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Dear Mr Hart,

Thank you for your email of 24 July 2020 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about the Iraq Medal.

You requested the following information:

"You stated that there were 913 successful applications with Iraq Medals being dispatched after 22 May 2011.

May I ask a follow-on question. Qualification for Zone 1 was extended to 21 December 2011 (end of NATO training mission).

I wish to know how many success applications for the Iraq Medal were made after 21 December 2011 (excluding replacement medals)?"

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

The MOD requires further clarification on the requested information, please could you confirm whether you wish to know the total number of successful applications for the Iraq Medal, after 21 December 2011, or successful applications with a qualifying date after 21 December 2011, where the Iraq Medal was issued incorrectly.

Once you have clarified this point, I will be happy to consider your request again

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Yours sincerely

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