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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 6 March 2017 in which you requested the following information:

1. *If a Solider [sic] who was based in Germany was send on deployment but their family remained on base in Germany, would they:*
 - a. *Continue to receive Local Overseas Allowance?*
 - b. *Receive Longer Separation Allowance in addition to Local Overseas Allowance?*
 - c. *Receive Operational Allowance in addition of Local Overseas Allowance?*
 - d. *Receive Longer Separation Allowance and Operational Allowance in addition to Local Overseas Allowance?*
2. *What is the average length of reckonable service at the end of engagement for each rank in:*
 - a. *The Royal Logistics Corps?*
 - b. *The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers?*
 - c. *The Royal Engineers?*
 - d. *The Infantry?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Part 1 of your request falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 21 (information accessible to the applicant by other means) of the FOIA. I can advise you that all three of the allowances above can be claimed at the same time, if all of the eligibility rules are met. Detailed information on the claiming of these allowances is contained in Joint Services Publication 752 which is available on the internet at:

[JSP 752 LINK on Gov.uk](#)

Information answering part two of your request is attached.

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, MOD Main Building,

Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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, <https://ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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FOI Request: "What is the average length of reckonable service at the end of engagement for each rank in: The Royal Logistics Corp, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the Royal Engineers, the Infantry"

Average Length of Service in completed years at the end of engagement for each rank in: RLC, REME, RE and INFANTRY for soldiers leaving during 01/03/2014 - 28/02/2017

| Arm/Service | Paid Rank at end of engagement | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Private | Lance Corporal | Corporal | Sergeant | Staff Sergeant | Warrant Officer 2nd class | Warrant Officer 1st class |
| RLC | 8 | 12 | 20 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 24 |
| REME | 5 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 23 | 24 | 24 |
| RE | 6 | 14 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| INFANTRY | 5 | 10 | 21 | 21 | 23 | 23 | 26 |

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes:

Figures are for trained Regular strengths only and therefore exclude FTRS and Gurkhas but include those individuals who have transferred from the Brigade of Gurkhas to the wider Army.

Caution should be exercised with regards to interpretation of these statistics. They are constructed from behaviour for Army personnel covering a number of contracts/ engagements. They form a statistical average for the Army and do not relate to the terms and conditions associated with any particular contract.