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Dear Mr Simpson,

Thank you for your email of 28 February in which you asked for the following information:

"I would appreciate if you could give me the information you hold on the vehicle including any service history, any deployments it was on and it's bases while in service.

The vehicle is a green Land Rover Defender 90

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I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Ministry of Defence requires further information to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. If you were able to provide either the Equipment Registration Mark (ERM) or NATO Stock Number (NSN) of your vehicle then I should be able to perform a search of our records. Once you have clarified your request, I would be pleased to consider it again. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), you may wish to note that the MERLIN database has been released as part of an FOI request, and can be accessed at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing09-july-2018>

The database in the above link is split into seven spreadsheets. The first has a list of vehicles, while sheets two through seven have their service histories. To search for a vehicle this can be done by pressing Ctrl + F, then typing the military vehicle registration number, and then enter.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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