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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 18 January in which you requested the following information:

"Please could you inform me of the anti-malarias that have been administered to the, 1st queens dragoon guards that were deployed to Sierra leone in December?

how many troops were deployed to sierra leone?

how many troops were given larium on this deployment?"

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 Queens Dragoon Guards deployed a total of 92 Personnel for Exercise Guma Sun during the period 24 October to 4 December 2016. None of the personnel were administered with Lariam. All personnel were issued Malarone Anti-Malarials as these are more effective for the type of Malaria found in Sierra Leone.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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