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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 7 July 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting 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. Bernard Maurice Berry. He served in the Royal Artillery in World War One (service number 926298), then in 1937 joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and served in World War Two in various non commissioned ranks, with the service number of 744492.

Bernard was born over 116 years ago (1898) (birth record attached). He also passed away more than 25 years ago (1946) (death record attached.)

The reason I would like these are for private research.”

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. However, there is no Medal Card.

The Second World War Medal entitlement for B M Berry RAF is as follows:

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

He is also shown as having the following medals from service in the First World War:

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

A copy of his Army Service record and a medal card may be available at the National Archives which can be searched online at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

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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