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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 20 March 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

"The medal entitlement of a WW2 RAF serviceman who service in WW2, details of campaign medals and/or post war medals he is entitled to and if claimed prior to his death:

- Sgt 642850 Norman MARRIS later commissioned to (55892) Flight Lieutenant.
Norman Marris (born Hairsline) was born in Leeds, Yorkshire 25.07.1921.
Address 76 De Grey Street, Hull.
Service as Air Gunner with 431 Squadron RCAF Bomber Command.

Police Lieutenant Norman Marris Federation Of Malaya Police, Died in the line of duty on anti-Communist duties Gemas, Sembilan 10-Jan-1952. Malaysia."

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 Second World War medal entitlement for Flight Lieutenant Norman Marris as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Medal, Issue status. Rows include 1939-45 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, France & Germany clasp, Defence Medal, War Medal, General Service Medal with clasp Malaya, Bomber Command clasp.

The General Service Medal with clasp Malaya issued on 31 January 1955 would have been given to next of kin.

No application is held for the Bomber Command Clasp.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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