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Dear

Thank you for your email of 1 October 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

"I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for any surviving pension records of veterans of the Malaya Emergency which were created between 1950 and 1968".

I am treating your request 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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Information and Assistance) I can advise that any information of that age that has survived will be held at The National Archives (TNA).

Their address is:

The National Archives.

Kew,

Richmond,

Surrey,

TW9 4DU.

Web Address: http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The TNA catalogue (http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/SearchUI/) is available on the web so you will be able to search for files, although you will not be able to view any documents online.

If you decide to visit the National Archives you will either need to bring your Readers Ticket, or if you do not possess one you will have to obtain one at the registration desk. For this you will require some form of identification, for example a passport or driving licence. TNA does not charge for readers tickets. Alternatively, you may consider employing a researcher to carry out the work for you. If you do decide to do this, then TNA will supply you with a list of independent researchers who will make a charge for their time. TNA do not carry out research on individual members of the public's behalf.

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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