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29 July 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

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

*"I am applying to you under the Freedom of Information legislation for further information on my Uncle Leslie Stancliff.*

*I applied to Royal Navy Search requesting Record of Service for Leslie Stancliff who served in WW2 and sadly was Missing Presumed Killed in Action on 16th January 1945 Ship President III (M.V. Magdala)*

*They sent me information on his record of service including a sheet which gave details of Ribbons Issued.*

*However I would like to know if the ribbons/medals were sent to his wife/ family/next of kin or if they can still be issued to his surviving family.*

*These were as follows:  
1949-1945 STAR  
ATLANTIC  
PACIFIC 0922/99?  
FRANCE & GERMANY  
WAR MEDAL"*

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.

Records confirm that Leslie Stancliff's awards were issued on 29 January 1951 to his widow who was the next of kin at the time.

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](mailto: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,

*DBS Secretariat*

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