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Dear

Thank you for your email of 30 May 2021 requesting the following information:

*"I am making an inquiry for Stolen Valour Canada regarding how many UK Gulf War Medals went to Canadians (both civilian and military). There appears to be no online records to give this type of information, so I thought your department might know."* 

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The Gulf Medal 1990-1991 was issued in accordance with Defence Council Instruction 185/91, which allowed Canadian Forces to receive the award. The requirement was for the Unit to provide nominal rolls, which were lists of individuals nominated for the award, to the MOD Medal Office by way of application. These rolls are still held by the MOD.

The number of Gulf Medals (1990-1991) issued to Canadian citizens, according to the nominal rolls held are as follows:

Canadian Service	Awards Issued (Acco Rolls)
Royal Canadian Air Force	1
Royal Canadian Artillery	1

Canadian Military Engineers	5
Land Electrical Mechanical Engineers (Canadian Army)	3

Canadian (CD) Logistics	1
1 ORD BN CDN Forces	1
Royal Canadian Horse Artillery	2
CommunicationsandElectronicsEngineeringCanadianArmed	1
Forces	
Total	15

Please note, the Ministry of Defence does not have any access to Canadian service records, therefore has no sight of any applications made retrospectively after the nominal rolls were submitted to the MOD.

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 CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.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,