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1 May 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 6 July 2014 in which you requested the following information:

*"Following the persistent failure of the Ministry of Defence to provide a remedy to the detriments and insult caused to Gulf War Veterans, I request you provide me with copies of all correspondence pertaining to this matter, including copies of all correspondence to and from the FCO."*

I have understood *'this matter'* to refer to the efforts of the Ministry of Defence to obtain, on your behalf, the Saudi Liberation of Kuwait Medal and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal.

On 31 July 2014 I asked for clarification *"that you do not require copies of any correspondence to which you are already an addressee or copy addressee, and that you only require copies of documents/emails etc which concern this matter but which you have not thus far seen."* On 11 November 2014 you confirmed that my understanding was correct: *"Please provide copies of all correspondence (apart from the emails exchanged between you and me)."*

Please accept my apologies for the administrative error which resulted in a very lengthy delay to this response.

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 Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm information in scope of your request is held. That information is presented in Annex A. Please note that in accordance with the provisions of Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act, the names and contact details of personnel below the Senior Civil Service have been removed from the attached document, as this constitutes personal information which is exempt from publication under FOI.

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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,



Defence People Secretariat

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**From:** [REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 13 March 2015 16:48  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Cc:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]); [REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk  
**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks very much for this. I'll go back to our Embassy in Kuwait and ask them to see what they can do.

In the meantime, I'll advise the person dealing with this that the reply should say that the FCO has been working with the MOD to try to find a solution for [REDACTED] and that we are sorry it is taking so long. However, that we have been able to obtain a Saudi Arabian Liberation Medal and that the MOD will send this to him shortly. We can also say that although we can't predict the outcome we will continue working on this in regard to the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal.

I'm out of the office on Monday and Tuesday next week but I'll give you a call when I'm back about the Saudi medal.

Thanks and regards  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) [mailto:PersTrg-DSSec-[REDACTED]@defence.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 12 March 2015 11:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1  
**Importance:** High

Hi [REDACTED]

I think asking the Embassy if they can get hold of a Kuwaiti medal is probably the simplest way forwards, and if needed it can be used to demonstrate to [REDACTED] the efforts that are being made on his behalf. Additionally, letting us have the Saudi medal, for Lord Astor to send to him, is a good idea, as it can be used to demonstrate that people are trying to help him. Would you be happy for His Lordship to say that the FCO managed to obtain the medal?

With regards to the questions:

- The MoD Medal Office issued the medals, but who manufactured and paid for the original batch?

Whilst MODMO did issue some medals they advise me that it was a very small number (at the time MOD had single Service medal offices so it is possible that these may have distributed more. However, these no longer exist and MODMO have taken on their role on a tri-Service basis). It is assumed that the medals would have been manufactured and paid for by the Saudi & Kuwaiti Government.

- Is there one person aggrieved, or are there more?

From what I have been able to ascertain there have been a few people who have asked about these medals in the past, but they seem to have accepted the fact when told that the MOD has no stocks of the medals. However, [REDACTED] is the exception and it is possible that if he shouts about

receiving either the Saudi or Kuwait his medals so long after the event, the others may reappear. From what people can recall we are probably speaking about no more than a dozen people having contacted us in total about this since the medal was offered.

• What were the qualifying criteria and does MoD support this request unequivocally?  
A Defence Council Instruction (DCI) was issued in 1993 and this set the criteria, for Service personnel, as those who had previously qualified for the Gulf Medal 1990-91 with clasp 16 Jan to 28 Feb 91, and to the following British citizens;

1. RFA
2. The Order of St John and British Red Cross Society
3. Salvation Army
4. SSVC
5. SSAFA Nursing Service
6. Merchant Navy Personnel serving in MOD chartered vessels
7. NAAFI
8. Civil aircrew operating MOD chartered aircraft
9. MOD accredited war correspondents, photographers and artists
10. UK based members of the Civil Service serving either on permanent or attached duty, including RNSTS
11. Contractors authorised by MOD who directly supported British Units.

