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12th May 2015

Email: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 27 April, to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"Would it be possible under the Freedom of Information Act to get details of casualties who were:-

- 1) *Born in Princetown and Postbridge.*
- 2) *Resided in Princetown or Postbridge.*

I would be grateful for any information that I can pass onto the appropriate people in the two villages."

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

The Armed Forces Memorial Database is a central list of post World War Two casualties created using Casualty Files and other lists of source documents based on place of birth. A search of the Memorial Database has not revealed any operational casualties who resided or whose birthplace was Princetown or Postbridge.

This could be because the population is relatively small and many of the residents may have been born in maternity units in towns close by. If there is another set of criteria you would like us to search under, we would be happy to do so. I should also point out that occasional errors or oversights have been found on the Memorial Database.

We have tried widening the search to other places with a PL20 postcode but regrettably, no entries were found. However, the search did result in two individuals being identified who died whilst in Service, but were not on operational duties at the time of their death.

You may find that appeals made in the local media or a post on one of the ancestry or military history sites prompts information from local historians, families and organisation (e.g. Royal British Legion). You may also wish to check memorials in places such as churches, schools and factories or a search for reports of deaths in old local newspapers.

Finally, the following links may be of some help to you with regards to searching the Armed Forces Roll of Honour list <https://www.gov.uk/search-armed-forces-memorial-roll-of-honour>. Information on fatalities but not resting places, arising from recent operations in Afghanistan, is also available on the Ministry of Defence's website at the following address: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-forces-operations-in-afghanistan>.

The names of Service personnel killed in Northern Ireland (Operation Banner), Sierra Leone (Operation Barras) and the Falklands War are available on non-MOD military history websites.

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

A/Head of Secretariat