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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14 September requesting the following information:

- **I am looking for any information that you may have on my relative; [REDACTED] of the Worcestershire regiment. He died on the [REDACTED] 1918 at the 4th Battle of Ypres (Battle of Messines).**

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

This information is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act under section 21 of the Act (reasonably accessible by other means). Full details of how to apply for the service records of deceased service personnel are available on the Gov.UK website at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/requests-for-personal-data-and-service-records>

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), please note that The Ministry of Defence holds the records of soldiers who left the Army in January 1921 or later and officers who left the Army after March 1922. Any earlier records may be held at the National Archives in Kew. However, please note that approximately two-thirds of First World War records were destroyed in the blitz in 1940.

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, 2nd Floor, Zone N, 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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