



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 February 2024 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) about the medal entitlement of your late father's cousin, Captain Frank William Harper.

You have requested the following information:

*"I am currently engaged in researching my late Father's cousin, Captain Frank William Harper who at the time of his award and subsequent death was employed almost exclusively with the 11th Hussars near Tobruk in 1941. He himself was in the RHA.*

*I am now embarked on duplicating his medal collection but before I do wanted to confirm his entitlement that I believe are as below:-*

- MC (I have a copy of his citation)
- Africa Star
- 39/45 War Medal
- Defence Medal
- Victory Medal"

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held and provided below.

Officials within the Ministry of Defence Medal Office (MODMO) have confirmed the below awards have been previously issued:

Military Cross  
1939/45 Star  
Africa Star  
Defence Medal  
War Medal 1939-45

The CS20 medal card and service records confirm the World War Two Campaign Medals were issued on 2 June 1992.

Dates of issue for the Military Cross are not held by MOD. However, there is a note in the records from the cousin of the deceased who applied for the World War Two Campaign medals in 1989. It is mentioned in the letter that the Military Cross was received by the deceased's mother.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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