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Dear Mr Nash

I am writing about your email of 16 November 2022, requesting the following information:

"I am looking for some information and History a British Army DAF T244 with the registration number AU 37 AA. This is a Freedom of Information Request."

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

A search has been carried out of Ministry of Defence (MOD) records and some information is held about your vehicle. The vehicle transfer records are available on the Merlin System. Section 21(1) of the FOI Act provides an exemption if the information 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>

No other information falling within the scope of your request is held about the vehicle.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, I can advise you that the Merlin database is split into seven spreadsheets. The first has a list of vehicles, while sheets two through seven include details of where the vehicle was allocated. Details about your vehicle are listed on sheet six. 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 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.

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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