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Dear Mr Graesser,

Your email dated 10 September 2018 is considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. You requested information for the following vehicle(s):

Looking for further information regarding the following vehicle:

**AMB BATTLEFIELD (HS) 4 STRETCHER 4X4 LHD LANDROVER 2.5 LTR TD (WITH
EEGR)**

RegNo.: LB96AA

NSN: 2310998939970

VAC: NB10478100

Ch.-No.: SALLDCA68VA117208

Eng.No.: 25L01915A

*Do you have a vehicle Merlin Report, Vehicle Record Card or any other service history
for the above vehicle?*

Any details of it's deployment would be much appreciated.

A search across the Ministry of Defence (MOD) has been completed and I can confirm that some information relevant to your request is held. However, I regret that some of the information falls within the scope of qualified exemptions and are subject to a public interest test. This means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Under section 26(1) of the FOI Act, information is exempt if it is likely to prejudice the capability, effectiveness, or security of the Armed Forces. The balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding the information on the grounds that disclosure would likely impact on ongoing operations by allowing enemies to draw conclusions about Armed Forces capabilities.

Section 16(1) of the FOI Act requires public authorities to provide advice and assistance to requesters, so far as it is reasonable to do so. If you have any further requests for similar information, you may wish to note that the department has undertaken a routine review of the MERLIN archive and the final version of this has since been released as part of a previous FOI request, which can be accessed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing-09-july-2018>.

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

Furthermore, 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,

DE&S Secretariat Parliamentary.