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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 5 October in which you requested the following information relating to your father's service in the Army during and after the Second World War:

*"I am hoping that you will have some information on this unit [East Yorkshire Regiment], and also on Unit 033 as apparently no war diary for this unit is available."*

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

I am afraid to advise you that following a search of our recorded information, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Ministry of Defence. However, under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note there were three Civil Interrogation Camps or Centres in the British Zone of what became West Germany; these were numbered 030-032. In addition to these units, there was 033 Civil Interrogation Camp in Berlin. Given the nature of War Diaries from the Second World War, survival of specific diaries is not guaranteed and the fact that one survives from one unit does not necessarily mean other similar units would have compiled one. The War Diaries for North-West Europe have diaries for units 030 and 031, which cover 1945 and Jan-June 1946 – after which the War Diary process effectively ceased and units compiled only Quarterly or Unit Historical Records. There is also a War Diary for 032 Civil Interrogation Camp for Jan-June 1946.

Unfortunately, there does not appear to be a War Diary of 033 Civil Interrogation Camp held at the National Archive in reference WO 171. I believe it would have been unlikely that a Private soldier would be involved in the interrogation process itself. It is, therefore, more likely that your father may have undertaken administrative or guard duties, but this cannot be confirmed.

Given the nature of the camp, it may be possible that the Intelligence Corps Museum would have information regarding the unit's function and be able to assist on other sources that may be available. Likewise the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire may have information that may help with regard to your father's movements following D Day. The museums can be contacted via the following links:

<http://www.army.mod.uk/intelligence/32251.aspx>

<http://www.armymuseums.org.uk/museum/yam-prince-of-wales-own-regiemnt-of-yorkshire/>

Finally, given that interrogation is an area of some academic interest, there may also be books on the subject which will refer to these interrogation camps, but I am afraid that we do not have a list of such books which we can provide.

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Yours sincerely,

  
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