I am advised that MOD has no reason to doubt [REDACTED] claim to have been in Kuwait.

• Was this person, or were these persons, actually in Kuwait or were they in support of the effort into Kuwait?

It has been accepted that [REDACTED] was in Kuwait supporting Allied personnel.

Hope this is useful, but if you need anything further please don't hesitate to let me know. Additionally, if you want me to come across and pick up the Saudi medal, or if you want to pop it over, just let me know.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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Pers Trg-DS Sec- [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

*"The object of giving medals, stars and ribbons is to give pride and pleasure to those who have deserved them. At the same time a distinction is something which everybody does not possess. If all have it, it is of less value. There must, therefore, be heartburnings and disappointments on the borderline. A medal glitters, but it also casts a shadow. The task of drawing up regulations for such awards is one which does not admit of a perfect solution. It is not possible to satisfy everybody without running the risk of satisfying nobody. All that is possible is to give the greatest satisfaction to the greatest number and to hurt the feelings of the fewest." Winston Churchill*

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**From:** [REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 11 March 2015 12:33  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Cc:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]); [REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk  
**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

[REDACTED]

Thanks very much for this and no problem.

If you recall, I contacted our Embassy in Kuwait and they had some questions before approaching the Kuwaiti authorities:

- The MoD Medal Office issued the medals, but who manufactured and paid for the original batch?
- Is there one person aggrieved, or are there more?
- What were the qualifying criteria and does MoD support this request unequivocally?
- Was this person, or were these persons, actually in Kuwait or were they in support of the effort into Kuwait?

Given the difficulties involved, do you now want me to just ask our Embassy if they can get hold of one medal and if they're successful then that can be passed on to [REDACTED]?

In addition, I had been meaning to get in touch about before the MP's letter as late last year, out of the blue, we received one Saudi Liberation Medal. Do you want me to send it to you so that it can be sent to [REDACTED]? At least then there would be some good news for him.

In terms of a reply to the MP's letter, I think that if we can pass the Saudi medal on to you to send to him then the reply can say something along the lines of that the FCO has been working with the MOD to try to find a solution for [REDACTED] and that we are sorry it is taking so long. However, we have been able to obtain a Saudi Arabian Liberation Medal and that the MOD will send this to him shortly.

How does that sound?

Many thanks  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) [mailto:PersTrg-DSSec-[REDACTED]@defence.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 11 March 2015 09:10  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]

Apologies for the time it has taken for me to respond about [REDACTED].

As you will probably be aware he is a regular correspondent with the MOD and his complaint is that he did not receive the medals issued by the Kuwaiti and Saudi Governments following the end of hostilities in the Gulf. He believes that MOD is deliberately withholding the medals from him. It has been explained on a number of occasions that MOD are not withholding the medals and that the MOD Medals Office has no stocks of the medals and that he may wish to consider approaching the relevant Embassies in London to see if they can assist him. I am advised by our Medal Office

that a number of medals were issued 'in theatre' and that they have never held large stocks of either medal and acted purely as a 'post office'. Whilst we don't know why [REDACTED] didn't receive his medals at the time, and why it has taken him so long to raise the issue, we have no reason to believe that he isn't entitled to them.

I was surprised to see that in the last letter sent by Lord Astor that it had been suggested that the case rests with the FCO and I'm sure this wasn't in the final draft that I saw, and I apologise for this.

I include, below, the background note that was provided with the draft:

"1. [REDACTED] was a contractor working for BAE Systems at the time of the first Gulf War. He qualified for (and received) the Gulf Medal with Clasp. As a contractor working for BAE in support of British Forces at the time and having received the Gulf Medal with Clasp, DCI Gen 92/92 makes clear that he should have been issued with the Saudi and Kuwaiti medals. However, at this distance in time, the mechanism by which contractors received their medals is unclear. There is no extant record which would confirm whether [REDACTED] received these medals at the time. However, as a measure of good faith we have decided to accept his account that he did not receive the medals.

