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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 29 January to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

*“Under the Freedom of Information Act I formally make the following request please During the period 30 October 2014 to the 13 November 2015 British Forces were involved in Operation Gritrock and Operation Herring off and in Sierra Leone.*

1. *Would you please provide details of the total numbers of the members of each of –*

*The Royal Navy*

*The British Army*

*The Royal Air Force*

*The Royal Fleet Auxiliary*

*UK Civilians working for the British Government or NGOs who qualified for and were awarded the Ebola Medal for service in West Africa*

2. *Were any Ebola Medals awarded to members of the Irish Defence Forces or the Canadian Armed Forces who were working alongside the British Forces?”*

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 that all the information you have requested is held. The answers to your questions are detailed in the table below and are in respect of the qualification dates of 30 October 2014 to 13 November 2015:

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| The Royal Navy/Royal Marines                            | 396 |
| The British Army  | 808 |
| The Royal Air Force                                     | 67  |
| The Royal Fleet Auxiliary                               | 167 |
| UK Civilians working for the British Government or NGSS | 931 |

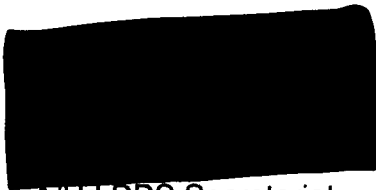
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| Canadian Armed Forces | 79 |
| Irish Defence Force   | 0  |

The total number of medals issued is 2,448.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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