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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – COPIES OF SITREPS

Further to your e-mail sent on 1 September 2017, I can confirm your request for information has been considered under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

You asked the following:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

**Copies of SITREPs from local British Army/Armed Forces units on the following dates:
August – September 1969 – East Belfast, Co Down, and South Belfast
December 1969 – January 1970 – West Belfast
December 1969 – January 1970 – Carrickfergus and Antrim”**

I can confirm the Ministry of Defence did hold some information in relation to your request; however the material of this age has been transferred to The National Archives (TNA) at Kew.

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Duty to provide advice and assistance), I can advise information relating to SITREPs can be viewed at TNA and the catalogue series reference is:

WO 305/3761 NIRSEC 345-435, SITREPS, INTREPS, JAMREPS (Dec 1969)
WO 305/3779 NIRSEC 1-246: JAMREPS, SITREPS (Jan – Mar 1970)

Please see below further files that may contain relevant information:

WO 305/3743 Commanders Diary (July – Dec 1969)
WO 305/3784 Administrative Orders and Instructions 1970

These files are open to the public and to request access, you should send an FOI request to their FOI Team:

By post – Enquiry Service, The National Archive, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or

Online – <http://apps.nationalarchives.gov.uk/contact/contactform.asp?id=10>

Further details on making FOI requests to the National Archives are also available at:

<http://apps.nationalarchives.gov.uk/foi/requests.htm>

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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