2. The MOD has engaged in an extensive and protracted correspondence with [REDACTED] on this subject. We have previously suggested that he should contact the Saudi and Kuwaiti Embassies directly, but he found this suggestion offensive, being adamant that MOD should obtain the medals on his behalf.

3. There is no record of [REDACTED] having previously applied for these medals, and the reason for his not applying prior to 2013 is unknown."

As far as I'm aware MODMO has been unable to source either of the medals, and we are unsure if there is anything further we can do to help [REDACTED].

Please don't hesitate to get back in contact if there is anything further we can do.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Pers Trg-DS Sec- [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

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**From:** [REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 10 March 2015 15:53  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

Hi [REDACTED]

Sorry to hassle you but any chance you could let me have your thoughts when you get a minute?

Many thanks  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 March 2015 17:17  
**To:** 'Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])'  
**Cc:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks v much.  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) [mailto:PersTrg-DSSec-[REDACTED]@defence.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 06 March 2015 12:49  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

Hi [REDACTED],

Looking at the email, I'd better speak to [REDACTED] when he's back on Monday as he'll know more about this than I do.

[REDACTED] or I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks.  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 04 March 2015 13:18  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

**Cc:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** FW: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm sending this to you in case [REDACTED] is not around. I also thought it might be useful for you to see the letter from [REDACTED].

I think our response should be something along the lines of sorry that this is taking so long but we are investigating this with the Kuwaiti authorities.

If we could say something about the Saudi medal that would help so let me know if you want me to send that to you.

Many thanks.  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 02 March 2015 07:38  
**To:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** 20150302-[REDACTED]-O  
**Importance:** High

Morning [REDACTED]

It seems that [REDACTED] has written to the FCO seeking his, [REDACTED], Kuwait & Saudi medals. Have you got a copy of the last letter that a defence Minister, I assume Lord Astor, sent to him please?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 February 2015 16:50  
**To:** 'Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])'  
**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

Hi [REDACTED]

Do you remember this one?

Did you have any luck with answers to the questions from our Embassy in Kuwait?

The reason I'm asking is that [REDACTED] has now written to the FCO about medals for [REDACTED] in response to a letter from Lord Astor.

I've actually been meaning to get in touch about this anyway as late last year, out of the blue, we received one Saudi Liberation Medal. Do you want me to send it to you so that it can be sent to [REDACTED]? At least then there would be some good news for him.

If you can let me have answers to the questions from Kuwait, I'll go back to them and maybe we will be able to get a Kuwaiti medal for him as well.

Many thanks.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 16 December 2014 11:56  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: 20141202-MC2014/07756

Hi [REDACTED],

I knew you wouldn't have forgotten. I did suggest to [REDACTED] that he contact the Embassies, and he became very irate; his view is that MOD needs to sort this out. If the FCO can't pursue this, can we get authority from them for Defence to write direct to the Embassies?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Tel: 020 [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

Email: Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) | [REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 16 December 2014 11:51

**To:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: 20141202-MC2014/07756  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]

I haven't forgotten this honestly. Do you know if anyone has ever suggested to [REDACTED] that he makes contact with the Saudi & Kuwaiti Embassies in London? Both medals were struck and paid for by the respective Governments, but I'm struggling to ascertain how they were issued to contractors, I believe that Armed Forces personnel were given them as they left theatre.

Basically neither FCO nor MODMO are interested so I'm floundering a bit.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly Gp Mailbox (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 04 December 2014 10:06  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** FW: 20141202-MC2014/07756

[REDACTED],

I'd be very grateful for a LTT which might help answer this MC. The constituent will be familiar to you.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Tel: 020 [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

Email: Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) | [REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 17 November 2014 12:40  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Cc:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: 20141117-[REDACTED]-O

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I recall answering a similar request, and ██████████ answered some correspondence, so at least 3.

