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Dear Mr Roberts,

Thank you for your email of 3 May where you requested the following information:

*“Were troops administered with Lyme disease as part of the experimental vaccine regime during the Gulf War 1991?”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can advise that UK Service personnel deployed to the 1990/91 Gulf Conflict were not administered with Lyme disease. Details of the immunisation programme is contained in the report “Implementation of the Immunisation Programme against Biological Warfare Agents for UK Forces during the Gulf Conflict 1990/91”, published at:  
[Implementation of the Immunisation Programme against Biological Warfare Agents for UK Forces During the Gulf Conflict 1990/91](#)

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Yours sincerely,

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