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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2016 requesting the following information:

*Please can you supply me with details of what arrangements, if any, there are for the carry-over of Reserve Service in the Army Reserve, towards entitlement to the Regular Army Long Service Medal (for soldiers that initially serve in the reserve and later become Regular soldiers) including periods of mobilised service.*

I am writing to confirm that we are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The rules governing the qualifying criteria for the Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal are set out in the attached Royal Warrant dated 27 April 1978.

You will particularly wish to note paragraph 8, which states that:

“...service in a Reserve or in a Militia, Territorial, Volunteer or Auxiliary Military Force or in any other force or organisation not involving whole-time military service shall not reckon as qualifying service for the medal, except that when such Reserve, Militia, or Force is mobilized, embodied or called out on permanent service in an emergency, the period during which a member of such Reserve, Militia or Force is actually employed in whole-time service shall reckon as qualifying service.”

Reserves who mobilise and deploy on operations will count time towards the Volunteer Reserve Service Medal which is their long service equivalent.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 Compliance Rights 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.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat