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Dear Mr Payne,

Thank you for your email of 13 October 2020 in which you requested the following information:

any information or photos of tremain wood and its relation to the arsenal was the wood used for fire wood and building materials ?

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

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our recorded information, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Ministry of Defence.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note we do not routinely hold information for long periods of time. Depending on the type of information, after defined periods it will either be disposed of or possibly transferred to The National Archives for permanent preservation. Sometimes, information that does not meet the formal criteria but relates to things of particular interest are passed to a relevant museum. Additionally, you may find that local historical societies might hold photographs and records of relevance to your request.

If you have not already done so, then you may wish to contact any of these organisations to see if they can assist you:

National Archives
<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Bridgend and District Local Historical Society
<https://bridgendhistorysociety.wordpress.com/>

Glamorgan History Society
<https://glamorganhistory.org>

I also understand that local historian M J Clubb published a book in 2007 entitled "The Welsh Arsenal: The Story of the Bridgend Munitions Factory, ROF 53, and the People Who Worked There" which might prove relevant to you in your search for information.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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