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ABSTRACT

Five tests of a family-size concrete underground fallout shelter, built in accordance with basic plans in Bulletin MP-15 of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, were made, with six simulated occupants in four of the tests, to study the environmental factors of temperature, humidity, ventilation, and heat exchange in the shelter for periods of occupancy up to 14 days. Four of the tests were made under summer conditions, the initial one without occupants, and one test was made under winter conditions with the earth surrounding the shelter at approximately seasonal maximum and minimum temperatures, respectively. Ventilation rates ranged from 0 to 42 cfm for the five tests, and the ventilating air supply was maintained at controlled dry bulb and dew point temperatures representative of summer and winter weather in Washington, D. C. The heat emission of the simulated occupants during four of the tests averaged about 2400 Btu/hr, a part of which was latent heat. Condensation of moisture began in the shelter almost immediately during the summer tests and was continuous throughout the tests, whereas during the winter test, it was very limited in amount and stopped after about 4 days. In a 2-week period, the dry bulb temperature in the shelter rose from 12 to 15 degrees F from initial values of about 46°F in the winter and about 69°F in the summer. The ventilating air removed some or all of the moisture liberated inside the shelter; it removed some of the sensible heat in the winter time, but always contributed a little sensible heat during the summer tests.

1. INTRODUCTION

At the request of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, a study was conducted to determine the thermal characteristics of a family-size underground concrete shelter for protection against radioactive fallout. The primary objective of this study was to obtain engineering data and other physical observations on the environmental factors of temperature, humidity, ventilation, and heat exchange in an underground family shelter during periods of occupancy up to 14 days, using simulated occupants having sensible and latent heat output characteristics equivalent to those of human occupants.

These measurements and observations would then be used as a basis for:

- a. Graphical representation of the thermal behavior of the shelter,
- b. Determination of the total and unit heat transfer rates through the shelter walls,
- c. Computation of the amount of sensible and latent heat added to or removed from the shelter by the ventila-ting air,
- d. Determination of the minimum amount of ventilating air required to remove the heat produced by six occupants whose total heat output was assumed to be 2400 Btu/hr and with the latent and sensible fractions approximately equal to those shown in the "Guide" of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers for sedentary individuals,
- e. Conclusions regarding the adequacy of the space allowance, the control of moisture, and the effect of the above-ground diurnal temperature cycle in the basic family shelter,
- f. Future analysis of the effect of soil characteristics, moisture content of the soil, thickness of the concrete walls, ambient temperature and humidity, latitude of the site, and quantity of ventilating air on the thermal behavior of shelters in a range of sizes during an occupancy of 2-weeks' duration.
 - 2. DESCRIPTION OF TEST INSTALLATION
- 2.1 Excavation for the Shelter

On a suitable and well-drained site on the grounds of the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., an underground concrete fallout shelter of family size was built in general accordance with the basic plans outlined in Bulletin MP-15 of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization. $\frac{1}{2}$

A pit approximately 13 ft 6 in. wide, 16 ft long, and 7 ft deep, on the average, was excavated, and the excavated earth was mounded around the pit for future use as backfill material. The dimensions of the pit were chosen to provide a construction area clearance of approximately 2 feet beyond the perimeter outline of the shelter. The pit was excavated in accordance with a predetermined directional orientation on the selected location. This resulted in the major or 16-foot central axis of the pit being oriented about 20 degrees west of magnetic north, or in approximately a north-northwest direction. However, for descriptive purposes and ease of reference in this report, the major axis was assumed to be a north-south line. The site selected for the shelter had a natural downward slope from west to east of approximately 36 inches per 25 feet, or about 12 percent, assuring good drainage. The excavated earth was relatively free of roots, debris, and stones. The bottom of the excavation was leveled and tamped where necessary to provide uniform bearing conditions for the floor slab.

