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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 1 February 2024 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I am a member of the committee of the Burbage Branch of the Royal British Legion and we are trying to identify any residents of the village of Burbage, Leicestershire who served in the military and lost their lives on or as a result of operations since World War ... The information required for any fallen in operations since WW2 whose residence or NOK address was recorded as the village of Burbage, Leicestershire:

- *Rank*
- *Full Name*
- *Regiment/corps*
- *Operation resulting in death*
- *Date of death."*

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 Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

From 1 January 1948 to 31 December 2023, **none** of the UK Armed Forces personnel who died on operations were identified as having a birthplace or burial location in Burbage, Leicestershire; however, from 1 January 1948 to 31 December 2023, **one** member of the UK Armed Forces personnel, who died of natural causes in the UK, was identified as having a burial location in Burbage, Leicestershire.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to know that for data prior to 1984, the MOD 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.

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.

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. The burial location is taken from the AFM database, which holds burial location for approximately 67 per cent of its records.

Deaths where birthplace or burial location is not recorded on the AFM database, death certificate or administration systems held by the MOD have been excluded from this response.

The AFM Roll of Honour can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/search-armed-forces-memorial-roll-of-honour>. Entries on the 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,



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