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Email: XXXXXXXXXXXXX

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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Thank you for your email of 17 May in which you requested the following information:

1. How many Distinguished Flying Crosses and Distinguished Flying Medals were awarded to airmen (RAF, Army Air Corps and Royal Navy) serving in Northern Ireland during Operation Banner (1969 - 2007)?
2. How many official recommendations were made for airmen to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross during Operation Banner, which ultimately were not awarded?
3. How many official recommendations were made for airmen to receive the Distinguished Flying Medal during Operation Banner, which ultimately were not awarded?

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, and I can confirm that information is held which falls within the scope of your request.

With regards to part one of your request I can confirm there has been three Distinguished Flying Crosses and one Distinguished Flying Medal awarded to Armed Forces personnel who had served in Northern Ireland during Operation Banner.

For parts two and three of your request I can confirm unsuccessful recommendations are not retained and therefore no information is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find the below link useful where you will be able to view further information concerning awards and accreditations:

<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

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, 2<sup>nd</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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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