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Dear ▉▉▉▉▉

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

> *"Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to know how many next of kin of the 372 men who died during the 1955 to 1959 Cyprus emergency have received the Elizabeth Cross."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for information has now been completed MOD and I can confirm that 137 Elizabeth Cross awards were despatched to the next of kin of those who died in the Cyprus conflict between 1 April 1955 and 18 April 1959.

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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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,

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