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Dear ,

Thank you for your email of 4 July 2023, requesting the following information:

'I am making this Freedom of Information Request to inquire whether you have any vehicle Merlin Reports, Vehicle Record Cards or any other service history of Snatch Land Rover I have checked the Merlin archives but there isn't anything about Units it was posted to, or where the vehicle has previously served, and from a modification stance, it's history.

Army Reg no: 56KK05'

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search of Ministry of Defence (MOD) records has been completed and information about your vehicle has previously been published; Section 21(1) of the FOI Act provides that information 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:

<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 must 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 (**56KK05**) and pressing 'enter'. For ease of reference, details of your vehicle can be found in the first attachment "Merlin 2.0 attachment 1", at row 116008, and the fourth attachment, "Merlin 2.0 attachment 4" at rows 126724 to 126735.

I can confirm, there are no records held in the Joint Asset Management and Engineering Solutions database regarding this vehicle.

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.

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You may also wish to contact the Royal Logistic Corps Museum who might be able to assist your research further. The contact details for the museum are below. It is, however, possible that the Museum may charge to use its services.

Royal Logistic Corps Museum
The Princess Royal Barracks
Deepcut
Surrey
GU16 6RW

Telephone: 01252 833371
Email: 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). 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,

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