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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your email of 31 August 2024 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

- “1. The number of 3rd LS&GC(M) clasps (45 years) awarded to all service personnel, since the introduction of the award, or the earliest date of available data from electronic records (Joint Personnel Administration), broken down by service type, ie. Army, Navy and RAF.
2. The total number of currently serving recipients of the LS&GC(M) (Army only) with 3rd clasp (45 years total).
3. Breakdown of serial 2, held by either Other Ranks or Commissioned Officer.”

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 some of the information in scope of your request is held and is shown in the table below.

**Long Service and Good Conduct (3rd Clasp) Award Statistics**

Service	Award	Total number issued	Breakdown	Still registered as 'Employee' on JPA**
Army	LS&GC 3rd Clasp	20	Officer: 15	Officer: 3
			Other rank: 5	Other rank: 4
RAF	LS&GC 3rd Clasp	17		
Royal Navy	LS&GC 3rd Clasp	35		

\*Data extracted September 2024 from the Ministry of Defence Medal Office (MODMO) database which was implemented on the formation of the MODMO in 2005

\*\*Employment details extracted from the Joint Personnel Administration System

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA, you may wish to be aware that prior to the formation of the joint Ministry of Defence Medal Office (MODMO) in March 2005, medals were administered by the single service offices. Although efforts were made at that time to migrate historical medal data from the single service legacy systems to the

new MODMO database, unfortunately, it was not successful in all instances. Whilst electronic records for the Army dating from 1984 were successfully migrated, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Royal Marine data was not. As a result, only medal data from 2005 onwards is held for these services, and limited information held in paper format.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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