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THE Federal Government will blood test thousands of veterans following fears that soldiers complaining of Gulf War syndrome illnesses were exposed to radiation from depleted uranium weapons. The tests will include the screening of blood and urine samples to detect likely kidney damage. There are fears that depleted uranium-tipped armored piercing shells used in the Gulf War and Balkans conflicts during the 1990s could have affected Australian military personnel. Acting Defence Minister Bruce Scott will today announce that the Government will screen personnel who may have been exposed to the weapons. Australian Defence Force personnel who served in the Gulf War and in the former Yugoslavia since the Balkans conflict began will be contacted by the Defence Health Service and asked to participate in blood and urine screening.

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