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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 28 October 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

"Bedworth resident service personnel who have been lost since the ending of WW2..."

... it is apparent that whilst our war memorial displays the names of those who fell in WW1 and WW2, there is nothing to cover the post war period, yet sacrifices were made. Using our volunteer network, which helped build our Peace Podium, at no cost to the taxpayer, local or national, we are minded to look to create a memorial to those post WW2 who have fallen..."

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 of the information in scope of your request is held.

From 3 September 1945 to 2 November 2023, one member of the UK Armed Forces who died on operations was identified as having a birthplace of Bedworth. A further thirteen members of the UK Armed Forces who died on operations were identified as having a birthplace of Nuneaton.

Further details of these Armed Forces personnel can be found enclosed within Annex A.

In order to answer requests of this type, the MOD use an individual's place of birth which is tangible and not subject to change. The MOD records the place of birth of an individual as recorded on the Armed Forces Memorial database or death certificate.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), I can advise that Defence Statistics Health compiles the Department's authoritative deaths database for all UK Armed Forces personnel who died whilst in Service since 1984. Information is compiled from several internal and external sources from which we release several internal analyses and external National Statistics Notices.

For data prior to 1984, Defence Statistics has access to the Armed Forces Memorial (AFM) database owned by the tri-Service Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre. The AFM database was created to identify Service personnel whose names were and continue to be engraved on the Armed Forces Memorial at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire. The AFM database records the deaths of all personnel who have died in Service since 1st Jan 1948, and for those who were killed or who died in Palestine from 1st Aug 1945 to 31st Aug 1948. Please note, the AFM

database is not regarded as a validated source of historical fatality information, therefore it cannot be guaranteed to be 100 per cent complete or accurate due to it being populated manually from Service files.

The AFM roll of honour can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/search-armed-forces-memorial-roll-of-honour>. Entries on the roll of honour database include rank, type of service, regiment or corps, date of death, burial place (if known) and whether someone's name is on the Memorial in the National Memorial Arboretum.

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.

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.

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)

**UK Armed Forces Personnel Who Died On Operations Identified As Having A Birthplace
In Bedworth Or Nuneaton From 3 September 1945 To 2 November 2023**

| Name | Service Number | Service | Rank | Regiment | Birthplace | Date of Death | Country of Death | Operation Theatre |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jackie Davies | 23337821 | Army | Pte | R LINCS | Bedworth | 30/04/1958 | Singapore | Malaya |
| Desmond Stanley | 14910191 | Army | Dvr | RASC | Nuneaton | 13/10/1946 | Palestine | Palestine |
| William Lane | 14468220 | Army | Cpl | RASC | Nuneaton | 02/08/1952 | Malaya | Malaya |
| Frederick Taylor | 22812240 | Army | Spr | RE | Nuneaton | 11/06/1953 | Egypt | Canal Zone |
| Donald Dennis | PLY/X 4537 | Royal Marines | Sgt | 42 Cdo RM | Nuneaton | 06/11/1956 | Egypt | Near East (Suez) |
| David Cooper | 24205828 | Army | Pte | UDR | Nuneaton | 30/12/1977 | Northern Ireland | Op BANNER |
| Maria Hornsby | W0470993 | Army | Pte | WRAC | Nuneaton | 11/12/1984 | Northern Ireland | Op BANNER |
| Jason Mcfadden | 24808718 | Army | Dvr | RCT | Nuneaton | 26/02/1991 | Saudi Arabia | Op GRANBY |
| John Kelly | 25000055 | Army | Tpr | LIGHT DRAGOONS | Nuneaton | 28/01/1996 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Balkans |
| Jason Lawrence | 25011300 | Army | LCpl | RAMC | Nuneaton | 23/06/1998 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Balkans |
| Joseph Whittaker | 25219363 | Army | Pte | 4 PARA | Nuneaton | 24/06/2008 | Afghanistan | Op HERRICK |
| Simon Valentine | 25063959 | Army | Sgt | RRF | Nuneaton | 15/08/2009 | Afghanistan | Op HERRICK |
| Louis Carter | 30023792 | Army | Fus | RRF | Nuneaton | 16/08/2009 | Afghanistan | Op HERRICK |
| Jonathan Kups | 25018155 | Army | Sgt | REME | Nuneaton | 21/09/2012 | Afghanistan | Op HERRICK |