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Thank you for your letter of 25 November 2020 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

“Freedom of Information Act Request: Medal entitlement of 4079850 Sidney Short, Monmouthshire Regiment

Please find enclosed my application, under the Freedom of Information Act to ascertain the full medal entitlement of the above-named soldier.

My understanding is that as the soldier died over 25 years ago and I only wish to establish entitlement, rather than claim for any medals or full-service record then this service is free of charge and I am not required to be a relative. I have therefore only completed sections of the form that are applicable, as I unable to fill in sections regarding Power of Attorney or Next of Kin in respect to this enquiry.

I have enclosed a copy of his commonwealth war graves to as proof of date 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 MOD and I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held.

The following medals have already been issued in respect of S J SHORT:

1939-45 Star
France & Germany Star
Defence Medal
War Medal 1939/45

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.

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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