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Dear Mr Ward,

Thank you for your email of 9 October in which you asked for the following information:

"I bought an Harley Davidson MT350 recently, I would love to hear of the bikes history whilst with the MOD, I don't have the military registration, but the V/N Chassis frame number is 1HD6RLT1XTY000095, the engine number 238744. The bike was registered 11/10/1995. The present registration is N679RAP."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search across the Ministry of Defence (MOD) has now been completed, and I can confirm that the department holds information relevant to your request.

However, section 21(1) of the FOI Act states that information is exempt if it is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The MERLIN archive was 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>

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance), I can advise you that the database in the above link is split into seven spreadsheets. The first has a list of vehicles, while sheets two through seven have the service histories. To search for a vehicle, you must press Ctrl + F, 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 74KL51, and then enter. Information relevant to your request can be found on sheet one, cell A140068 and sheet five, cells 61121 through to 61123.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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