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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13 June 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting:

"I therefore request that the MoD provides me with the following information for every individual member of all three services (RN/RM, Army, RAF) with a home town in the county of Suffolk who died on operations in any theatre between 1945 and the present day, please:

- *Full name, rank and parent regiment/corps/squadron/branch/ship/etc.*
- *Home town/village in Suffolk*
- *Date of death*
- *Theatre of operations in which he/she died"*

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 MOD and I can confirm all of the information in scope of your request is held.

In order to answer requests of this type, the MOD use an individual's place of birth which is tangible and not subject to change. The MOD record the place of birth of an individual as recorded on the Armed Forces Memorial database or death certificate.

From 3 September 1945 to 15 June 2023, 56 members of the UK Armed Forces who died on operations were identified as having a birthplace in Suffolk. Annex A provides the name, service number, rank, regiment, birthplace, date of death and operation theatre of these individuals.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to note that Defence Statistics Health compile information on birthplace using data held on historic administrations systems, the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system, and information entered on the death certificate.

The places used to identify a birthplace of Suffolk are listed in Annex B.

Deaths have been excluded from this response where the birthplace recorded is in a town or village that may be in Suffolk, but that town or village is not exclusive to Suffolk and Suffolk was not mentioned in the record. These include deaths where the birthplace was, Acton, Alderton, Barking, Brampton, Farnham, Henley, Middleton, Sutton, or Tunstall.

Defence Statistics Health compiles the Department's authoritative deaths database for all UK Armed Forces personnel who died whilst in Service since 1984. Information is compiled from several internal and external sources from which we release several internal analyses and external National Statistics Notices.

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 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.

The AFM roll of honour can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/search-armed-forces-memorial-roll-of-honour>. Entries on the roll of honour database include rank, type of service, regiment or corps, date of death, burial place (if known) and whether someone's name is on the Memorial in the National Memorial Arboretum.

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,



Defence Business Services (Secretariat)

**Annex A
to FOI2023/07343
dated 29 June 2023**

**UK Armed Forces personnel who died on operations identified as having a birthplace
in Suffolk from 3 September 1945 to 15 June 2023**

Name	Service Number	Service	Rank	Regiment	Birthplace	Date of Death	Operation Theatre
Ernest Melton	14516504	Army	Driver	Royal Signals	Haverhill	11/01/1946	Palestine
William Carrington	14847022	Army	Corporal	INT CORPS	Ipswich	16/06/1946	Palestine
Eric Nolan	14955608	Army	Gunner	RA	Ipswich	22/07/1946	Palestine
Arthur Jarman	14317462	Army	Sapper	RE	Bury St Edmunds	07/02/1947	Palestine
Charles Scrivener	JX 733109	Navy	Able Seaman	HMS St Brides Bay	Lowestoft	12/03/1947	Palestine
Ronald Wingfield	14122234	Army	Private	SUFFOLK	Beccles	08/10/1947	Palestine
Francis Davies	2620601	Army	Warrant Officer Class 2	GRENADIER GUARDS	Yarmouth	01/01/1948	Palestine
Charles Gorrod	19183159	Army	Sapper	RE	Lowestoft	10/04/1948	Palestine
Peter Clarke	2627366	Army	Lance Sergeant	GRENADIER GUARDS	Ipswich	08/05/1948	Palestine
Alan Davies	19046826	Army	Driver	RASC	Bungay	27/05/1948	Palestine
Ernest Watson	1881703	RAF	Engineer	RAF Lyneham	Knodishall	19/09/1948	Berlin Airlift
Michael Swann	5837855	Army	Bandsman	SUFFOLK	Bury St Edmunds	30/09/1949	Malaya
Paul Blakey	3039885	RAF	Signalman	RAF Tengah	Ipswich	31/07/1950	Malaya
Geoffrey Catchpole	22248465	Army	Craftsman	REME	Ipswich	25/09/1950	Korea
David Astley-Cooper	128778	Army	Captain	8 KRIH	Ipswich	03/01/1951	Korea
Leonard Wright	14470458	Army	Gunner	RA	Ipswich	03/01/1951	Korea
John Lane	249028	Army	Captain	RA	Moulton Manor, Newmarket	04/01/1951	Korea
George Robinson	3039204	RAF	Sergeant	RAF Tengah	Newmarket	11/01/1951	Malaya
Derek Balls	22530139	Army	Lance Corporal	GLOSTERS	Halesworth	23/04/1951	Korea
Robert Moore	22403901	Army	Private	SUFFOLK	Halesworth	03/10/1951	Malaya
Ernest Riches	22350436	Army	Private	SUFFOLK	Ipswich	15/11/1951	Malaya
Arthur Knight	22201015	Army	Craftsman	REME	Bungay	07/01/1952	Canal Zone
David Gregson	393149	Army	Lieutenant	GRENADIER GUARDS	Saxmundham	09/03/1952	Canal Zone
Roy McDonald	22444909	Army	Private	Royal Norfolk Regt	Ipswich	30/05/1952	Korea
Arthur Playford	22488533	Army	Private	Royal Norfolk Regt	Beccles	05/07/1952	Korea

