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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22 November 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

"With reference to the above Act can i please request the medal entitlement of the following individual and their date issued? Also a copy of the ww2 medal card if issued?"

Robert Murphy - he served in the Royal Artillery before and during World War 2. From 1922 he had the service number of 1667767. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1942 with the service number 252169.

Robert was born in 1903, and passed away in 1971; therefore he was born over 116 years ago."

On 12 December 2023 you requested the following information:

*"Thank you for your reply; after receiving it I contacted the National Archives; who advised me that they did not hold Robert Murphy's records, and that I should contact yourselves. I received the mail below, advising me to quote barcode reference **AOP000029032**"*

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 the information in scope of your request is held. I am sorry for the confusion in this case.

I can confirm that the following medals were issued to Capt R Murphy MBE on 9 February 1949:

1939/45 Star
Africa Star
War Medal 1939-45

A copy of the medal card can be found enclosed at Annex A.

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.

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