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Dear Mr Marshall,

Thank you for your letter of 22 January 2015 requesting the following information:

*"Whilst browsing a number of websites regarding the cap badge of the SRR, I have encountered different two answers.
The first answer states that the sword represented on the cap badge is a depiction of Excalibur (the legendary sword of King Arthur), the second answer states the sword depicts the Sword of Damocles.
I am curious to know which one is the correct answer, if either. Therefore, can you please provide me with a definitive answer regarding the SRR cap badge?"*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The cap badge of the Special Reconnaissance Regiment (SRR) is described as "Argus helmet in front of the Special Forces sword with motto scroll 'Reconnaissance' underneath". The Special Forces sword refers to that represented in the design of the Special Air Service Regiment badge though pointing upwards. Although the sword in the Special Air Service Regiment badge is often incorrectly referred to as the "winged dagger", the original intent of the designer (reputedly Bob Tait) was a representation of King Arthur's sword Excalibur.

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Please quote the reference number above in any future communication.

Yours sincerely,

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