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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am currently researching my family history, and after 22 years of distinguished service in the Black Watch, my Grandfather, \*\*\*\*\*, after being "discharged to pension" Jan. 1920, subsequently, joined the Special Constabulary.  He resided just outside Inverness, and at some time, was awarded the "Special Constabulary Long Service" medal. (George VI variant).

## Is there any way I can gain more information of his service history, or can you point me to anywhere holding these records, making them available to the public?

Unfortunately, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To explain, due to passage of time we would no longer hold this information. You could contact High Life Highland (Archive Centre), Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives, the Northern Constabulary Museum who hopefully could assist further.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.