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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 March 2024 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I recently submitted a Freedom of Information request to the MOD for the Service Records of Baron John Desmond Brayley MC, Regimental Number 183734, and was pleased to receive the attached document within 3 weeks! My reason for applying for his records was because I was led to believe by Baron Brayley's living relatives that he was injured during WW2 prior to operations in North-West Europe, so I couldn't understand why, when his medals were sold at auction in May 2019, they included the France & Germany Star (as per this link).

As you can see from the penultimate page of Baron Brayley's service records, it would appear that his injury was not sustained until March 1945, but there is nothing listed for him between being posted to Airborne Forces Depot at Hardwick on 2nd May 1944, and his hospitalisation in Dumfries on the 8th March 1945 - which would be the period for which he could have earned the France & Germany Star. So, I was wondering if it is possible to understand the circumstances under which he qualified for the award."

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.

Officials within the Ministry of Defence Medal Office (MODMO) have reviewed Baron Brayley's medal entitlement and can confirm that there is no entitlement to the France and Germany Star based on the record provided. The CS20 medal card for Baron Brayley has been located at The National Archives (TNA) and further shows that the France and Germany Star was not issued. A copy of the card can be found at Annex A.

Baron Brayley's entitlement is as follows:

1939-45 Star
Africa Star with 1st Army Clasp
Italy Star
Defence Medal
War Medal 1939-45

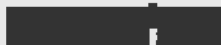
Mentioned in Dispatches

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,



Defence Business Services (Secretariat)

APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN STARS AND MEDALS, Ex-Army Personnel
 WRITE IN INK IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I desire Campaign Stars and Medals, as shown below, awarded to me (or to the late)

Number P/183734	Christian or First names SIR JOHN	Surname of Officer, soldier or auxiliary BRAYLEY M.C.
Class of Release or Discharge and Date	Age and Service Group No. MAX	Last Regiment or Corps according to cap badge worn (R.A. to state Branch; Home Guard to insert H.G. with County and Battalion number) A.A.C.

to be addressed to me as follows:—(State Rank, Title, Mr., Mrs. or Miss)
 (Name) SIR. DESMOND BRAYLEY M.C. DL
 J.P., F.R.C.S.
 (Full Postal Address, with Post Town and County — or Postal District Number and —if appropriate)
 ARKINGTON HOUSE
 ST JAMES'S
 LONDON SW1

STARS CLASPS
 - 3 DEC 1970
MEDALS: ISSUED

Strike out items which were NOT awarded (S-2)

1939-45	ATLANTIC	PACIFIC
AM CREW	EUROPE	BURMA
AFRICA	FRANCE	ITALY
DEFENCE	GERMANY	WAR/M.I.D

NOTE—YOUR STARS or MEDALS may not be issued for SEVERAL MONTHS
 If you should change your permanent address before receiving them, send a postcard at once to War Office marked "Medals: New Address" and showing (i) the new address and (ii) No., name and last Regiment or Corps.

If claiming as legatee or next-of-kin, state relationship to deceased
 26 NOV 1970

Signature of Applicant