



Researchers from King's College London say soldiers sent to Iraq were not made ill by multiple injections. Being given too many jabs at once has been suggested as a possible cause of what is known as Gulf War Syndrome. This report from Nick Miles:

Many soldiers who have **served** in Iraq have reported suffering from **chronic fatigue**, asthma and **memory loss**. Several studies have **linked** that ill health to **multiple vaccinations**.

The British Ministry of Defence says it **has nothing to do with** the vaccines **troops** were given and this latest report from King's College seems **to back that up**. It found that soldiers who reported chronic health problems were often the ones who **recalled** having **multiple vaccinations** - while in fact, in many cases, medical records **showed this not to be the case**.

Nick Miles, BBC

Vocabulary and definitions

served	spent certain periods of time performing their military duty
chronic fatigue	the feeling of tiredness that lasts over a long period and can sometimes lead to long-term health problems
memory loss	when you cannot remember certain things from the past
linked	said that there was a connection
multiple vaccinations	when you are given many vaccines over a short period of time (a vaccine is a substance that is given to a person to prevent them from getting a disease)
has nothing to do with	is not caused by; is not connected/linked to
troops	soldiers in a large group on duty
to back that up	to prove/confirm that
recalled	remembered
showed this not to be the case	showed this was not so/was not true

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