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Thank you for your email of 22 September 2014 to the Ministry of Defence in which you requested information regarding Army personnel in Iraq.

Your request has been passed to this Branch, and I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can advise that a search for the information has now been completed, and I can confirm that the information that you have requested is held. As part of our support to the Iraqi government following the recent advance of Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorists into Iraq, the UK has sent personnel into Iraq to help out with logistics and liaison with Iraqi authorities. These are not combat troops and have not been involved in fighting, or supporting fighting, and are not there on a permanent basis.

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Yours sincerely,

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