Name	Service Number	Service	Rank	Regiment	Birthplace	Date of Death	Operation Theatre
George Harper	303537	Army	Major	RE	Ipswich	22/08/1952	Malaya
George Overy	22571664	Army	Private	BLACK WATCH	Lowestoft	02/11/1952	Korea
John Snare	22586750	Army	Fusilier	R FUS	Brandon	25/11/1952	Korea
John Clements	22621969	Army	Private	DLI	Stowmarket	07/01/1953	Korea
Wilfred Roberts	22597763	Army	Driver	RASC	Ipswich	08/08/1953	Canal Zone
Jack Maulden	55510	RAF	Flight Lieutenant	RAF Kuala Lumpur	Framlingham	21/01/1954	Malaya
Peter Starling	584160	RAF	Flying Officer	RAF Changi	Felixstowe	23/02/1954	Malaya
John Bowler	4054418	RAF	Flying Officer	RAF Butterworth	Woodbridge	02/04/1955	Malaya
Ivan Gurr	22999817	Army	Private	PARA	Ipswich	10/06/1956	Cyprus
William Woods	22937154	Army	Private	Royal Norfolk Regt	Bury St Edmunds	17/06/1956	Cyprus
Robin Beaumont	23067109	Army	Private	Royal Norfolk Regt	Stowmarket	17/06/1956	Cyprus
Ernest Allen	3200099	RAF	Sergeant	RAF Nicosia	Clare	17/07/1956	Cyprus
Kenneth Banyard	2430304	RAF	Flying Officer	RAF Binbrook	Ipswich	06/11/1956	Cyprus
Owen Watkinson	4096431	RAF	Flight Lieutenant	RAF Khormaksar	Haverhill	30/08/1958	Arabian Peninsular
John Rolfe	3119541	RAF	Flight Lieutenant	RAF Tengah	Needham Market	18/11/1958	Malaya
David Cooper	23593261	Army	Driver	RASC	Ipswich	18/05/1960	Malaya
Arthur King	P0647297	RAF	Warrant Officer	RAF Steamer Point	Felixstowe	21/12/1966	South Arabia
Frederick Drake	23955247	Army	Sergeant	5 INNIS DG	Brandon	03/06/1973	NI
Noel Seeley	22566031	Army	Private	UDR	Bury St Edmunds	26/06/1974	NI
Keith Wright	F8014278	RAF	Junior Technician	RAF Masirah	Ipswich	05/05/1975	Dhofar
James Hicks	469020	Army	Major	AAC	Ipswich	18/12/1975	NI
Glen Ling	24464123	Army	Guardsmen	GRENADIER GUARDS	Halesworth	21/12/1978	NI
Gary Barnes	24460214	Army	Private	PARA	Ipswich	27/08/1979	NI
David Parr	24565283	Army	Private	PARA	Lowestoft	13/06/1982	Falklands
John Wigg	24302878	Army	Colour Sergeant	GRENADIER GUARDS	Lowestoft	17/01/1986	NI
Sharron Elliott	W0817931	Army	Staff Sergeant	INT CORPS	Ipswich	12/11/2006	Op Telic
Aaron McClure	25218969	Army	Private	R ANGLIAN	Ipswich	23/08/2007	Afghanistan
Adam Drane	25238217	Army	Lance Corporal	R ANGLIAN	Bury St Edmunds	07/12/2009	Afghanistan
Luke Southgate	P064772A	RAF	Senior Aircraftman	RAF Honington	Bury St Edmunds	24/02/2010	Afghanistan
James Grigg	30040130	Army	Private	R ANGLIAN	Eye	16/03/2010	Afghanistan
Jonathan Woodgate	25127264	Army	Lance Corporal of Horse	HCR	Bury St Edmunds	26/03/2010	Afghanistan

