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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 30th September 2015 requesting the following information:

Please could you provide me with a Complete list of FV Numbers (both in service and out of service vehicles) and what vehicle they are

for example

*FV107: Scimitar Light tank with 30 mm Rarden Cannon
FV4034: Challenger 2*

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 and is attached at Annex A.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that FV (Fighting Vehicle) numbers are an historic reference allocated to equipment and parts, often referring to a drawing number created within the War Office/Ministry of Defence (MOD). This methodology of identification is no longer employed within the MOD and we do not maintain a consolidated list, current or historic, of FV Numbers. However, interrogation of MOD information systems has highlighted a list of FV numbers relating to parts not vehicles.

There are also a number of open sources that contain some of the requested information.

Websites:

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_FV_series_military_vehicles

Another: <http://arcaneafvs.com/fvlist.html>

Books:

There are a number of useful books published in the 1960s/70s/80s that cover the post-WW2 era.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/British-Military-Vehicles-Ministry-Defense/dp/B0017GQPM8/ref=sr_1_28?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1444376437&sr=1-28&keywords=british+military+vehicles

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And: http://www.amazon.co.uk/Modern-British-Tanks-Fighting-Equipment/dp/0853680264/ref=sr_1_22?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1444376245&sr=1-22&keywords=british+army+vehicles"

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Yours sincerely,

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