

Mr

19 November 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 18 October 2020 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

“232092 Pte A.E.V. Manser royal Engineers- F.O.I. Request

I am trying to find out the full medal entitlement of the above-mentioned soldier for WW2. He passed away in October 1973.

The research is purely personal and there is no profit motive involved.

Please will you send me a list of what medals he was entitled to?

In support of my application, as proof of death, please see attached a printout of the death index which lists his name for the pertinent year and quarter.”

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 MOD and I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held. The medal entitlement established for Pte A.E.V Manser is as follows:

- GSM with clasp Palestine (issued 21 June 1943)
- 1939-45 Star
- Defence Medal
- War Medal

The World War II medals were issued on 27 August 1948.

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

Defence Business Services Secretariat