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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I write to you with the hope you maybe able to assist me with finding out which medals a aircrew Sergeant would be entitled to during the period of ww2 dated from 26th August 1940 To 29th December 1942

Details below

<i>Name</i>	-	<i>Valentin Kubin</i>
<i>Age</i>	-	<i>25</i>
<i>Date of Birth</i>	-	<i>06th November 1920</i>
<i>Date of Death</i>	-	<i>17th March 1945</i>
<i>Unit</i>	-	<i>311(Czech) Squadron RAF</i>
<i>Position</i>	-	<i>Wireless Operator</i>

He was with Bomber Command and then Squadron transferred too Coastal Command.

I tend to his grave as his family are in Czech Republic and I am in the process of writing a small book about this extraordinary young man.

Any information would be appreciated. As I am not a blood relative , I am looking a purchasing the medals . These will then be presented to the Free Czech Air Force Association of with I have the honour of being a member."

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The Second World War Medal entitlement for Sergeant Kubin, which remain unissued, are listed below:

- 1939-45 Star
- Air Crew Europe Star
- War Medal
- Bomber Command Clasp
- Atlantic Clasp

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/

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA, you may wish to be aware that in line with Government policy, the MOD Medals Office (MODMO) cannot issue medals to anyone other than the next of kin on receipt of a completed application form and death certificate. If you are still in contact with the family of the late Sergeant Kubin, his official next of kin can apply for the medals his behalf. Further information and the required application form can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-medal-or-veterans-badge/apply-for-a-medal>

If required, MODMO can be contacted for advice using the details below.

MOD Medal Office
Room G36
Innsworth House
Imjin Barracks
Gloucester
GL3 1HW

Email: dbs-medals@mod.gov.uk

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 (or by e-mail using the following address 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/>.

I hope you find my reply helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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