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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request a digital copy of the WWII Medal Index Card for Cpl James Ware Criddle. The details that I have for him are below:

*Born: 11 April 1911 Swansea
Died: Q2 1975 Swansea*

*Service Number: 7903846
Enlisted: 2 Jul 1940
Rank: Cpl
Known Regiments: 8th Armoured Division, 50th Battalion Royal Tank Regiment*

He was captured as a POW on 22 July 1942 during the first battle of El Alamein POW Number: 260971"

On 12 September 2023 you provided the following:

"Thank you for your email reference to Cpl James Criddle.

I've had to reply through my work email as when I tried to respond directly to your email on my personal address it failed to deliver.

Please find attached the requested death certificate.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me".

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 all information in scope of your request is held.

The requested medal card for Cpl James Ware Criddle can be found enclosed at Annex A.

If you wish to complain about 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 redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

DBS (Secretariat)

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APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN STARS AND MEDALS, Ex-Army Personnel

WRITE IN INK IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I desire Campaign Stars and Medals, as shown below, awarded to me (or to the late)

Number 7903846	Christian or First names JAMES WARE	Surname of Officer, soldier or auxiliary GRIDDLE
Class of Release or Discharge and Date A. DAN 31st 1946	Age and Service Group No. 22	Rank CPL
Last Regiment or Corps according to cap badge worn (R.A. to state Branch; Home Guard to insert H.G. with County and Battalion number) 50th BATT. ROYAL TANK REGT.		

to be addressed to me as follows:—(State Rank, Title, Mr, Mrs. or Miss)

(Name) **CPL. JAMES GRIDDLE**
16 ELM GROVE ROAD
WEST CROSS
SWANSEA GLANSHIRE

This Box for War Office Use Only
 21 JUN 1949
 MEDALS ISSUED

NOTE—YOUR STARS or MEDALS may not be issued for SEVERAL MONTHS

If you should change your permanent address before receiving them, send a postcard at once to War Office marked "Medals: New Address" and showing (i) the new address and (ii) No., name and last Regiment or Corps.

Signature of Applicant **J. Griddle** If claiming as legatee or next-of-kin, state relationship to deceased

Strike out items which were NOT awarded

STARS	
1939-45 ATLANTIC AIR CREW EUROPE AFRICA	PACIFIC BURMA ITALY FRANCE & GERMANY
MEDALS	
DEFENCE	WAR 3 0

MEDALS

On His Majesty's Service

(i) OFFICERS (except H.G.)

Add to partly printed address

If released or otherwise liable to recall to Colours:—

"The War Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1."

If not liable to recall to Colours:—

"DROITWICH,
Worcestershire."

(ii) OTHER RANKS (and ALL RANKS, H.G.)

Add to partly printed address:—

"The War Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1."



The Under-Secretary of State for War,

DROITWICH

WORCESTERSHIRE

ARMY

(including A.T.S. and H.G.)