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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2021, providing further information with regard to your previous request in which you asked for the following information:

*“Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful for confirmation of the date of issue of the Efficiency Decoration to Major John Felix Richards RADC. He served in the Territorial Army between 1950-56 as an other rank and 1959-88 as an officer in the RADC; and died in December 2010.”*

*You have now provided the following information:*

*“I am attaching proof of Richards' death (from an HMG source which I understand from previous communication is a satisfactory proof of death). I understand from the department's website that it will provide details of 'good conduct medals (for example, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (LS&GCM)), any orders of chivalry and gallantry medals (decorations of valour) awarded, some of which may have been announced in the London Gazette' within 25 years of death. I also see that personal data, as defined by S 40 of FOI, does not include that which refers to deceased individuals”.*

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that all of the information in scope of your request is held.

I can confirm that the Territorial Decoration was awarded to Mr Richards on 27 May 1969. The Territorial Decoration is an award that should be published in the London Gazette as this is a Long Service and Efficiency Medal. It appears that this did not happen in Mr Richards' case and due to the passage of time, it is not known why.

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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