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Dear Anthony Atkins,

Thank you for your correspondence of 17th August 2020 requesting the following information:

Based on the FOI2018/08607 I received the NGSM Cyprus Qualifying Ships Annex A B OS. This does not show HMS Blackpool as either qualifying or non-qualifying for the NGSM Cyprus clasp.

ADM 53_150800_002 from the national archive is the ships log from the 1st August 1959. This shows the ship is docked in Famagusta Harbor, Cyprus.

ADM 53_150800_003 from the national archive is the ships log from the 2nd August 1959. This shows the ship is docked in Famagusta Harbor, Cyprus.

ADM 53_150800_004 from the national archive is the ships log from the 3rd August 1959. This shows the ship is in the Cape Pyla, Cyprus area.

Why does HMS Blackpool not show on either of the qualifying or non-qualifying lists of NGSM Cyprus Qualifying Ships Annex A B OS when her ships logs show her in location.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search of the MOD Archive has not identified any information in the scope of your request. Any information of that age that has survived will be held at The National Archives.

Their address is:

The National Archives,
Kew,
Richmond,
Surrey,
TW9 4DU.

Web Address: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Its catalogue (<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/SearchUI/>) is available on the web so you will be able to search for files, although you will not be able to view any documents online.

If you decide to visit the National Archives you will either need to bring your Reader's Ticket, or if you do not possess one you will have to obtain one at the registration desk. For this you will require some form of identification, a passport, driving licence etc. The National Archives does not charge for reader's tickets. Alternatively, you may consider employing a researcher to carry out the work for you. If you do decide to do this, then the National Archives will supply you with a list of independent researchers who will make a charge for their time. The National Archives do not carry out research on individual members of the public's behalf.

By way of advice and assistance - the qualifying dates for the medal were 1 April 1955 to 18 April 1959 inclusive. HMS Blackpool was not in the qualifying area until 1 August 1959 so therefore outside the qualifying period for the medal. This is why she is not listed either as a qualifying or non-qualifying ship.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance Team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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