

OIA-2017-2887

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Anthony Jordan

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Dear Mr Jordan

I refer to your email of 2 November 2017, to the Ministry of Defence, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *Names of Pardons granted to New Zealand Soldiers participating in World War One*
2. *Please Indicate which soldiers these were Posthumous*
3. *Please indicate for 1 and 2 Pardons granted as the result of soldiers going AWOL*
4. *Names of Pardons granted to New Zealand Soldiers participating in World War Two*
5. *Please Indicate which soldiers these were Posthumous*
6. *Please indicate for 4 and 5 Pardons granted as the result of soldiers going AWOL*

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has not maintained a central register of the requested information, and to compile such a list would require a substantial research effort into the many thousands of potentially relevant personnel files. Accordingly, your request is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA. I do not believe consultation on the form of your request could alter this outcome.

You may be interested in the Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Act 2000, which can be accessed publicly via www.legislation.govt.nz.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely



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