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Dear

I refer to your email of 19 April 2023 requesting information regarding 'military personnel lost by year'.

We've been hearing Sir Buck Shelford's reminders about how many soldiers New Zealand has lost in so many conflicts, so would like to remember them all with a fact on <u>www.theFacts.nz</u> this coming ANZAC Day.

We thought the most powerful insight would be deaths by year as that would visually show each conflict, the gravity of WWI and WWII, but also that our Defence Force continues to put their lives on the line for all of us every year.

Where do I find this dataset, please? I've had a look online, and can find lots of summaries by conflict, but not a single table of lives lost by year.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The New Zealand Defence Force does not maintain a data set as you have requested. There is a publicly accessible New Zealand National Roll of Honour at Pukeahu National War Memorial, which exists only as a series of printed volumes. The current custodian of this is the Ministry for Culture and Heritage.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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