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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10 September 2021 requesting the following information:

*"I have recently purchased a Trailer, Cargo, 3/4 Tonne Wide Track FV2381 and believe it to have been previously in active service with the army. Please would you provide me with its in-service history. It's MOD registration number was 87 KC 39 and its chassis number is 60635."*

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.

However, the information you have requested has previously been published, and Section 21(1) of the FOI Act provides that it is exempt if it is reasonably available by other means. The Merlin archive was released as part of a previous FOI request and can be accessed at the Government publications website, at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing-09-july-2018>

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, I can advise you that the database in the above link is split into seven spreadsheets. The first has a list of vehicles, while sheets two through seven include the service histories. To search for a vehicle, you will need to press Ctrl + F on your computer keyboard, then select 'Options' and then select 'Workbook' from the 'Within' drop down list. Information relevant to your request can be found by typing the vehicle registration number (with no spaces) and pressing 'enter'.

You may wish to note that when the Merlin database was archived into its current format some data may have been lost or corrupted. You should, therefore, be cautious that some of the data may be inaccurate.

No other information is held by the MOD about your vehicle

It is also possible that the Royal Logistic Corps Museum may be able to assist your research. The contact details for the museum are below, but you should know that there may be a charge for using this service:

The Royal Logistic Corps Museum  
Building 301  
Worthy Down,  
Winchester  
SO21 2RG  
Telephone 01962 887793  
Email: [information@rlcmuseum.com](mailto:information@rlcmuseum.com)

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

**DE&S Secretariat**