

Ref: FOI2021/05358

10 June 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 10 May 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking the medal entitlement and Service details for the late Major William Williams:

You requested the following information:

***“MAJOR WILLIAM WILLIAMS MM TD ROYAL ARTILLERY***

*I am writing to request under the Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) the complete medal entitlement, their award and issue dates together with a summary units in which the above named serviceman served”*

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

I can confirm that Major William Williams was awarded the following medals:

Military Medal  
Territorial Force Medal  
Victory Medal  
British War Medal  
Territorial Decoration (Listed in London Gazette 26 February 1942)

Defence Medal Issued 2 November 1948  
War Medal Issued 2 November 1948

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to be aware that the MOD Medal Office does not hold issue dates for World War One (WW1) or Gallantry awards as all WW1 records were transferred to The National Archives and are accessible to the public.

The National Archives will also hold any records of units where Major Williams served. Further information about how to obtain such information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-medal-index-cards-1914-1920/>

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In addition, for any service undertaken from 1920 onwards, you can request a copy of the Service Record, for a small fee, should you wish to do so at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records/apply-for-someone-elses-records>

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](mailto: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  
Defence Business Services Secretariat