



Ministry of Defence

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Thank you for your email of 22 January to the Ministry of Defence requesting the following information:

"Ref:K60450 (DEV.B15311) Francis William READ. I am researching this individual who served in the Royal Navy and was discharged during the Second World War.

If possible, could you please tell me:

- 1) What was his Medal entitlement*
- 2) What ships did he serve on during the Second World War"*

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

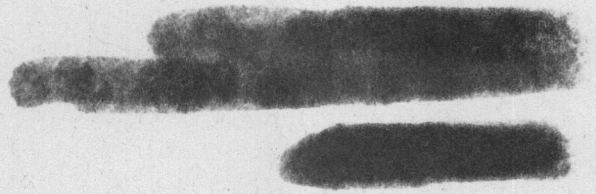
Francis William Read earned the following medals and they were issued to him in 1950:

1939-45 Star
Africa Star
War Medal 1939-45

Regarding your request for the names of the ships Francis William Read served on during World War Two. This information is being withheld under Section 21 (Information reasonably accessible by other means) of the FOIA. This is because the information you requested is contained in Mr Read's Service Record, a copy of which can be obtained from the Royal Navy Disclosure Cell. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and is not subject to a Public Interest Test.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Information Advice and Assistance), I can tell you that copies of World War Two Service records can be obtained by writing to the following address;

RN Disclosure Cell
Room 48
West Battery
Whale Island



Portsmouth
Hampshire
PO2 8DX

There is fee of £30 for each separate application. More information about obtaining Service Records and the application form can be found on the gov.uk website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/request-records-of-deceased-service-personnel>

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Information Advice and Assistance) you may be interested to know that World War Two medal information and medal cards, where held, can be requested directly from 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 information can be made by writing to the following address with a copy of the death certificate:

Ministry of Defence Medal Office
Imjin Barracks
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If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint 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. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,



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