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Mr [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

10 August 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22 July 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*"I am doing some research around the Falklands Conflict from 1982 and contacted the National Archives for details of a medal roll for the South Atlantic Medal and was pointed to your email address to request this?"*

*Now that the conflict is over 40 years old a medal roll should not be restricted any longer as most records are subject to the 30 year rule."*

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 some of the information in scope of your request is held.

However, I should inform you that the medal roll for the South Atlantic Medal constitutes personal data, and in order not to breach Data Protection principles the release of this information is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOIA (Personal Information).

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

We have an obligation under Section 16 of the FOIA to offer as much advice and assistance as is reasonably practicable and to suggest ways in which you can refine your request. However, due to the fact you are requesting personal information, which is exempt under Data Protection Legislation, I am unable to suggest ways in which you can refine your request. This is because there is a likelihood that many of the personnel on the list would still be alive.

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](mailto: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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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

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