

Ministry of Defence Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

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Reply to:	

6 October 2017

Dear

Thank you for your email of 28 September 2017 requesting the following information:

"Did soldiers from 1 R Anglian who deployed to Afghanistan on Op Toral in 2015 receive Operational Allowance?"

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

In 2015 Afghanistan was a location for which Operational Allowance (OA) was payable. Service personnel eligible in accordance with the Joint Service Policy and who were serving in Afghanistan in 2015 would have received OA. I can confirm this was the case for 1 R Anglian personnel and that in 2015 they received OA.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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 CIOFOI-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.

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Yours sincerely,		
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