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Mr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

17 March 2022

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 25 February 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about XXXX.

You requested the following information:

“can I please request the medal entitlement of the following individual, and their date issued? Also a copy of the ww2 medal card if issued?”

1. [REDACTED] He served in the Royal Artillery from 1911 to 1913, then in World War One until 1921, then joining the Royal Engineers in World War Two from 1940. [REDACTED] held the rank of Major in World War One and Two and so did not receive an Officer number until 1940, which was 118180.”

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 some of the information in scope of your request is held. However, I must also advise that Section 21 of the FOIA exempts release of information that is already reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

I should explain that World War One medal cards are held at the National Archives and can be searched and ordered via the following link <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-medal-index-cards-1914-1920/>.

Mr [REDACTED] World War Two medal entitlement is as follows:

- 1939-45 Star
- War Medal

I can confirm that the medal card is blank, therefore, it would seem that the medals listed above remain unissued.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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