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2 February 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 January 2018 requesting the following information:

"The medal roll for the clasp "NEAR EAST" as awarded for the General Service medal (1918 – 1962). To members of the 3rd Battalion Parachute Regiment Suez 1956.

I request under the power of the "Freedom of Information Act" a full copy of the medal roll of the NEAR EAST CLASP..... "

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 the information in scope of your request is held.

The Ministry of Defence Medal Office hold the medal rolls for the General Service Medal with clasp Near East, and have identified those specific to the Parachute Regiment (albeit the specific Battalion details are not detailed). The release of this information is exempt under Section 40 (personal information) of the FOIA, as it is not possible to ascertain whether the personnel that appear on the medal rolls are alive or deceased.

Section 40(2) has, therefore, been applied to your request in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

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

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