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Email: [REDACTED]

1 March 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 February 2017 requesting the following information:

*"I would appreciate if you could confirm process of the following Freedom of Information Act Request:*

*The medal entitlement for the following former RAF serviceman:*

*1059463 Sgt. Samuel Albiston. R.A.F later (197828) Flying officer....."*

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that all of the information in scope of your request is held.

The Ministry of Defence Medal Office (MODMO) has confirmed that the late Flying Officer Samuel Albiston held entitlement to the following medals:

- Aircrew Europe Star with Atlantic Clasp
- War Medal 1939-45
- Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM)
- 1939-45 Star with Bomber Command Clasp

Under section 16 of the FIOA (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to be aware that the Bomber Command Clasp was instituted after the late Flying Officer Samuel Albiston's death and has never been claimed by his next of kin.

You may also be interested to know that World War Two medal cards, where they exist, can be requested by writing directly to the Ministry of Defence Medal Office without referencing the Freedom of Information Act. Where the requestor has a general research interest, access to data will be limited unless the service person died more than 25 years ago. Requests for World War Two medal

cards can be made by writing to the following address and should include a copy of the death certificate:

Ministry of Defence Medal Office  
Imjin Barracks,  
Gloucester  
GL3 1HW

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.

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,