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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 1 June 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about medal entitlement for Captain Clifford Charles Frederick Bowden.

You requested the following information:

“Freedom of Information Request:

Clifford Charles Frederick Bowden served from 1944 in the Army with the service number 313882.

He died in 1953, and I have attached his death certificate.

Could you please tell me what medals he was entitled to - and whether they were issued?”

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The service records confirm Captain Bowden qualified for the following awards;

- General Service Medal & Clasp Palestine
- 1939/45 Star
- France & Germany Star
- War Medal 1939-45

I can confirm that the General Service Medal & Clasp Palestine was issued to Captain Bowden on 3 Mar 1944. The remaining medals have not previously been issued.

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-

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Yours sincerely

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