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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly ██████████ (██████████)  
**Sent:** 17 November 2014 12:29  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-██████████ (██████████)  
**Cc:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly ██████████ (██████████)  
**Subject:** RE: 20141117-██████████-O

Hi ██████████,

He is the only one I'm aware of; although I believe ██████████ had a recollection that there had been 3 or 4 previous individuals in recent years who had also retrospectively claimed these medals – ██████████ does that sound right?

In terms of whether he was ever physically based in Kuwait, I'm not sure. It does, however, seem clear he was supporting efforts in Kuwait. In terms of location, ██████████ was definitely in Dhahran (Saudi), based on the following from 14 Feb:

I am a recipient of the Gulf War Medal with Clasp (which was sent to me in a Jiffy Bag - by second class post; such was the "debt of gratitude"). My receipt of the Gulf War Medal proves my service; details of which the MOD Medal Office should already have on record.

On 02 August 1990 it was the presence of highly-skilled and dedicated British Aerospace Defence Systems personnel (employed on the British Government project) that ensured the Royal Saudi Air Force could defend the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and have a deterrent against the advancing Iraqi forces. A few of us provided expertise and reassurance to the many due to our extensive combat training on front line Royal Air Force squadrons in BFG.

Whilst Saudi Nationals and other were busy evacuating Dhahran, BAe personnel - unarmed and without armoured vehicles - continued driving through the initially very quickly deserted city to get to the Air Base to maintain round-the-clock operations of the RSAF - including for the nine days before the RAF made an appearance in Kingdom. In fact one of my old RAF Squadrons arrived on 11 August; and were then sent home again before the start of Desert Storm.

I was one of only two Crew Chiefs within my shift who were BFG combat and NBC trained; and as a result we provided ad hoc training and gave a much-needed morale boost to BAe and RSAF and seconded RAF personnel who had never trained for war, and who had no idea how to prepare for or cope with air raids, missile attack, and potential/threatened chemical weapons attack; and many had never operated armed aircraft. We were able to use our front line RAF squadron experience to ensure BAe personnel functioned to a high standard, worked safely, stayed calm, and rapidly brought BAe and RSAF personnel (aircrew and ground crew) up to speed when operating in 'air raid red' and 'air raid black' environments. No training was provided by BAe, or the RSAF, or the British Government; and it was left up to literally a handful of us experienced ex-RAF personnel to direct combat ground operations. We taught our teams to operate armed aircraft ('on the job training' during combat), and kept the RSAF personnel focused and reassured during scud missile attacks (one of which killed 27 and wounded 98 American personnel close to our location). We had to sleep in non-hardened accommodation, with no NBC monitoring and no emergency NBC shelter; and regularly had to cook our own food when coming off shifts as

the catering staff had either gone home or were in hiding (and no one would blame them for that).

It was only as result of a direct instruction from me after the first couple of air raids, that the RSAF/BAe 'controllers' issued orders for RSAF and BAe personnel not to unmask during 'air raid black', and to instead wait until the US chemical sentries had radioed the NBC all clear.

Similarly, it was only due to the RAF combat training of two of us former BFG front line squadron personnel that we managed (with some physical intervention and a few choice words) to prevent the RSAF/BAe from returning to the hardened shelters aircraft that had flown through and taxied through potential chemical hazards. It was only on my insistence that chemical sentries were set up to check RSAF Tornados for chemical contamination on return from combat sorties. Thus, it was our actions (not any planning by the RSAF/BAe 'management' or the British Government) that prevented the entire hardened aircraft shelter complex and store weapons from potentially being contaminated by chemical hazard; as no one at that time could be sure that the Iraqis were not using chemical weapons.

Furthermore, I and my crew recovered a fully armed RSAF Tornado from the end of the runway at Dhahran - following an aborted night sortie - resulting in brake fire (lethal hazard), and with an even bigger lethal hazard of a damn great hole burned through the casing of the JP233 anti-runway/denial weapon, with black charred bombs exposed and hanging in the weapon - and it was my team who quickly cleared this extremely lethal hazard from the runway at Dhahran - at night - to enable air operations to continue.

