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Dear ,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 29 March 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'Could you please send me a list of television productions (specifically dramas or documentaries) that

a) The Royal Navy

and/or

b) The Royal Air Force

have assisted in making over the past five years. Please explain in what way they assisted.'

And then clarified on 21 April 2021:

'I was requesting the information for both the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. Please let me know if you require further information.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The available information in relation to television productions the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force have assisted in making over the past five years can be found in separate tables for each service at Annex A to this letter.

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

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

**FOI2021-04260 - List of Television Productions the Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Air Force (RAF)
Assisted in Making from 2016 to 2021**

Table 1 - RN

Year / Month	Programme / Film Description	Assistance Provided / Comments
2021		
January	Winterwatch	Location - off Horsey Island.
2020		
February	Blue Peter (BP)	Personnel.
April	MasterChef The Professionals	Location.
April	Top Gear	Personnel.
May	Close Calls: On Camera	Personnel. RN saves the lives of 14 people on board a yacht that's lost its mast in a mid-Atlantic storm.
June	Filming of 'A year at Sea'	Provided existing footage.
July	Filming of 'Warship Series 3- Submarine Service'	Access offered.
July	Now and Then River Mersey	Personnel, ship - HMS PRINCE OF WALES during visit to Liverpool & footage of her coming into dock.
July	Anne The Princess Royal at 70	Location - HMS ALBION.
September	BBC Inside Out	Historical piece looking at Deadman's Island - supported with content from Institute of Naval Medicine.
September	Filming of Warship Life at Sea T23	Access offered.
November	Strictly Come Dancing	Bit part: JJ Chalmers requested to wear his loveat uniform to dance a WWII inspired Jive. He thanked RN & MOD in post dance chat.
November	Britain's Most Historic Towns: Portsmouth Age of Empire	Focus on Nelson, footage of Rat Island.
November	MasterChef The Professionals	Personnel.
November	Britain's Most Historic Towns: Elizabethan Plymouth	Location.
2019		
January	Filming of 'Warship - Life at Sea (Series 2)'	Access offered.
February	Filming of 'The Crown'	Location.
April	Filming of 'CASD Documentary'	Access offered.
May	Filming of 'My Grandparents War'	Filming of Kristen Scott Thomas and Carey Mulligan.
June	Filming of 'A League of Their Own'	Did not go ahead.
July	Filming of 'Warship Life at Sea' - Series 3'	Access offered.
July	Filming of 'Longest Flight - Silver Spitfire Documentary'	No information held.
July	Filming of My Grandparents War Series 2	Filming delayed.
July	Countryfile	Personnel, location - covers training & river surveying.
August	Inside the Tower of London	Bitpart: Gun Salute and preparations and 1 Cold Stream Guards at a Ceremony of the Keys rehearsal.
August	Filming of 'Great British Ships' - Swordfish Aircraft	Filmed Prince of Wales (HMS Prince of Wales) & Swordfish (Navy Wings).
August	F35 documentary	Access offered.

September	Welsh 24hrs	Personnel.
October	World's Greatest Warships	Bit part: HMS Queen Elizabeth (QE), HMS Prince of Wales, F35 jets and Swordfish.
October	Filming of 'Amateur MasterChef'	Personnel.
November	MasterChef The Professionals	Personnel.
2018		
January	Filming of 'Rhoda Gilbert - Work Experience'	Access offered.
January	Filming of Sgt Jackson Winter Olympics 2018 BBC Analyst & Commentator	Commentator, not documentary.
January	Blue Peter	Bitpart: Feature HMS QE.
June	Filming of 'Captain Jack & the Furious Few'	No information held.
July	Filming of Britain's Biggest Warship - Second Series	No information held.
August	Filming of 'Secret Histories - Mary Rose'	No information held.
September	Filming of 'Mary Berry's Quick Cooking'	Location.
October	Filming of 'The World's Most Extraordinary Xmas Dinners'	No information held.
2017		
June	Sea Cities - HMS Ocean at Sunderland	No information held.
July	Filming of 'Give it a Year'	No information held.
July	Filming of 'Battleship' - Operational Type 45 Documentary	Access offered.
October	Filming of "Hero"	No information held.
2016		
July	Filming of 'The Grand Tour'	No information held.
August	Filming of 'Black Britain'	No information held.
August	Filming of QEC	No information held.
September	Filming of 'Warship'	Access offered.
September	Filming of 'No Limits'	No information held.