Immediately upon completion of the excavation, representative samples of earth were removed from the undisturbed bank for deasity measurements and determination of moisture content. Examination of the west wall of the excavation, the deepest and most representative surface, showed four contrasting layers of soil of wide textural variety. The first or top layer consisted of yellow sandy loam and was approximately 2 feet thick. The second layer consisted of black humus loam about 1 1/2 feet The third layer consisted of yellow clay varying in thick. thickness from 2 1/2 feet in the southwest corner of the excavation to 4 1/2 feet in the center of the west surface. The fourth or bottom layer consisted of blue clay approximately 2 feet thick in the southwest corner, sloping downward and vanishing at or about the bottom center point of the west wall. This layer of blue clay also sloped downward and vanished into the south surface about 3 feet from the southwest corner. No samples were obtained from this layer. Table 1 summarizes the characteristics of the soil at the shelter site.

2.2 Construction of the Shelter

Except for a few modifications to facilitate testing, the reinforced concrete shelter constructed in the pit conformed to the specifications and drawings for the Underground Concrete Shelter shown in Bulletin MP-15 of the Office of Civil and

Moisture Content, % of dry weight	16.6 20.7 13.9 No Sample
Density 1b/ft3	92 99 115 No Sample
Thickness ft.	2.5 - 4.5 0 - 2
Soil Type	Yellow Sandy Loam Black Humus Loam Yellow Clay Blue Clay
Soil Stratum	Top Layer Second Layer Third Layer Bottom Layer

Table 1

Initial Soil Characteristics at Shelter Site

Defense Mobilization. The principal modifications were as follows:

- a. Two steel cables, 1 1/8 inches in diameter and 70 feet long, were placed underneath the shelter for use as a means of lifting the shelter from its present location, should that be required at some future time.
- b. A second grid of reinforcing steel was placed in the floor, near the bottom of the slab, to provide additional strength in the floor, in the event that the shelter should be lifted from its present site.
- c. The floor was sloped 1/16 inch per foot to provide condensate drainage to a sump 10 inches square and 1 inch deep in the northwest corner of the shelter.
- d. Duplicate systems of ventilation pipes were installed, with supply pipes in the south wall and in the interior partition used for shielding, and exhaust pipes in the north and south walls, respectively.
- e. Ten holes were cast or drilled in the concrete comprising the walls, floor, and roof of the shelter for the insertion of thermocouple systems, and recesses were made near the center of each exposure for affixing heat flow meters to the concrete.

Figures 1 to 4 show the shelter in various stages of construction. Figure 1 shows the form and grids of reinforcing steel for the floor just before placing the concrete. The polyethylene film, used as a moisture barrier on the ground surface, is visible inside the form. Figure 2 shows the construction at the stage when the inside forms for the four exterior walls. and the forms for the interior partition or shielding wall, were in position. The horizontal and vertical reinforcing bars for the walls can be seen in this figure. One of the two cables, installed for lifting the shelter from the ground, can be seen at the left of the shelter. Figure 3 shows the roof form and reinforcing steel in place prior to placing the concrete. The pipes of the ventilating air system and the building used to house the instruments and air conditioning apparatus can be seen in this figure. Figure 4 is a photograph of the shelter site after the sod covering was in place and after installation of the conditioned air supply system. Figures 5 and 6 are schematic drawings of the shelter and some of the test apparatus.

The exterior dimensions of the shelter were: length, 12 ft; width, 9 ft 4 in.; height, not including hatch, 7 ft 6 in. The interior dimensions were: length, 10 ft 8 in.; width, 8 ft; and height, 6 ft 6 in. The hatchway on the north side of the room was 2 feet wide and the shielding wall was 8 inches thick, thus leaving the main room of a square shape with dimensions of 8 ft x 8 ft. Approximately 12 3/4 cu yd of concrete were used for the structure and the calculated total weight was approximately 49,600 lb.