It was only due to my insistence as Crew Chief (with overall responsibility for the aircraft and personnel working on my assigned aircraft) that the aircraft with the charred, smoking, burnt JP233 lethal hazard should not be allowed back into the hardened shelter - which was full of high explosive cluster bombs and missiles - and it was due to my insistence and experience that the BAe/RSAF 'management' (eventually) 'recognised' the lethal hazard to the entire hardened shelter complex, and agreed with me that the aircraft should be moved to a 'safe' location far away before attempting to download weapons and the burnt JP233.

Unlike rotating RAF squadrons, BAe personnel had no replacements/rotations, and we were required to function throughout Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and the Liberation of Kuwait. After the Liberation of Kuwait the same BAe personnel continued to ensure operation of the no-fly zone; without rotation or replacement of personnel; unlike H.M. Forces. I witnessed my old RAF squadrons come and go from Saudi Arabia, whilst we BAe personnel carried on ensuring the defence of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Liberation of Kuwait, and ensuring the air defence and ground attack to support British and Coalition Forces. There was no 'home coming' celebrations for BAe personnel, no support for families, and my Gulf War Medal was posted through the letterbox and dropped onto the carpet in a Jiffy Bag.

I was there and I was present when several dozen British and Australian Citizens were threatened with aimed/cocked weapons by American Troops 'guarding' the entrance to Dhahran Air Base. When BAe personnel were caught out in the open during one scud missile attack, American Troops threatened to shoot BAe personnel (mostly Australians) who were rushing to get under cover during the air raid. Thus, nearly resulting in (another) 'friendly fire' incident - that time against unarmed BAe personnel.

During Desert Shield immediately prior to the commencement of Desert Storm, Her Majesty's Government explicitly declared that BAe personnel were directly supporting British and Coalition Forces. I know this because I was in the RSAF hardened aircraft shelter where the meeting took place with the BAe senior manager who read out a direct communication from Her Majesty's Government, informing BAe personnel that they were operating in combat roles on the direct instruction of Her Majesty's Government and directly

supporting British Forces. Furthermore, I worked directly with British Forces personnel who were seconded to BAe/RSAF; and, therefore, I directly supported British Forces in this way also.

Hope that helps.

Thanks

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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-██████████ (██████████)

**Sent:** 17 November 2014 11:20

**To:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly ██████████ (██████████)

**Subject:** 20141117-██████████-O

**Importance:** High

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With regards to ██████████:

1. Is he the only person asking the questions about missing medals or do we think he is one of many?
2. Do we know if he was actually in Kuwait, or was he in support of efforts in Kuwait?

Don't want to say that we might be moving forwards but.....

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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-██████████ (██████████) [mailto:██████████@defence.gsi.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 17 November 2014 11:16

**To:** ██████████

**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

Thanks [REDACTED]

It's ringing a bell now & hopefully I'll be able to find the info if our system ever runs properly again.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 13 November 2014 16:05

**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

Hi [REDACTED]

I sent the attached to you in June. Happy to take this forward if you can let me have answers to the questions posed.

Thanks and regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) [mailto:[REDACTED]@defence.gsi.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 13 November 2014 15:58

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

**Importance:** High

Hi [REDACTED]

I am sure that you would have responded to [REDACTED] about the case below, and possibly to me as well, but my e-mail has gone a bit weird and I'm struggling to find things.

Did we ever hear back from the Embassies? [REDACTED] continues to write to MOD seeking his awards and whilst we have been able to stall him as you will appreciate this is becoming more difficult.

I would really appreciate any advice you could give & apologies if you have previously advised me on this case.

Kind regards

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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly Gp Mailbox (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 25 September 2014 11:21  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-██████████ (██████████)  
**Subject:** RE: 20140516-Topical Questions: follow up letters-

Hi ██████████,

Any joy yet?

