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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 September requesting the following information:

How many members of the British Army who did not receive Golden or Diamond Jubilee medals due to not having 5 years service were subsequently killed in hostile action in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Please allow me to apologise for the delay in responding. 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 within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found at Annex A. Please note, the table shows the number of personnel who died in Iraq or Afghanistan and who were in service at the time each medal was awarded but who were not eligible due to length of service.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the information used to answer your request has been collated from three different sources. Complex analysis and judgment of this data, made more difficult by issues with corrupt data means that these figures can only be considered an estimate.

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Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

"How many members of the British Army who did not receive Golden or Diamond Jubilee medals due to not having 5 years service were subsequently killed in hostile action in Iraq or Afghanistan."

Table 1. Army personnel who were killed in Iraq or Afghanistan and did not receive a Golden or Diamond Jubilee medal due to ineligibility

	Medal not received	
	Golden Jubilee Medal ¹	Diamond Jubilee Medal ²
Total	100	20

Source: Analysis (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

1. These figures represent personnel who were serving at the time of the Golden Jubilee and had not served for greater than five years as at 6 February 2002. These personnel were killed in Iraq or Afghanistan after this date.
2. These figures represent personnel who were serving at the time of the Diamond Jubilee and had not served for greater than five years as at 6 February 2012. These personnel were killed in Iraq or Afghanistan after this date.
3. Please note that due to data migration between systems there is a chance that some of the "medals issued" data is corrupt. A small number of personnel who, according to their data would seem to have been ineligible, were recorded as having been issued a medal.
4. The figures should be considered an estimate and have been rounded to 10.