Source: Defence Statistics Health

Places used to identify a birthplace in Suffolk

Acton	Akenham	Aldeburgh	Alderton
Aldham	Aldringham	Alpheton	Ampton
Ashbocking	Ashby	Ashfield	Aspall
Assington	Athelington	Audley End	Babergh
Bacton	Badingham	Badley	Badwell Ash
Ballingdon	Bardwell	Barham	Barking
Barnardiston	Barnby	Barnham	Barningham
Barrow	Barsham	Barton Mills	Battisford
Bawdsey	Baylham	Beccles	Beck Row
Bedfield	Bedingfield	Belstead	Benacre
Benhall	Bentley	Beyton	Bildeston
Blaxhall	Bloodsman's Corner	Blundeston	Blyford
Blythburgh	Botesdale	Boulge	Boxford
Boxted	Boyton	Bradfield Combust	Bradfield St George
Bradfield St. Clare	Braiseworth	Bramfield	Bramford
Brampton	Brandeston	Brandon	Brantham
Bredfield	Brent Eleigh	Bressingham	Brettenham
Bridge Street	Brightwell	Brockford	Brockley
Brome	Brome Street	Bromeswell	Bruisyard
Brundish	Bucklesham	Bulcamp	Bungay
Bures St. Mary	Burgate	Burgh	Burstall
Bury St Edmunds	Butley	Buxhall	Campsea Ashe
Capel St Andrew	Capel St. Mary	Carlton	Carlton Colville
Cattawade	Cavendish	Cavenham	Chantry
Charsfield	Chattisham	Chedburgh	Chediston
Chelmondiston	Chelsworth	Chevington	Chickering
Chillesford	Chilton	Clare	Claydon
Clopton	Cockfield	Coddenham	Combs
Coney Weston	Conyer's Green	Cookley	Cooks Green
Copdock	Cornard Tye	Corton	Cotton
Covehithe	Cowlinge	Crackthorn Corner	Cransford
Cratfield	Creeting All Saints	Creeting St Mary	Creeting St Peter
Cretingham	Cross Street	Crowfield	Culford
Culpho	Dagworth	Dalham	Dallinghoo
Darmsden	Darsham	Debach	Debenham
Denham	Dennington	Denston	Depden
Dorking Tye	Downham Highlodge	Drinkstone	Dunwich
Earl Soham	Earl Stonham	East Bergholt	Eastbridge
Easton	Easton Bavents	Edwardstone	Ellough
Elmsett	Elmswell	Elveden	Eriswell
Erwarton	Euston	Exning	Eye
Eye	Fakenham Magna	Falkenham	Farnham
Felixstowe	Felixstowe Ferry	Felsham	Finningham
Flatford	Flempton	Flixton	Flowton
Forest Heath	Fornham All Saints	Fornham St Genevieve	Fornham St Martin

