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Dear Mr Barningham,

Thank you for your email of 19 August in which you asked for the following information:

"I am trying to obtain the military registration number and military[sic] history for a Harley Davidson MT350 Contract No LV2A/067, Item 15

Any information would be much appreciated"

The Ministry of Defence requires further information to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. It would be useful to know either the Equipment Registration Mark (ERM) or National Stock Number (NSN) of your vehicle if you wish us to perform a search of our records. Once you have clarified your request, I will 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 you are able the department has undertaken a routine review of the MERLIN archive. The final version of this has since 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-commencing-09-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 the service histories. To search for a vehicle this can be done by pressing Ctrl + F, then typing the vehicle registration number, and then enter.

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

Additionally, you may wish to contact the Royal Logistic Corps Museum who may be able to assist your research. The contact details for the museum are below. You should be advised, however, that they may make a charge for their services.

Royal Logistic Corps Museum
The Princess Royal Barracks
Deepcut
Surrey
GU16 6RW
Telephone: 01252 833371
Email: information@rlcmuseum.com

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Yours sincerely,

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