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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 July 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I was hoping you could assist me. During WWII [REDACTED] was awarded several British Campaign Stars and Medals for his service. He was also awarded a number of awards in Norway as we are Norwegian (I have attached images of them).

[REDACTED] would very much like any information or certificates you could provide us from your archive.

- *Name: Arnold Bernhard Akseth*
- *Position in the Norwegian Navy: Captain and Gunner*
- *D.O.B. October 04, 1920.*
- *Birthplace: Akset på Fjellværsøya, Hitra, Sør-Trøndelag.*
- *Death: April 11, 1984 (63)"*

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 no information in scope of your request is held. This is because the Ministry of Defence Medal Office (MODMO) do not hold any information on Norwegian service personnel and do not have medal cards for them.

The MODMO have advised that medals issued to foreign nationals would have been done so through their own Government. The UK would not have carried out the assessments of eligibility but instead issued stocks of the medals so that they could be distributed by the country concerned.

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)