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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 7 November 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

" The full medal entitlement for the following former Army serviceman and when they were issued:

Hugh Collington Matthews

Service Number: 14205796

3rd Bn., The Parachute Regiment, A.A.C. who died on 21 January 1945 Age 22."

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 information held confirms the following awards for Pte H C Matthews A.A.C. were issued to next of kin on the 21 November 1949:

1939/45 Star

Italy Star

France & Germany Star

War Medal 1939-45

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.

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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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