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Dear Mr Rice,

Your email dated 8 July 2018 is considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested information for the following vehicle(s):

I am trying to trace the military history of three motorcycles that I own. All three are of the make Armstrong M.T.500, as part of the military contract No 23B/1680, with the following frame/chassis no's and engine no's respectively;

*Frame: M.T.001316 & Engine: 223816
Frame: M.T.001983 & Engine: 223007
Frame: M.T.002104 & Engine: 223271*

A search of our records has been completed but I regret that no information within the scope of your request is held.

Section 16 of the FOIA requires public authorities to provide advice and assistance to requesters, so far as it is reasonable to do so. The department has undertaken a routine review of the MERLIN archive. The final version of this has since been released as part of an FOI request, and can be accessed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing-09-july-2018>.

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. Details for how to locate and retrieve the service histories for individual vehicles can be found in the FOI response document in the above link.

Additionally, you may wish to contact the Royal Logistic Corps Museum who may be able to assist your research. The contact details for the museum are below. You should be advised, however, that they may make a charge for their services.

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

Telephone: 01252 833371
Email: information@rlcmuseum.com

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Yours sincerely,

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