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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 January 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

On 30 July 2022, [REDACTED] reference FOI2022/09162 asked:

“Do you have a list of how many GSMs were issued for the Campaign in Dhofar Oman, and who they were issued to?”

If so, can I have a copy?”

He was advised:

“Prior to 2005 the Tri- Services, Army, Navy and Royal Air Force (RAF), were responsible for awarding and distributing their own honours and awards. When the Ministry of Defence Medal Office (MODMO) was established in 2005 all the historic paperwork held by the Tri-Services was passed over and held by MODMO for future reference. Unfortunately, only the documentation collated at the time is held”.

On 24 January 2022 you asked for the following information in relation to the above response:

“Under FOIA, I would be grateful for the inventory of documentation collated at that time and now held by MODMO”.

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 none of the information in scope of your request is held. The MOD Medal Office did not keep an inventory of the documents transferred or held. If a medal request is received, they would undertake a search for the Medal Card/Roll and if necessary call the Personnel files from archives.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Help and Assistance), you may find it helpful to approach The National Archives (TNA) in Kew for information about medals and service records. In February 2021, the MOD began the process of transferring just under 10 million personnel records to TNA for permanent preservation. The personnel records are being transferred in batches over a six-year period. It could therefore be that at some point in this time, the cards and rolls held by the MOD Medals Office may be transferred to TNA, as the First World War medal cards were previously. Further information about this transfer process is available at:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/mod-records-project/>

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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