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Thank you for your application of 15 September 2021 concerning entitlement to service and campaign awards of Mr Bernard Richard Flynn.

An examination of Mr Flynn's service record confirms that he qualified for the following awards:

- 1939-45 Star
- Pacific Star
- Defence Medal
- War Medal 1939-45
- Australia Service Medal 1939-45 and the
- Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'SW PACIFIC'

Records confirm the following awards remain unissued:

- 1939-45 Star
- Australian Service Medal 1939-45 and the
- Australian Service Medal 45-75 with Clasp 'SW PACIFIC'

Defence policy stipulates that where an applicant is not an immediate family member, claims may be considered on a case by case basis by the approving authority, and will usually be limited to cases where proof can be provided that no immediate family members remain, or the applicant holds the deceased members original awards by gift or bequest.

In accordance with the policy, the following relationships to the deceased member are considered immediate family:

- Spouse/defacto spouse (*Relationship to the member at the time of their death*)
- Child
- Grand child
- Parent
- Sibling

Please note that possession of a deceased member's awards will not give a person a higher priority to claim other awards.

In view of the above provisions, and for your request to be considered, could you please complete the 'Other claimant' section of the enclosed statutory declaration. When completing the statutory declaration please refer to paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the enclosed Guidance to Applicants. Please return the completed statutory declaration and supporting justification, including documentation, to the Directorate of Honours and Awards.

Upon receipt, your request for unissued awards will be determined. Following this process you will be advised of the outcome.

Once issued, the awards become the personal property of the recipient. Any dispute arising after the awards are issued is to be resolved in the same way as any other property matter. Defence has no responsibility for awards that have been issued, and will not become involved in any property dispute that may arise.

You may acquire a set of Mr Flynn's previously issued awards by purchasing replicas at your own expense, from a reputable medals dealer as found in the Yellow Pages or on the Internet.

Yours sincerely



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