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10 May 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13 April 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I am keen to discover which medals were awarded to 2652525, William Walton Coulston, who at the date of his death was a Lance Corporal with the Royal Engineers . He died in on 30th December 1939 while on active service in France. Link to his CWGC Commemoration is below to confirm date of death.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2813981/william-walton-coulston/>"

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.

I can confirm that LCpl Coulston's full official medal entitlement is as follows:

- 1939/45 Star
- War Medal 1939-45

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may be interested to know that World War Two medal cards, where they exist, can be requested by writing directly to the Ministry of Defence Medal Office without referencing the Freedom of Information Act. Where the requestor has a general research interest, access to data will be limited unless the service person died more than 25 years ago. Requests for World War Two medal cards can be made by writing to the following address and should include a copy of the death certificate:

Ministry of Defence Medal Office
Imjin Barracks,
Gloucester
GL3 1HW

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,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the official.

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