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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 2 February 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

“ The medal entitlement for the following former RAF serviceman:

1078305 Sgt. [REDACTED] R.A.F

Service during the Second World War. Confirmation is medals were not claimed as his daughter wishes to claim them”.

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

I should first explain that according to the F543, RAF airmans' service records, Mr Fleck was a Leading aircraftman (LAC) by the end of the hostilities, and not a Sgt.

The medal entitlement for LAC 1078305 Samuel James Fleck is as follows:

- Defence Medal
- War Medal 1939-45

There is no evidence of the medals previously being issued.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) I can advise that Mr Fleck's daughter can apply for her late father's medals by following the instructions at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-medal-or-veterans-badge/apply-for-a-medal>

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,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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