Thanks

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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-██████████ (██████████)  
**Sent:** 03 June 2014 12:54  
**To:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly ██████████ (██████████)  
**Subject:** RE: 20140516-Topical Questions: follow up letters-

██████████

You're welcome.

I have also chased FCO again this morning about the Saudi/Kuwait medals for Gulf War 1 for ██████████

I'm still awaiting a response, which doesn't fill me with much hope

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From: Pers Trg-DS Sec- [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
Sent: 12 May 2014 14:16  
To: Pers Trg-Sec-Parly Gp Mailbox (MULTIUSER)  
Subject: RE: Release-authorized: BAU00023/2014: Request for the MOD to issue Medal Honours to British Combatants (Gulf War I)

[REDACTED]

Yes if you have to send him something then that will be ok I think.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Pers Trg-DS Sec-Commemoration |  
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From: Pers Trg-Sec-Parly Gp Mailbox (MULTIUSER)  
Sent: 12 May 2014 14:11  
To: Pers Trg-DS Sec- [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
Subject: Release-authorized: BAU00023/2014: Request for the MOD to issue Medal Honours to British Combatants (Gulf War I)

[REDACTED]

Are you content that I reply to [REDACTED] along the following lines?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Please accept my apologies for not replying sooner. In March a MOD official contacted the FCO to ascertain whether the Saudi's or Kuwaiti's were planning to mint more medals. The MOD official who made the original request to FCO has now left the civil service, but his replacement (who started in post today) has contacted the FCO for an update as we do not yet know the outcome of the FCO enquiries.

I will of course let you know when I have any further information.

Yours sincerely



[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] | Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] | Defence Personnel Secretariat  
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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 12 May 2014 10:26  
**To:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: BAU00023/2014: Request for the MOD to issue Medal Honours to British Combatants (Gulf War I)

[REDACTED]  
No problem. I have just sent an e-mail to [REDACTED]'s contact in the FCO to see if this had moved forwards any further.

I'll keep you updated.

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 12 May 2014 10:24  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: BAU00023/2014: Request for the MOD to issue Medal Honours to British Combatants (Gulf War I)

[REDACTED]  
Thank you. I appreciate your efforts on this.

Cheers

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec- [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 12 May 2014 10:02  
**To:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly Gp Mailbox (MULTIUSER)  
**Cc:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: BAU00023/2014: Request for the MOD to issue Medal Honours to British Combatants (Gulf War I)  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]

No problem. [REDACTED] really isn't a happy chap is he?

I have already found an e-mail chain that you started with [REDACTED] in February. It looks like [REDACTED] approached FCO to see if they knew if the Saudi's or Kuwaiti's were planning to mint more medals, but I can't see that he had anything back. Once it calms down a bit, hopefully later this week, I'll see if I can find out if the FCO ever came back with any further information.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly Gp Mailbox (MULTIUSER)  
**Sent:** 12 May 2014 09:29  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec- [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** FW: BAU00023/2014: Request for the MOD to issue Medal Honours to British Combatants (Gulf War I)

[REDACTED]

As promised, here is the latest from [REDACTED]. Anything you can do to expedite the acquisition of the two medals mentioned by [REDACTED] would be greatly appreciated. [REDACTED] (and [REDACTED]) had agreed to write to the FCO to request they liaise with the relevant Embassies. I don't know where that work got to.

(i) the Saudi Liberation of Kuwait Medal, and (ii) the Kuwait Liberation Medal

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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Email: Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) | [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@fco.gsi.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 21 March 2014 14:48

**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you on this. I've asked our Saudi and Kuwaiti Desks and our Embassies in Riyadh and Kuwait to make some enquiries on this and I'll let you know what they say.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Desk Officer | Royal, Ceremonial and Honours Unit | Protocol Directorate | Room [REDACTED], Foreign & Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH

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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) [mailto:[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** 10 March 2014 09:36

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

Good Morning [REDACTED],

Following [REDACTED]'s departure, [REDACTED] suggested that I pass this one across to you for consideration. In particular, could I draw your attention to the highlighted section. What do you think the chances are of the Saudis and Kuwaitis providing a further batch of the medals in question and is this something that you could raise with them?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Pers Trg-DS Sec- [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 05 March 2014 10:09  
**To:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

[REDACTED]

Haven't even had a chance to read and understand it.

