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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 20 August 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful for the medal entitlement, together with date issued if issued, of John Rooke Johnston (service number P13848) who was born on 28 July 1898. As he was born over 116 years ago, I have not attached a death certificate”.

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 information in scope of your request is held.

I can confirm officials in the Ministry of Defence Medals Office have been unable to trace a First World War medal card held at the National Archives in respect of the late Mr Johnston. This may be because he was an officer. There is also no reference to any medals in his surviving service records and he was not awarded any medals for his post war service in East Africa from 1923 to 1925. Therefore, from the information held we are unable to confirm if he was issued with any medals for either his service in the First World War or post war.

If you wish to investigate his medals entitlement further, you may wish to contact the National Archives to establish if there is a medal roll held:

The National Archives,
Kew,
Richmond,
Surrey,
TW9 4DU.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

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Under Section 16 of the FOI (Help and Assistance), you may wish to be aware that the late Mr Johnston was appointed an OBE (Civil Division) in The King's Birthday Honours List dated 23rd June 1936: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/London/issue/34296/supplement/4008>

The only service records we have been able to locate confirm that Mr Johnston resigned his commission in 1925.

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.

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



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