Table 2 - RAF

Year / Month	Programme / Film Description	Production	Assistance Provided
2021			
January	Life of a Mountain: A Year on Helvellyn	Television documentary	No information held.
January	Impossible Engineering – Lancaster	Television documentary	No information held.
March	Whaley Bridge Dam Burst	Television documentary	No information held.
2020			
January	Red Arrows Take America	Television documentary	No information held.
January	Roadkill	Television thriller	Location.
May	Dam busters	Television documentary	No information held.
July – September	Battle of Britain 80 th Anniversary	Television documentary	Personnel, equipment, location.
August	Crimewatch	Television documentary	No information held.
September	Closer to Home with Carole Vorderman	Television documentary	Personnel, equipment, location.
September	Battle of Britain 80	Television documentary	No information held.
October	The Outfit	Television drama	Location.

October	Pennyworth, series 2	Crime drama series	Location.
October	Silent Witness	Crime drama series	Location.
October	Katherine Jenkins Christmas Special Recording – Royal Albert Hall	Christmas Special	Personnel.
November	Top Gear	Television chat Show	Personnel, equipment, location.
2019			
January	The Crown	Television drama series	Location.
January	Red Arrows Kings of the Sky	Television documentary	No information held.
January	Silver Spitfire	Television documentary	Personnel, location, training.
February	The Outfit	Television drama	Location.
April to May	Military Wives	Television documentary	Location.
April to August	Animal Impossible	Television documentary	Location.
May 2019 to January 2020	Silver Spitfire	Television documentary	Personnel, location, loan of equipment.
July	Silver Spitfire	Television documentary	Personnel, equipment, location.
July	Friday Night Feast	Television Food Show	Personnel, equipment, location.
July	Horizon Line	Television drama	Location
July	Me and My Big Family	Television documentary	No information held.
July to August	Bridgertons	Television drama	Location.
August	Fighter Pilot School	Television documentary	No information held.
August	Great British Railway Journeys	Television documentary	No information held.
August	The Quiz	Television drama series	Location.
August	Whaley Bridge Dam Relief	Television documentary	Location.
August to October	Reds Take America	Television documentary	Personnel, equipment.
September 2019 to August 2020	Lancaster	Second in a film trilogy commemorating iconic Second World War aircraft	Personnel, equipment, location.
October to November	The Outfit	Television drama	Location.
November	Top Gear	Television chat show	Location.
2018			
February	Gemini	Television drama	Location.
March	The RAF at 100	Television documentary	No information held.
April	The Hustle	Television drama	Location.
April to July	Blue Peter	Children's television series	Personnel, equipment, location.
April	MasterChef – RAF 100	Television cooking show	No information held.
June	Battle of Britain Fighter Association	Television documentary	Personnel.
July	Cheating Charlie	Television drama	Location.

August	Helimedics	Television documentary	Location.
August	Battle of Britain: Model Squadron	Television documentary	No information held.
October	Military Wives	Television documentary	Location.
October	The Crown	Television drama series	Location.
November	Magic Hour	Television drama	Location.
December	Magic Hour	Television drama	Location.
2017			
January	Our School	Television documentary	No information held.
January to February	Blue Peter	Documentary for children's television series	Personnel, equipment.
March	Dame Vera Lynne's 100 th Birthday	Television concert	Personnel.
March	Flying High	Television documentary	No information held.
March	My Life – Learning to Fly	Television documentary	No information held.
March	Car SOS	Television show	Personnel, location.
May	Operation Ouch	Children's television comedy series	Personnel, equipment, location.
June	Yorkshire Wolds Way	Television documentary	Personnel, location.
June	Reef is Flying High	Television documentary	Personnel, location.
June to August	RAF 100	Television documentary	Personnel, equipment, location.
June	Spitfire	Television documentary	Personnel, equipment, location.
June	Fishing All Stars	Television documentary	No information held.
July	Songs of Praise	Television documentary	No information held.
September	Coast and Country	Television documentary	Personnel, equipment, location.
November	MasterChef, Series 11	Television cooking show	Personnel, equipment, location.
November	Blue Peter	Television documentary	No information held.
November	Women at War: 100 Years of Service	Television documentary	No information held.
December 2017 to December 2018	F35	Television documentary	Personnel, equipment, location.
2016			
May to October	Carol Vorderman Solo Flight Around the World	Television documentary	Personnel, equipment, location.
June	Inside Porton Down	Television documentary	No information held.
August	Blue Peter	Documentary for children's television series	No information held.
August	Skies Above Britain	Television documentary	No information held.
August	Scottish Flying	Television documentary	No information held.
September	Safe House, series 2'	Television crime drama	Personnel, location.

September	Size Matters	Television documentary	Personnel, equipment, location.
September	Coast to Coast with Tony Robinson	Television documentary	Personnel, location.
October	Bake Off: Crème de la Crème	Television cooking show	No information held.
November	Toughest Job in the Universe	Television documentary	No information held.