It's on my list.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 05 March 2014 10:07  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec-Comm ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

[REDACTED]

Have you had a chance to consider this?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 25 February 2014 12:54  
**To:** Pers Trg-DS Sec- [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Cc:** Pers Trg-ACDS and DS SEC [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] Wg Cdr); Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]); Pers Trg-DS Sec-Hons CECT. TL ([REDACTED]); SPVA-DMS MODMO HISTORIC [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** Saudi/Kuwaiti medals for Gulf War 1

[REDACTED]

As discussed, thanks for agreeing to see what you can about [REDACTED] request for the Saudi and Kuwait medals. Apologies for all the attachments, but I'm sure you'll want to see the full background to this issue.

In essence, [REDACTED] was a contractor working for BAE Systems during Gulf War 1 and is aggrieved that he didn't automatically receive these medals, as per the instructions laid out in the extant DCIs from 92 and 93 (details and DCIs in the attachments). The medal office no longer have stocks, and [REDACTED] was upset by our suggestion that he contact (a) the HR department of BAE systems to obtain evidence of his service and subsequently (b) the relevant Embassies.



**Cc:** MOD Civ-Honours ( [REDACTED] ); SPVA-Secretariat Group (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] - Saudi and Kuwaiti Medals-R

[REDACTED]

Thank you for confirmation that [REDACTED] Gulf War Medal is with clasp.

Given that the DCIs make clear that [REDACTED] does qualify for the Saudi and Kuwaiti medals, is the Medal Office able to investigate why this has occurred, and the numbers of people who might be affected? Ultimately, if DS Sec take a policy decision and try to obtain some of these medals (from the Saudis and Kuwaitis via FCO) then they will need some information on how many medals to request.

[REDACTED] – grateful for a steer on how DS Sec wish to proceed when you're back in office on Monday.

Regards

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**From:** SPVA-DMS MODMO HISTORIC [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

**Sent:** 18 February 2014 15:42

**To:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] - Saudi and Kuwaiti Medals-R

[REDACTED]

The nominal states the qualifying dates of 16 Jan 1991 to 28 Feb 1991 so that is with clasp.

regards

[REDACTED] | Historic Team Leader | MOD Medal Office | SPVA | G36 Innsworth House, Imjin Barracks, Gloucester, GL3 1HW | email: [spva-dmsmodmohistoric@\[REDACTED\].mod.uk](mailto:spva-dmsmodmohistoric@[REDACTED].mod.uk) | Mil [REDACTED], Civ 01452 [REDACTED] |

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**To:** SPVA-DMS MODMO HISTORIC [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Cc:** MOD Civ-Honours [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]); Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]);  
Pers Trg-ACDS and DS SEC COS ([REDACTED] Wg Cdr); MOD Civ-Honours [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] - Saudi and Kuwaiti Medals-R

[REDACTED]

In your email you confirmed that you had checked the nominal rolls and that [REDACTED] did qualify for the Gulf Medal. Can you confirm that it was 'with clasp' as this appears to be a crucial criteria for the subsequent award of the Saudi and Kuwait medals?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** 18 February 2014 14:18  
**To:** MOD Civ-Honours [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]); Pers Trg-ACDS and DS SEC [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
Wg Cdr)  
**Cc:** MOD Civ-Honours [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]); SPVA-DMS MODMO HISTORIC [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]); Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** FW: [REDACTED] - Saudi and Kuwaiti Medals-R

[REDACTED]

I've spoken to [REDACTED] who has helpfully provided a lot of clarity here. In his view, the DCIs remain in force and it would be for DS Sec (Wg Cdr [REDACTED], cc'd) or yourself to make any approach to the FCO in the first instance to seek their view – if a decision is taken to seek a fresh stock of these medals.

