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Dear Mr Brassey,

Thank you for your email of 15 June in which you asked for the following information:

*"I am the new owner of a narrow track sankey trailer 3/4 tonne And would like to know what info you could supply on the service record/history of this trailer.  
Reg number 02ES49  
Chassis number 585"*

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 some 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 02ES49, and then enter. Information relating to your request can be found at Tab 2, Cells 41308, 41309 and 41310.

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,

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