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Mr [REDACTED]
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Dear Mr [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 22 December 2019 to the Defence Business Services, requesting the following information:

"I would appreciate to know, under the FOI Act, the WW2 medal entitlement, and date issued (if issued), of Flt Lt Percy Edward Kent RAFVR (18 March 1913 - 9 July 1986). His service number is 107706.

Kent died in 1986 and I am attaching a copy of the Government's probate record as proof of death".

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 some of the information in scope of your request is held.

Flt Lt Kent was awarded a Defence Medal and a War Medal 1939-1945 in respect of his service during the Second World War.

The exact date that these medals were issued to Flt Lt Kent is unknown but is believed to be in the latter part of 1949 because of the issue sheet number annotated on his medal card.

Flt Lt Kent was also awarded a Mentioned in Despatches (MiD) for his war time service, and this was published in the London Gazette on 1 January 1945. We cannot confirm the date of issue of the MiD certificate or emblem.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Guidance) of the FOIA, you may wish to know that Flt Lt Kent's service record indicates that he also received the Officer Legion of Merit honour, this was conferred upon him by the President of the United States of America (USA) and was confirmed as issued on the 18 June 1946 on a separate medal card. As this is a foreign award, the MOD holds no further information relating to this award.

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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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