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Dear Mr McBean,

Thank you for your email of 10 June in which you requested the following information:

"I am writing this request to see if there exists combat manuals (used in training) and if there is, if I could see them."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to respond to this request, I require clarification on the recorded information you are seeking. All three of the Single Services that make up the Armed Forces, the Royal Navy, The British Army and the Royal Air Force hold numerous documents that cover the subject of combat. Therefore, as I am sure you will appreciate, this topic is very broad and I am unable to identify one specific document that might satisfy this request. If you could refine your request to specific documents or subject areas, I would be happy to consider this request again.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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