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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2014 requesting the following information:

"I am keen to source the latest Princess of Wales Royal Regiment's dress regs. With approaching commemorative events for WWI and the introduction of the new No.2 and PCS-CU, this will have had an affect on the PWRR dress regs which is not covered in the copy I currently have.

Furthermore a copy of the current Army Dress Regulations for both Officers and other ranks would be helpful. I have access to ADR (All Ranks) Part 8, PS12(A), however this makes references to other parts which I am unable to locate within the document, such as Part 9."

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. Excluding Part 8 the information you have requested can be found enclosed, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Following a Public Interest Test, some further information has been withheld under qualified exemptions Section 38(1) (b) (Health and Safety) and Section 26(1) (b) (Defence).

In so far as Section 38(1) (b) applies it is accepted that there is a public interest in Army dress and in particular the badges worn. In some instances however, the identification by badges of a specific group of individuals in specific roles could put them at risk of being targeted.

Similarly, in so far as Section 26(1) (b) applies, it is accepted as described above. However, this is outweighed by the need to protect a particular operational capability which if released could be of detriment to the group of individuals and to our Defence capability as a whole.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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