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Mr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

21 January 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 31 December 2019 requesting the following information:

"I would appreciate if you could confirm process of the following Freedom of Information Act Request for a family:

*The WW2 medal entitlement for the following former and if it was issued to 562989
W/O D F J Lemon RAF*

Service during the Second World War and post war with RAFVR.

Died 11 May 1982 in Hounslow

Douglas Francis John Lemon."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Please accept this letter as a reply to case ref FOI2020/00401 which asked for the same information.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held. Mr Douglas Francis John Lemon's medal entitlement is as follows:

1939-45 Star
Air Crew Europe Star
Defence Medal
War Medal

These medals were issued to Mr Lemon on 9 February 1949. Additionally, the Bomber Command Clasp was issued to his widow on 24 February 2014.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may be interested to know that World War Two medal cards, where they exist, can be requested by writing directly to 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 cards can be made by writing to the following address and should include a copy of the death certificate:

Ministry of Defence Medal Office
Imjin Barracks
Gloucester
GL3 1HW

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, Ground 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,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the official.

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)