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Thank you for your letter of 1 November 2018 to the Ministry of Defence Medals Office (MODMO) requesting the following information:

*"Re: Iceland tragedy - death of KOYLI soldiers on 21/01/1942 in blizzard
Freedom of Information Act Request*

I am researching the above tragedy in which one officer and 7 soldiers in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry died in a blizzard in Iceland on 21 January 1942. They have Commonwealth War Graves Commission gravestones and are all buried at Reydarfjordur Cemetery in Iceland. I require confirmation of the full medal entitlement for all eight personnel who died.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Section 11 (1)(a), please send to me a copy of the full medal entitlement records and any other records relating to:

1. Name: John Edwin BRADBURY
1. Service: King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
1. Service no: 105130
1. Final rank: Lieutenant
1. Date of Birth: c.1921
1. Date of Death: 21/01/1942

2. Name: Calliss COOPER
2. Service: 1/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
2. Service no: 4692072
2. Final rank: Serjeant
2. Date of Birth: c.1919
2. Date of Death: 21/01/1942

3. Name: Ernest FROGGATT
3. Service: 1/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
3. Service no: 4687015
3. Final rank: Warrant Officer Class II
3. Date of Birth: c.1910
3. Date of Death: 21/01/1942

4. Name: James GOLDSBOROUGH
4. Service: 1/4TH Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
4. Service no.: 4692423
4. Final rank: Lance Corporal
4. Date of Birth: c.1919
4. Date of Death: 21/01/1942

Name: Wilfred GREGORY
5. Service: 1/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
5. Service no: 4693616
5. Final rank: Private
5. Date of Birth: c.1920
5. Date of Death: 21/01/1942

6. Name: Harry MOORE
6. Service: 1/4TH Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
6. Service no: 4694120
6. Final rank: Private
6. Date of Birth: c.1916
6. Date of Death: 21/01/1942

7. Name: John PLATT
7. Service: 1/4th Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
7. Service no: 4693492
7. Final rank: Private
7. Date of Birth: c.1920
7. Date of Death: 21/01/1942

8. Name: Arthur ROLLINSON
8. Service: 1/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
8. Service no: 4692138
8. Final rank: Private
8. Date of Birth: c.1919
8. Date of Death: 21/01/1942"

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The medal entitlement of all eight individuals you have listed can be found in the attached Annex A.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Guidance) you may find it helpful to be aware that you can obtain Service Records for deceased personnel. Information on how to do this can be found on the GOV.UK website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records/apply-for-someone-elses-records>

You may also be interested to know that this type of information can be requested by writing directly to the Ministry of Defence Medal Office at the following address without referencing the Freedom of Information Act. Where the requester has a general research

interest, access to data will be limited unless the service person died more than 25 years ago.

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,

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DBS Secretariat

**MEDAL ENTITLEMENT OF SOLDIERS FROM THE KING'S OWN YORKSHIRE LIGHT
INFANTRY WHO DIED IN A BLIZZARD IN ICELAND ON 21 JANUARY 1942**

Lieutenant John Edwin BRADBURY (105130)

1939-45 Star
Defence Medal
War Medal
All issued 12/8/1949

Sergeant Calliss COOPER (4692072)

1939-45 Star
Defence Medal
War Medal
No medals issued

Warrant Officer Class II Ernest FROGGATT (4687015)

1939-45 Star
Defence Medal
War Medal
All issued 3/2/1950

Lance Corporal James GOLDSBOROUGH (4692423)

1939-45 Star
Defence Medal
War Medal
No medals issued

Private Wilfred GREGORY (4693616)

Defence Medal
War Medal
All issued 5/2/1950

Private Harry MOORE (4694120)

Defence Medal
War Medal
All issued 14/2/1950

Private John PLATT (4693492)

Defence Medal
War Medal
All issued 14/2/1950

Private Arthur ROLLINSON (4692138)

Defence Medal
War Medal
No medals issued