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Email to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 September 2018 containing the question below:

*"Hi, can you tell me why the GSM Gulf was discontinued 31 Oct 1988."*

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

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our recorded information, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Ministry of Defence.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance) I can advise you that although we cannot provide specific information about the discontinuation of the GSM Gulf on 31 October 1988, we have set out below the procedure for the introduction of a new medal, which may assist you.

The procedure for the introduction of an operational medal will normally be initiated by the Chief of Joint Operations at the Permanent Joint Headquarters or the Commander-in-Chief, Commander British Forces or any other Commander with similar reporting responsibilities. They will propose the overall eligibility criteria, which will then be required to receive the agreement of the Armed Forces Operational Committee, the Chiefs of Staff Committee, and the Secretary of State for Defence. Finally, with the agreement of the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals, the proposal will be submitted to the Sovereign for approval.

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

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.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 normally 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, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat