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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 May 2024 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

"X7344 James Edward Key served with the Royal Navy during the Second World War and died in 1978. His death certificate (copy) is attached. Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please disclose his career medal entitlement".

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000). I can confirm all information in scope of your request is held and provided below:

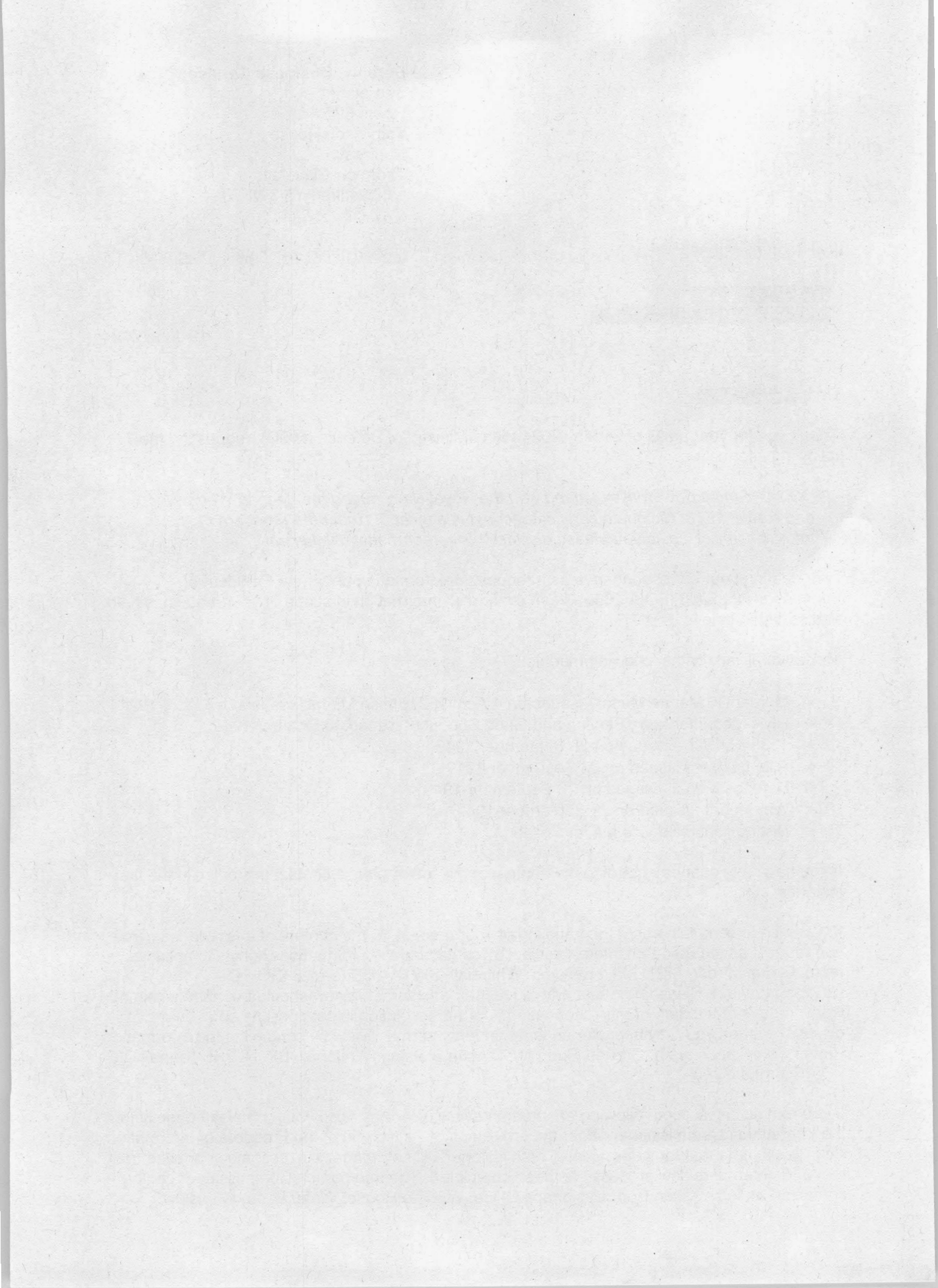
Mr Key qualified for the following medals:

- Mercantile Marine Medal - issued on 4 April 1921
- British Medal - issued on 4 April 1921
- RNR Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct - issued 30 October 1940
- 1939-45 Star – issued on 28 September 1949
- Atlantic Star - issued on 28 September 1949
- Defence Medal - issued on 28 September 1949
- War Medal - issued on 28 September 1949
- Distinguished Service Medal

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Yours sincerely

DBS Secretariat Team

