisbury Plain	Injuries to unspecified part of trunk, limb or body region (T08–T14)	Army	Infantry - Yorks
21-Jun-22	Training Area - Salisbury Plain	Injuries to the neck (S10–S19)	Army	Infantry - Rifles
19-Jul-22	Pakistan	Injuries to unspecified part of trunk, limb or body region (T08–T14)	RAF	RAF High Wycombe
23-Jul-22	RAF Woodbridge	Other and unspecified effects of external causes (T66–T78)	Army	Corps of Royal Engineers
11-Aug-22	Brunei	Injuries to unspecified part of trunk, limb or body region (T08–T14)	Army	Infantry - Bde Of Gurkhas
24-Nov-22	Catterick Garrison	Ill-defined and unknown causes of mortality (R95–R99)	Army	The Royal Logistic Corps
17-Feb-23	Estonia	Ill-defined and unknown causes of mortality (R95–R99)	Army	Royal Corps of Signals
11-Mar-23	Austria	Ischaemic heart diseases (I20–I25)	Army	Adjutant General's Corps

Source: Defence Statistics Health

1. UK armed forces regular and reservist personnel who died whilst on duty and whilst taking part in training or on exercise.
2. International statistical classification of diseases and related health problems 10th revision.

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

For the Navy we've interpreted regiment as the ship or posted unit for those not at sea, and for the RAF we've provided squadron or posted unit where squadron was not available.

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 several internal analyses and external National Statistics Notices.

Defence Statistics receive weekly notifications of all regular armed forces deaths from the Joint Casualty and Compassionate Cell (formerly the single service casualty cells). Defence Statistics also receive cause of death information from military medical sources in the single services. At the end of each calendar year, Defence Statistics cross-reference the medical information it holds against publicly available death certificate information available from NHS Digital and The General Registrar's Office Scotland.

To record information on cause of death, coding is carried out according to World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases 10th edition (ICD-10) and aligns to information recorded on the death certificate held by the General Registrar's Office.

The information on deaths presented are for all regular and reservist UK armed forces personnel only who died whilst on duty and whilst taking part in training or on exercise. Members of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, Merchant Navy and MOD civilians were not included.

Defence Statistics release biannual summary statistics on deaths which occurred whilst on training and exercise in the UK Armed Forces since 1 January 2000. The latest report can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/training-and-exercise-deaths-in-the-uk-armed-forces>

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

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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