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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 19 September 2017 in which you requested the following information:

'Thank you for the response, I have requested my fathers records and have received them back. This was completed last year. On his records it states that he was at Naval Party 5555.

I already have clarification of his participation in Naval Party 5555, what I am looking for is clarification that Naval Party 5555 as a unit was on Christmas Island, participating in Operation Dominic. Not specifically his participation.'

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

The Department can confirm that Naval Party 5555 was the Naval Party at Christmas Island. Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, I can advise that all records have been transferred to The National Archives and are held under Operation Brigadoon (also DOMINIC) reference DEFE 7:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C65974>

The National Archives can be contacted as follows:

Website: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Post: The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU.

Their catalogue is available on the web so you may be able to search for the information you are looking for, although you will not be able to view any documents on the web. Alternatively, you may like to telephone them for assistance on: 020 8876 3444

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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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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