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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 2 July 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

*"I would appreciate if you could confirm process of the following Freedom of Information Act Request:*

*The WW2 medal entitlement and issued for the following former Army serviceman.  
14410473 Private Joseph Whittaker Parachute Regiment born 4th November 1924.  
Died 2nd September 1991"*

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 for Private Joseph Whittaker is as follows:

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

These were all issued on 6 November 1980.

An additional medal was issued on 3 December 1982:

- General Service Medal (18) with South East Asia clasp

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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