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MILITARY TRAINING CUT BACK TO FUND PAY RISES

£400million shortfall forces MoD to axe some exercises and make troops 'pretend' to shoot

EXCLUSIVE by Mark Nicol and Richard Marsden

VITAL training for military units is being axed to pay for a salary hike for troops.

Ministers have told defence chiefs to save £400million for the pay rises.

Exercises which provide crucial

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opportunities for troops to practise battlefield skills are being cancelled or scaled back. The

move will force soldiers to pretend they are firing weapons rather than using live ammunition. A senior military figure told the Mail: 'Troops will literally be going "bang bang".'

The shocking cutbacks were ordered after Defence Secretary John Healey said a long-overdue pay rise for troops must come out of existing budgets. Despite the UK facing possible conflict

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