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Dear Mr Staunton

Thank you for your email of 18 April 2016 requesting the following information:

I would like any information held at HQAC about the formation of 62 (2nd Glasgow) and 122 (5th Glasgow) Squadron ATC and any detached Flights which these Squadrons may have had or previously been itself.

Specifically I am looking for: formation date, strength of the Squadrons on formation and original location of Squadrons on formation. I would also like to know if both squadrons have previously had any detached flights or been a detached flight itself.

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.

I can advise you that records show that 62 (2nd Glasgow) Squadron was formed on 1 Feb 1941, information on the the strength of the Squadron on its formation is not held. There is no record of where the Squadron was located between 1941 and 1948. In 1948 it was located at Fulton Road, Knightswood, Glasgow, in three nissen-type huts, and the initial lease ran from 1948 to 1951. At some point the Squadron moved to Knightscliffe Avenue, Glasgow but this building was destroyed by fire in February 1970 and the Squadron had to move into temporary accommodation at Knightswood Primary School, Great Western Road, Glasgow. In September 1975 it moved to the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve (TAVR) Centre, Crow Road, Glasgow. It remained within the TAVR Centre and occupied new purpose built accommodation within the site in 1986. There are no records to show that there were any detached flights associated with this Squadron.

Computer records show that 122 (5th Glasgow) Squadron was formed on 1 Feb 1974 and was located in two adjoining wooden huts at the Army Reserve Centre, Walcheren Barracks, Hotspur Road, Glasgow. However, this formation date is contradicted by the attached paper record which states that the Squadron was formed in Feb 1941. Unfortunately, we do not hold any other information to be able to confirm which formation

date is correct. Information on the strength of the Squadron on its formation is not held. The Squadron remained at the Army Reserve Centre and occupied new purpose build accommodation on the same site in 2006. There are no records to show that there were any detached flights associated with this Squadron.

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Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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