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23 March 2023

Dear Mr Crotty,

Thank you for your email of 27 February 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I would like to make an application under the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 for copies of the relevant World War Two Medal Card entries for

*PHILIP GEORGE BLANN J101167
JOHN EDWARD DAVIS J95766
FREDERICK ALLAN WHITEAR 351642
ARTHUR HENRY BAKER J107031
JOSEPH McCONNELL K59267
JAMES COLE K13046"*

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 MOD and I can confirm that some information is held. The medal cards for Philip George Blann, John Edward Davis, Arthur Henry Baker and Joseph McConnell are held and can be found enclosed at Annexes A-D. However, the medal cards for Frederick Allan Whitear and James Cole are not held.

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.

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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)

SURNAME <i>BLANN</i>	CHRISTIAN NAMES <i>Philip George</i>	RANK or RATING and O.N. <i>Able Seaman</i> <i>P/J.101167</i>	D.N.A. WILLS No. <i>7194</i> <i>43</i>
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 D.D. *30 October 1943*
 CAUSE *Killed on War Service*

SHIP	PERIOD OF SERVICE	RIBBONS ISSUED
<i>Shood</i>	<i>9 Sep 36 - 28 Mch 40</i>	1939-45 STAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Victory</i>	<i>29 Mch 40 - 6 Apr 40</i>	ATLANTIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Excellent</i>	<i>7 Apr 40 - 13 Feb 41</i>	AIR CREW EUROPE
<i>Aurora</i>	<i>14 Feb 41 - 30 Oct 43</i>	AFRICA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>R.</i>
		PACIFIC
		BURMA
		ITALY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		FRANCE & GERMANY
		DEFENCE
		WAR MEDAL <i>S.O.M.T.</i>

PAID

NAME DAVIS J. E.



RANK or RATING
and O.N.

C. P. O

No:

J. 95766

1939-45	Atlantic	ACEurope	Africa	Pacific	Burma	Italy	F. and C.	Defence	War Medal
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Service for 1939-45 Star

SAHADIN 18.6.40 - 3.2.42

Issued 23/3/51 1948

Schedule No: 4040

HV

DAID
NAME **BAKER** *Arthur H*
RANK or RATING and O.N. *POV*
No: *P/T 107031*

1939-45	Atlantic	A.C. Europe	Africa	Pacific	Burma	Italy	F. and C.	Defence	War Medal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Service for 1939 Star

Issued *18.9.50* 1948
Schedule No: *7653*

Quantock Destroyer
14/1/41 to 18/2/44.
AMB

10326

996/68

NAME Mc CONNEH Joseph

RANK or RATING and D.N.	No:
S.P.C. P.K.	59267

1939-45	Atlantic	AC.Europe	Africa	Pacific	Burma	Italy	F.and C.	Defence	War Medal
✓	✓		✓R			✓			✓

Service for 1939-45 Star

H. M. S. KEMPENFEHT. June - Nov '39

H. M. S. WHITSHED Nov '39 - Aug '40

Issued 13.10.1948
 Schedule No: 1788