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Dear Dear

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

"Could you please supply a list of SP who had home addresses within the CV7 and CV12 postcodes (Bedworth, Keresley and Sh Green) between the dates of 1945 to date"

Which was a refinement from your original request:

"details of all individuals with a recorded home town/village of Bedworth, Warwickshire, who have died on operations in any post-World War Two theatre for any of the Armed Forces"

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

Following a search of our recorded information, I have established that the information you requested regarding home address since 1945 is not held by the Ministry of Defence.

Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to note:

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

From 3 September 1945 to 22 November 2023, three members of the UK Armed Forces who died on operations were identified as having a birthplace in one of the towns/villages in the CV7 or CV12 postcode. Table 1 below provides the Name, Service Number, Rank, Regiment, Birthplace, Date of Death, Country of Death and Operation Theatre for these individuals.

The Armed Forces Memorial database also holds burial location for approximately 67% of its records. From 3 September 1945 to 22 November 2023, none of the UK Armed Forces who died on operations were identified as having a burial location in one of the towns/villages in the CV7 or CV12 postcodes.

Taking account of the data provided at Annex A, you may also wish to note:

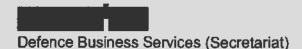
- 1. The following places in the CV7 or CV12 postcode areas were searched for: Ansty, Arley, Ash Green, Balsall Common, Bedworth, Berkswell, Bulkington, Corley, Exhall, Fillongley, Keresley, Meriden, Shilton
- 2. Defence Statistics Health compile information on birthplace using data held on historic administrations systems, the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system, and information entered on the death certificate.
- 3. Deaths where birthplace is not recorded on the Armed Forces Memorial (AFM) database or death certificate held by the MOD have been excluded from this response.
- 4. 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.
- 5. For data prior to 1984, Defence Statistics have 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% complete or accurate due to it being populated manually from Service files.
- 6. The AFM roll of honour can be accessed <u>at https://www.gov.uk/search-armed-forces-memorial-roll-of-honour</u>. 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,



## UK Armed Forces personnel who died on operations identified as having a birthplace in a <u>town</u> in the CV7 or CV12 postcode between 3 September 1945 and 22 November 2023.

Name	Service Number	Service	Rank	Regiment	Birthplace	Date of Death	Country of Death	Operation Theatre
David Barnett	22773937	Army	SSgt	RAVC	Meriden, Coventry	06/12/1956	Jordan	Cyprus
Jackie Davies	23337821	Army	Pte	R LINCS	Bedworth	30/04/1958	Singapore	Malaya
Mark Clavey	24554739	Army	Sig	Royal Signals	Meriden, Coventry	15/06/1988	Northern Ireland	Op BANNER

Source: Defence Statistics Health