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Your request for the full military history of Bulldog XX537, made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) has only recently been forwarded to this Branch for response and therefore the Ministry of Defence has missed the 20 working days timescale for the provision of a response for which I apologise. Your request has otherwise been handled in accordance with FOIA procedures.

I am afraid that once an aircraft has gone out of service full records of its service with the Royal Air Force are destroyed after 5 years. I have however been able to find the aircraft movements card for this aircraft, a copy of which is attached, and an Aircraft Accident Report relating an incident in which Bulldog XX537 was involved on 10 June 1975. A redacted copy of this is attached. The redactions have been made under Section 40 of FOIA which exempts information from release if Data Protection legislation would be breached.

Yours sincerely

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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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). 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.gov.uk.