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Thank you for your letter dated 5 November 2017 requesting the following information:

"I write to request details of the campaign medal entitlement of [REDACTED] for his services during the Second World War".

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 the Ministry of Defence holds the information requested. However, we are unable to release this without the necessary date of death confirmation.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), the following information may be of help to you:

The MOD Publication Scheme

In recognition of the duty of care owed to the family of the deceased subject, for a period of 25 years following the date of death of the subject, and without the consent of the Next of Kin, the MOD will disclose only:

- Surname; Forename; Rank; Service Number; Regiment/Corps;
- Place of Birth; Age; Date of Birth; Date of Death where this occurred in Service;
- The date an individual joined the Service; the date of leaving;
- Good Conduct Medals (i.e. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (LS&GCM), any orders of Chivalry and Gallantry medals (decorations of valour) awarded, some of which may have been published in the London Gazette.

After this period, and with proof of death being over 25 years, the MOD will disclose the following information without the requirement for Next of Kin consent.

- The units in which he/she served; the dates of this service & locations of those units.
- The ranks in which the service was carried out.
- Details of campaign medals earned or awarded.

Copies of death certificates may be requested from General Register Offices:

For England:

General Register Office
PO Box 2
Southport
Merseyside
PR8 2JD

For Scotland:

New Register House
3 West Register Street
Edinburgh
EH1 3YT

For Northern Ireland:

The General Register Office
Oxford House
49-55 Chichester Street
BT1 4HL

Orders can be made online via the following websites:

England & Wales <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/default.asp>

Scotland <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/registration/how-to-order-an-official-extract-from-the-registers>

Northern Ireland <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/order-death-certificate-online>

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,



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