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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – ARMY RECORDS RELATING TO A ROBBERY AT CLANDEBOYE POST OFFICE, BANGOR IN JANUARY 1972

Further to our e-mail dated 18 June, I can confirm that your request for information has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI (A)), and the process is now complete.

You asked the following:

“Please provide Army records re Jan/Feb 1972 incident re robbery/charging/conviction of 4 soldiers Clandeboye Post Office, Bangor Northern Ireland to include any report of case at time or subsequently.”

I can confirm that the MOD holds some information relating to the incident at Clandeboye Post Office. This information has been located in a range of documents which I have provided relevant extracts at Annex A. These would have been highly redacted as the remaining information they include is outside the scope of your request. If you wish to receive the documents in the redacted format, we can provide on request.

Some of the information falls within the scope of Section 38 (Health and Safety) of the FOI(A), as its release could endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or endanger the safety of any individual.

Section 38 is a qualified exemption and we have conducted a public interest test to determine whether the information should be released or withheld. The factors for this public interest have determined that whilst disclosure would demonstrate openness and transparency this is outweighed by the detrimental effect disclosure could have on those mentioned in the documents, or their family members and friends. I have concluded that whilst disclosure may be of historical interest, the health and safety of individuals must be taken into account especially where release would be likely to endanger, the physical or mental health of any individual. Some information has therefore been redacted under Section 38 of the FOI(A).

Some of the information contained within the disclosure constitutes personal information, such as names and addresses. Under FOIA 2000 this information is exempt under Section 40 (2) by reason of the first condition under Section 40 (3) (a) (i), as disclosure would contravene data protection principles under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA 98). This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test to be conducted in order for this information to be exempt from disclosure. Therefore, all personal information has been redacted.

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 (email 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 FOI(A). 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 of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

38 (Irish) Brigade FOI Team

Enc: Annex A: FOI 2018/08021 dated 30 July 2018

Verbatim Extracts from Various Documents Relating to the Robbery of Clandeboye Post Office on 19 January 1972

Director of Operations Brief Northern Ireland 18 – 19 January 1972

RURAL AREAS

6 AIRPTBL BDE AREA

15. Armed Robbery. At 2130hrs 3 or 4 armed men stole £80 from the Post Office at CLANDEBOYE GR 475795 near BANGOR. They are said to have cockney or southern English accents.

RMP Gazette 1972

IS No	INV	OFFENCE	DETAILS	CCRIO
202	[Redacted]	ROBBERY	CLANDEBOYE, BANGOR. PTEs [Redacted]. 1 PARA	00789/2

1 Q O HLDERS Unit Log Sheet dated 19 Jan 72

SER	TIME	TO	FROM	EVENT	ACTION	INT OF OFFR
10	0240		Sp	A.58 B. 2150 RUC Dundonald requires assistance at CLANDY BOY (<i>sic</i>) Post Office – Bangor C. Nil. D. Pigs 2 E(4) 8 F.Nil G. Nil		