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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 December 2017, in response to our request for clarification dated the same day, concerning your Freedom of Information request.

You originally requested the following:

*"With reference to the above Act, can I please request the medal entitlement of the of the following individuals, and their date issued? Also a copy of the ww2 medal card if issued?"*

- 1. 6780229 John Arthur McIntyre of the Royal Artillery – 1906-1953*
- 2. James Walter Earl of the Royal Artillery – 1913-1980 (original Other rank number of 6539948, later commissioned with the new Officer number of 304272)."*

On 15 December 2017 you clarified:

*"1. James Walter Earl – His DOB was taken from the 1939 Register, which is known to be off at times on exact DOBs. His Death record from 1980 (attached) confirms the DOB of 22 Jan 1913. I had previously attached this too, so sorry for any confusion.*

*2. James Adolphus McIntyre – You are correct, and this is my mistake (again). And as he was born in 1886 it was 131 years ago and therefore over the 116 Year threshold for the release of information".*

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested is as follows:

Mr Earl was awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal in 1944 for his service in World War Two. A copy of his medal card is enclosed. Although his records confirm his entitlement to the Defence Medal and War Medal 1939–1945 for his service in World War Two, it would appear they were never issued.

Mr McIntyre served in World War One and was awarded the King George V Silver Jubilee Medal in 1935 and the Efficiency Medal in 1937. World War One medal cards are retained by the National Archives and further information can be found at:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/first-world-war/>

Alternatively, you can write to:

The National Archives  
Kew  
Richmond  
Surrey  
TW9 4DU

Tel no: 020 887 63444

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

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Yours sincerely,



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