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Dear

Thank you for your email of 3 June 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking the following information:

"I am writing to request the medal entitlement of the following Royal Air Force service person:

356100 Matthew Brown, later received a commission becoming officer 50903 (Administrative and Special Duties Branch). Enlisted 1923 into the RAF and Retired 13 December 1949 as Flight Lieutenant.

Please find attached to this email the Death Register and Probate Register entry for Mathew Brown. Born 17th June 1897, passed on the 25th October 1967 at Grantham. His wife Elizabeth Hattle Brown, passed on the 17th December 1961, also Grantham"

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The service records and Medal Card for the late Flight Lieutenant Matthew Brown indicate the following awards issued:

- King George VI Coronation Medal
- British War
- Victory Medal
- Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
- GSM 18 w/c Palestine 1936-39

The World War 2 Officer Medal card for the late Flight Lieutenant Matthew indicates the following awards issued

- 1939-45 Star
- Africa Star
- The Defence Medal
- War 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

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