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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails of 11 September 2023 and 25 September 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

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"... has given me your details to ask questions regarding the NTV Medal.

Do you have the breakdown of service (RAF/Navy etc) for the medal?

Also, can we ask that a leaflet which explains our organisation is sent with the medal when it is posted? We are building our organisation members and this is an ideal opportunity to introduce them to us".

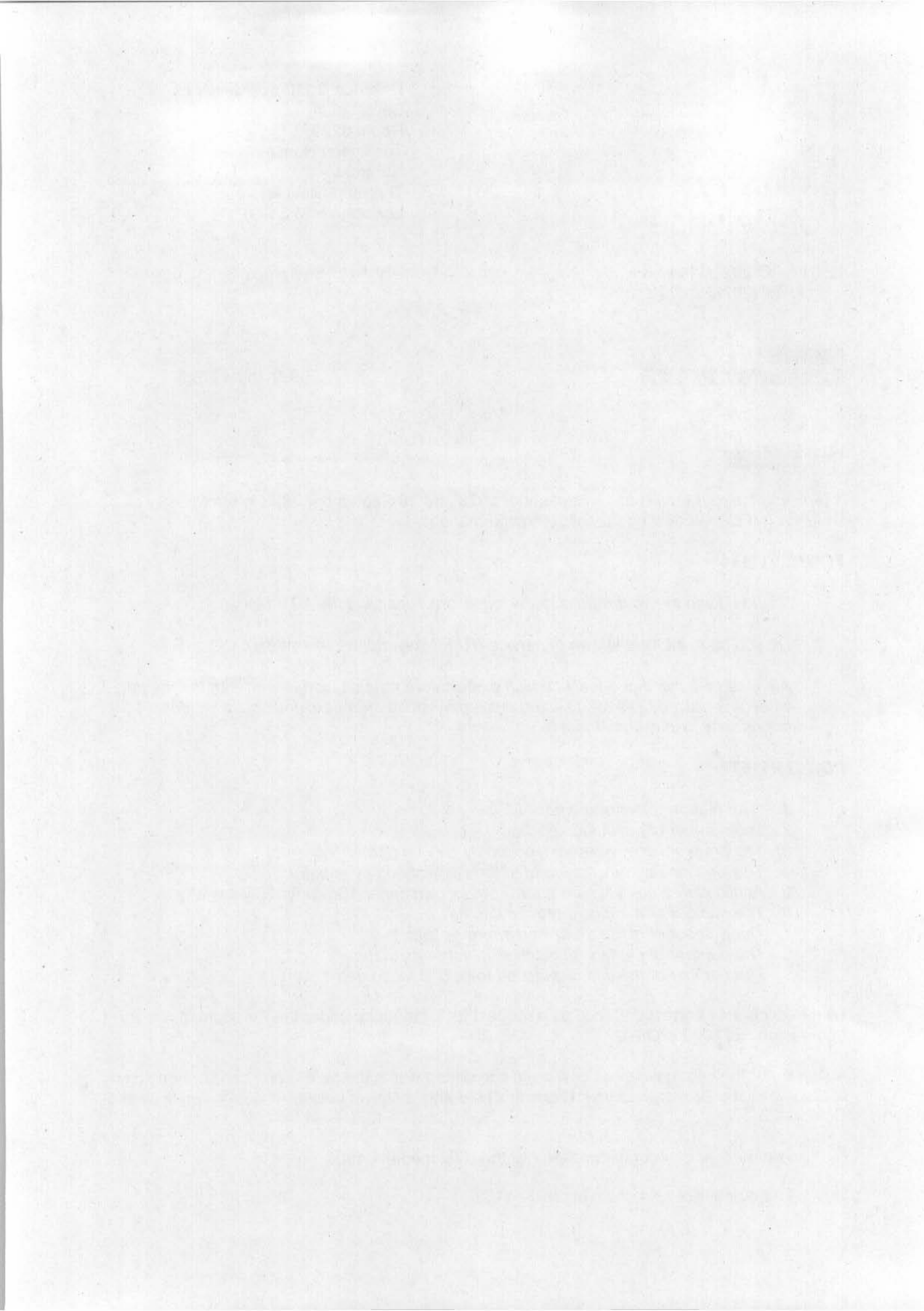
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1. *"The number of veterans applied.*
2. *The number of next of kin applied.*
3. *The breakdown of veterans applied by service (RAF / Navy etc)*
4. *The locations across the world of the applications by country*
5. *Application breakdown from non-military personnel. (Scientist / Civilian etc)*
6. *The number of medals approved to date*
7. *The number of medals awaiting approval to date*
8. *The number of medals dispatched to veterans to date*
9. *The number of medals dispatched to next of kin to date"*

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 MOD and I can confirm some of the information in scope of your request is held and is shown below. All data given is as at 5 October 23.

1. The number of veterans applied (for the NTV medal) - 1908
2. The number of next of kin applied - 1133



3. The breakdown of veterans applied by service (RAF / Navy etc).

Army: 585, Royal Navy: 339, Royal Air Force: 834, Commonwealth Forces: 108, Merchant Navy: 7, Royal Fleet Auxiliary: 10, Civilian: 25

4. The locations across the world of the applications by country.

United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia, France, Spain, United States of America, Canada and Malta.

5. Application breakdown from non-military personnel. (Scientist / Civilian etc).

The MOD does not record data breaking down the occupation of non-military personnel, however the MOD has received 70 Civilian applications.

6. The number of medals approved to date - 1039

7. The number of medals awaiting approval to date - 741

Please note that eligibility has been confirmed for these 741 cases, the MOD Medal Office is awaiting the next system update to show as approved.

8. The number of medals dispatched to veterans to date - 476

9. The number of medals dispatched to next of kin to date - 3

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) I can confirm that it would not be possible to enclose Labrats International leaflets with the NTV Medals when they are despatched. As you will appreciate, there are many veterans' organisations and charities which would want to benefit from a similar service in respect of their respective cohorts, and to offer such a service for one would set a precedent for all that could not be sustained. In addition, the MOD is unable to endorse any specific organisation or its publicity over others.

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,



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