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Mr [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Thank you for your email of 26 December 2019 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"The WW2 medal entitlement for the following former RAF serviceman.

Squadron Leader Horace Albert Daniel Palfrey (125712)

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

Died 20 August 1978 Darlington"

Thank you as well for your second email of 2 January 2020 confirming the correct service number to be:

"Horace Albert Daniel PALFREY (152712)"

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. I can confirm that Squadron Leader Horace Albert Daniel Palfrey's medal entitlement is as follows:

- 1939-45 Star
- Aircrew Europe Star
- Burma Star
- Defence medal
- War Medal 1939-45

The above were all issued to Squadron Leader Palfrey on 7 December 1965.

Records held by the Ministry of Defence Medal Office (MODMO) were checked to see whether Squadron Leader Palfrey would have been entitled to the Bomber Command Clasp as this was a retrospectively introduced World War 2 award, however he was not entitled having no service at a Bomber Command unit.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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