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Mr [REDACTED]

Via:
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Your References:

Our References:
FOI2015/05016

Date: 25 June 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 8th June 2015 requesting the following further information:

*I would like to formally request any and all information you can supply in electronic format relating to **Ministry of Defence specification E/1323E**.*

*This specification relates to the following item of equipment; **1095 99 963 2037 Knife, Fighting (Commando) c/w sheath**.*

I am a retailer of these Sheffield made items in Canada and I would like to broaden my product knowledge of this particular article. This purpose of this request is not for publication or further distribution, merely for my own education.

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 Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The Fairburn Sykes Commando dagger was first produced in 1941 by Wilkinson Sword. It was designed as a thrusting weapon and conceived by William Fairburn and Eric Sykes who, during their time in the Shanghai Municipal Police, developed an unarmed fighting system for use in combat that was taught to the Commando Units during the Second World War. The daggers iconic shape is synonymous with Commando Forces across the world although it is no longer standard issue for UK Commando Forces. Some are still issued dependent on training and the operational requirement. You may find the following website of interest:

<http://www.sheffieldcollectableknives.com/the-history-of-the-commando-knife> . I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,



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