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of Defence

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8 November 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 25 September 20223 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

*"I would like to request a copy of the WWII Medal Cards for the following individuals:*

- a) *Hayes, Ivor Horace Spenser, born 28th April 1920, Service No: 646058, Rank: Warrant Officer, Service: RAF, Squadron: 460 R.A.A.F*
- b) *Gribbin, John, born 24th August 1920, Service No: 3448251, Rank: Fusilier, Service: Army, Unit: 1/8 Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers*
- c) *Gribbin, Walter, born 27th September 1918, Service No: 344871, Rank: Fusilier, Service: Army, Unit: 1/8 Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers*
- d) *Gribbin, Thomas, born 22nd November 1912, Service No: 344916, Rank: Fusilier, Service: Army, Unit: 1/8 Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers*
- e) *Kessack, Robert, born 4th May 1919, Service No: 2931372, Rank: Private, Service: Army, Unit: The Queens Own Cameron Highlanders*
- f) *Gordon, William J., born 19th May 1920, Service No: 2583921, Rank: Signaller, Service: Army, Unit: Royal Corps of Signals"*

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The medal cards for John Gribbin, Thomas Gribbin and William Gordon are held and can be found at Annex A. However, the medal cards for Walter Gribbin, Robert Kessack and Ivor Hayes are not held.

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](mailto: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,

*DBS Secretariat*

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)

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**APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN  
STAR AND MEDALS, Ex-  
Army Personnel WRITE IN  
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Surname of Officer, soldier or auxiliary

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• of Release or Age and Rank Last Regiment or Corps according to cap badge worn (R.A. to state Discharge and Date Group No.' Branch", Home Guard to insert H.G. with County and Battalion number)

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

(Name) M.I.R.,  
(Full Postal  
Address, with Post Town and  
County or Postal District and Number,  
•If appropriate)

NOTE—YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ 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) Bio., name and last Regiment or Corps.

If claiming as legatee signature of or  
next - of - kin, state  
Applicant..relationship to deceased

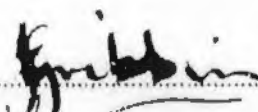
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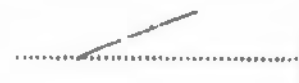
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APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN STARS AND MEDALS, Ex-Army Personnel WRITE IN INK IN BLOCK CAPITALS I desire Campaign Stars and Medals, as shown below, awarded to me (or to the late)

Number Christian or First names Surname of Officer, soldier or auxiliary

Class of Release or Discharge and Date Ate land Service Group \*No. Rank Last Regiment or Corps according to-cap badge worn (R.A. to state Branch ; Home Guard to insert H.G. wth County and Battatlon number)

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Signature of Applicant claiming as legatee  
Relationship to deceased (state next-of-kin)

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## MEDALS

(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."

## ARMY

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

## On His Majesty's Service

*Death Certificate shows  
Mr Thomas, John, Grebbin died  
on 13 NOV 1979.*

*Marriage Certificate shows  
Mr T. J. Grebbin (Bachelor) married  
Hannah Chadwick (Widow) on 20 April 1948.*

The Under-Secretary of State for War,

*The medals should be issued to  
the Widow: Mrs H. GREBBIN,*

*38. BRADLEY AVENUE.  
LOWER MERSEAL  
SALFORD N.  
LANCS.*



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

Number <b>2583921.</b>	Christian or First names <b>WILLIAM.</b>	Surname of Officer, soldier or auxiliary <b>GORDON.</b>	
Class of Release or Discharge and Date <b>15-3-46.</b>	Age and Service Group No., <b>27.</b>	Rank <b>SQMN.</b>	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) <b>R. SIGNALS.</b>

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

Age and Service  
Group No.,

Last Regiment or Corps according to cap badge worn (R.A. to state  
Branch; Home Guard to insert H.G. with County and Battalion

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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 <b>7903846</b>	Christian or First names <b>JAMES WARE</b>	Surname of Officer, soldier or auxiliary <b>CRIDDLE</b>
Class of Release or Discharge and Date <b>A. DAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 1946</b>	Age and Service Group No. <b>22</b>	Rank <b>CPL</b>
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) <b>50<sup>TH</sup> BATT. ROYAL TANK REGT.</b>		

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

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

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. Criddle*  
 If claiming as legatee or next-of-kin, state relationship to deceased

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

Strike out items which were NOT awarded

**STARS**

1939-45	<del>PACIFIC</del>
<del>ATLANTIC</del>	<del>BURMA</del>
<del>AIR CREW EUROPE</del>	<del>ITALY</del>
<del>AFRICA</del>	<del>FRANCE &amp; GERMANY</del>

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# 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.)