Forward Green	Foxhall	Framlingham	Framsden
Freckenham	Fressingfield	Freston	Friston
Frostenden	Gazeley	Gedding	Gedgrave
Gipping	Gisleham	Gislingham	Glemsford
Gosbeck	Gosling Green	Great Ashfield Great Barton	Great Bealings
Great Blakenham	Great Bradley	Great Bricett	Great Cornard
Great Finborough	Great Glemham	Great Livermere	Great Saxham
Great Thurlow	Great Waldingfield	Great Welnetham	Great Wrating
Gromford	Groton	Grundisburgh	Gunton
Hacheston	Hadleigh	Halesworth	Hardwick
Hargrave	Harkstead	Hartest	Hasketon
Haughley	Haverhill	Hawkedon	Hawstead
Hazelwood	Heckfield Green	Helmingham	Hemingstone
Hemley	Hengrave	Henham	Henley
Henstead	Hepworth	Herringfleet	Herringswell
Hessett	Heveningham	Higham	Hinderclay
Hintlesham	Hinton	Hitcham	Holbrook
Hollesley	Holton St. Mary	Holton St. Peter	Holywell Row
Homersfield	Honington	Hoo	Hopton
Horham	Horner's_Green	Horringer	Hoxne
Hundon	Hunston	Huntingfield	Icklingham
Ickworth	Iken	Ilketshall St Andrew	Ilketshall St John
Ilketshall St Lawrence	Ilketshall St Margaret	Ingate Place	Ingham
Ipswich	Ixworth	Ixworth Thorpe	Kedington
Kelsale	Kenny Hill	Kentford	Kenton
Kersey	Kesgrave	Kessingland	Kettlebaston
Kettleburgh	Kirkley	Kirton	Knettishall
Knodishall	Lackford	Lakenheath	Langham
Lavenham	Lawshall	Laxfield	Layham
Leavenheath	Leiston	Letheringham	Levington
Lidgate	Lindsey	Lindsey Tye	Linstead Magna
Linstead Parva	Little Bealings	Little Blakenham	Little Bradley
Little Bricett	Little Cornard	Little Fakenham	Little Glemham
Little Livermere	Little London	Little Saxham	Little Thurlow
Little Waldingfield	Little Wenham	Little Whelnetham	Little Wrating
Long Melford	Lothingland	Lound	Lowestoft
Market Weston	Marlesford	Martlesham	Martlesham Heath
Mellis	Melton	Mendham	Mendlesham
Metfield	Mettingham	Mickfield	Mid Suffolk
Middleton	Milden	Mildenhall	Minsmere
Monewden	Monk Soham	Monks Eleigh	Moulton
Mutford	Nacton	Naughton	Nayland
Nedging	Needham Market	Nettlestead	Newbourne
Newmarket	Newton	North Cove	Norton
Nowton	Oakley	Occold	Offton
Old Newton	Onehouse	Orford	Otley
Oulton	Oulton Broad	Ousden	Pakefield
Pakenham	Palgrave	Parham	Parliament Heath
Peasenhall	Pettaugh	Pettistree	Pin Mill
Pinewood	Playford	Polstead	Poslingford

Preston St Mary	Ramsholt	Rattlesden	Raydon
Red Lodge	Rede	Redgrave	Redisham
Redlingfield	Rendham	Rendlesham	Reydon
Rickinghall	Ringsfield	Ringshall	Risby
Rishangles	Rodbridge Corner	Rougham	Round Maple
Rumburgh	Rushbrooke	Rushmere	Rushmere St Andrew
Sandcroft	Santon Downham	Sapiston	Saxmundham
Saxtead	Saxtead Green	Semer	Shadingfield
Shelland	Shelley	Shimpling	Shimpling Street
Shingle Street	Shipmeadow	Shotley	Shottisham
Sibton	Sicklesmere	Sizewell	Snape
Somerleyton	Somersham	Somerton	Sotherton
Sotterley	South Cove	South Elmham	Southolt
Southwold	Spexhall	Sproughton	St Edmundsbury
Stanningfield	Stansfield	Stanstead	Stanton
Sternfield	Stoke Ash	Stoke Park	Stoke-by-Clare
Stoke-by-Nayland	Stonham Aspal	Stonham Parva	Stoven
Stowlangtoft	Stowmarket	Stowupland	Stradbroke
Stradishall	Stratford St Andrew	Stratford St Mary	Stratton Hall
Stuston	Stutton	Sudbourne	Sudbury
Sutton	Sweffling	Swilland	Syleham
Tannington	Tattingstone	The Saints	Theberton
Thelnetham	Thorington	Thorndon	Thornham Magna
Thornham Parva	Thorns	Thorpe Morieux	Thorpeness
Thrandeston	Thurston	Thwaite	Timworth
Tostock	Trimley St Martin	Trimley St Mary	Troston
Tuddenham	Tuddenham St Martin	Tunstall	Ubbeston
Ufford	Uggeshall	Upthorpe	Walberswick
Waldringfield	Waldringfield Heath	Walpole	Walsham le Willows
Walton	Wangford	Wantisden	Washbrook
Wattisfield	Wattisham	Wenham Magna	Wenhaston
West Row	West Stow	Westerfield	Westhall
Westhorpe	Westleton	Westley	Weston
Wetherden	Wetheringsett	Weybread	Whatfield
Whepstead	Wherstead	Whitton	Wickham Green
Wickham Market	Wickham Skeith	Wickham Street	Wickhambrook
Wilby	Willingham St Mary	Willisham	Wingfield
Winston	Wissett	Wissington	Withersdale Street
Withersfield	Witnessham	Wixoe	Woodbridge
Woolpit	Woolverstone	Worlingham	Worlington
Worlingworth	Wortham	Wrentham	Yaxley
Yoxford			