Grateful for your advice on how you wish to proceed.

Many thanks

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**From:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

**Sent:** 18 February 2014 13:37

**To:** MOD Civ-Honours [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

**Cc:** MOD Civ-Honours [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]); SPVA-DMS MODMO HISTORIC [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

[REDACTED]; Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

**Subject:** [REDACTED] - Saudi and Kuwaiti Medals-R

[REDACTED]

Attached is the latest correspondence from [REDACTED], together with copies of the DCIs which contain the criteria for awarding the Saudi and Kuwaiti medals at issue. CIO have confirmed that the DCIs are now UNCLASSIFIED. Also, below is the advice received from [REDACTED] (cc'd) in the MOD Medal Office which confirms that [REDACTED] did qualify for the Gulf Medal.

[REDACTED] considers that as a recipient of the Gulf Medal he is eligible for both of these foreign awards under sections b(11) of both DCIs and that he (and all other entitled contractors) should now been issued with medals. On the face of it, the DCIs seem to support this view i.e.

“New claims are not required. Issues will be made against claims already made for the Gulf medal 1990-91 with Clasp 16 Jan to 28 Feb 1991.”

That argument now seems to turn on whether, in fact, these DCIs were ever cancelled or superseded. I would therefore be grateful for your advice on the following points:

- Do these DCIs remain in force?
- If they remain in force, should the Medal Office approach the Saudi and Kuwaiti authorities to request a new allocation (as the Canadians have apparently done)?
- If they remain in force, what would be the appropriate mechanism for [REDACTED] (and other eligible contractors) to apply?

Grateful for your advice soonest; you will see from the attached that I have already supplied incorrect advice to [REDACTED].

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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Email: Pers Trg-Sec-Parly [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) | [REDACTED]

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**From:** SPVA-DMS MODMO HISTORIC [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

**Sent:** 14 February 2014 14:28

**To:** SPVA-Medals (MULTIUSER)

**Cc:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly Gp Mailbox (MULTIUSER)



**Subject:** RE: 20140214-Advice Please - Saudi and Kuwait Medals (Our Ref: TO00298/2014)=COP: 28 FEB 14

██████████  
Whilst there are no medal cards for Civilian Contracts, I have checked the nominal rolls and ██████████ did indeed qualify for the Gulf Medal.

The DIN/DCI also states that Civilian Contractors in support of UK Forces are entitled to the Kuwait and Saudi Medals, however we stopped issuing these a3 or 4 years ago.

regards

██████████ | Historic Team Leader | MOD Medal Office | SPVA | G36 Innsworth House, Imjin Barracks, Gloucester, GL3 1HW | email: [spva-dmsmodmohistoric@mod.uk](mailto:spva-dmsmodmohistoric@mod.uk) | Mil ██████████ ██████████, Civ ██████████ ██████████ |

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**Importance:** High

██████████,  
Please see email below which requires a response by COP: 28 FEB 14.

Please respond direct to ██████████ and ensure that I am also copied in on that response.

VMT.

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**Cc:** Pers Trg-Sec-Parly ██████████ (██████████)  
**Subject:** 20140214-Advice Please - Saudi and Kuwait Medals (Our Ref: TO00298/2014)=COP: 28

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Importance: High

MO – I would be very grateful if you could run a search for a [REDACTED] (Treat Official email below) and see whether he qualified and was sent the Gulf medal 1990-91 with clasp, please confirm whether [REDACTED] service as a British Aerospace employee in Kuwait qualifies him for The Saudi Liberation of Kuwait medal and the The Kuwaiti Liberation Medal. A reply by Fri 28 Feb will be very helpful.

Thanks & Regards,

[REDACTED]

I am a recipient of the Gulf War Medal with Clasp (which was sent to me in a Jiffy Bag - by second class post; such was the "debt of gratitude"). My receipt of the Gulf War Medal proves my service; details of which the MOD Medal Office should already have on record.