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Dear [REDACTED]

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

With reference to the above Act, can I please request the medal entitlement of the following individual, and their date issued? Also a copy of the ww2 medal card if issued?

1. Reginald Edwin. He served in the Royal Artillery World War One (service number 316510), then was commissioned into the Territorial Royal Artillery and served in World War Two as a Lieutenant, with the Officer number of 22412.

Reginald was born over 116 years ago (1892) (birth record attached). He also passed away more than 25 years ago (1959) (death record attached.)

The reason I would like these are for private research.

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 of the information in scope of your request is held. However, I must also advise that Section 21 of the FOIA exempts release of information that is already reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

I should explain that World War One medal cards are held at the National Archives and can be searched and ordered via the following link: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-medal-index-cards-1914-1920/>.

I can confirm that Mr Reginald Edwin Ray Service number 22412 did not qualify for any medals in respect of his service in World War Two. He was re-called to service at the beginning of the Second World War and examined by the Medical Board on the 18 March 1940. He was pronounced permanently unfit for general duty and on 24 May 1940 his commission was relinquished on account of his ill health.

Further information about how you can obtain copies of Mr Ray's service records can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records>

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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Yours sincerely

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