Samples of the concrete placed in the walls, roof, and hatch were taken for compression tests. The duration of the curing period before making the strength tests and the compression load at failure of each of the three test cylinders are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2

Shelter Element Sampled	Curing Period, days	Compression Load at Failure, lb/sq in.
Walls	31	2600
Roof	31	2830
Hatch	28	2860

Compression Tests of Concrete Samples

After applying hot asphalt to the exterior of the walls and roof as a moisture barrier, the process of backfilling the excavation, constructing the shape of the embankment, grading, and embankment and ground surfaces was carried out in successive stages. Approximately half of the soil used on the north, east, and top sides of the embankment was obtained from another site. The backfill was placed in layers about 18 inches thick and tamped thoroughly with a pneumatic tamping machine to obtain successive layers about 12 inches thick of the proper density. Large stones and other similar objects were removed when encountered. A layer of dry ice was placed between each layer of backfill. This method of backfilling was carried out to the top of the embankment.

The dry ice was introduced to remove the excess heat absorbed by the excavated earth while it lay on the ground surface and to shorten the preconditioning time of the shelter before a test could be made. The amount of dry ice required to reduce the temperature of the backfill to approximately the temperature of the undisturbed earth was determined by calculation. Even though the amount of dry ice required to cool the backfill could not be determined exactly, the results indicated that this method for reducing the preconditioning time for the shelter was effective and practical.

Samples of tamped backfill were obtained at three separate levels for moisture content and density measurements. The first sample was taken about 5 feet below the roof level of the shelter; the second sample was taken about 3 feet below the roof level; and the third sample was taken at a level even with the top of the roof. The density and moisture content, in percent of dry weight, of these samples are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3

Density and Moisture Content of Samples of Tamped Fill

Level of Sampling below Roof Level ft	Density of Sample	Moisture Content, Relative to Dry Weight
5	Not measured	14.1
3	108.5	16.7
0	109	15.5

The entire area was graded and covered with 225 square yards of sod. The top of the embankment was leveled and graded horizontally so that the surface line of the sod was 3 inches below the top edge of the hatch and provided an earth cover 2 ft 3 in. thick over the shelter roof.

A chronological summary of the principal events in the construction of the shelter and preparation of the site is shown in Table 4.

Table 4

Completion Dates of Shelter Components and Site Preparation

Completed Excavation	May 26, 1959
Placed Concrete in Shelter Fl	oor June 9, 1959
Placed Concrete in Shelter Wa	lls June 19, 1959
Placed Concrete in Shelter Ro	of June 29, 1959
Placed Concrete in Shelter Ha	tchway July 2, 1959
Waterproofed Shelter Exterior	July 8, 1959
Backfill Completed	July 22, 1959
Began First Test	August 13, 1959

Light fixtures were installed on the center ceiling surfaces of the room and hatchway areas. A 25-watt incandescent light bulb was used in the room area and a 7 1/2-watt bulb was used in the hatchway area.

2.3 Description of Test Apparatus

The principal components of the test apparatus were as follows:

- A thermocouple system for measuring the temperature of the concrete in the walls of the shelter, in the adjacent earth to a distance of 4 feet from the walls, and in the undisturbed earth at some distance away from the excavation,
- (2) Apparatus for conditioning the ventilating air to the selected dry bulb and dew point temperatures and regulating the rate of flow of air,
- (3) Temperature and humidity elements for measuring the "state condition" of the air entering the shelter and at various stations inside the shelter,
- (4) Six simulated occupants to provide sensible and latent heat emissions similar to that for real occupants,
- (5) A water-feeding system for the simulated occupants to represent the moisture emission of real occupants,
- (6) Heat flow meters to measure the rate of heat transmission at the interior surfaces of the shelter,
- (7) Selected instruments for measuring temperature, humidity, air flow rate, electrical energy consumption, heat flow rate, and solar radiation.
- a. Thermocouple System for Concrete and Surrounding Earth

Six strings of thermocouples, made of No. 30 AWG wire, were used to obtain temperatures in the concrete and earth surrounding the shelter. The six strings of thermocouples were supported on rods and were installed normal to the roof, floor, and walls through a hole provided at the center of each of these surfaces. The supporting rods consisted of bakelite tubes of 7/16inch outside diameter and 1/32-inch wall thickness. The sensing end of each thermocouple and about 2 inches of the leads were wrapped around the exterior of the bakelite tube with the soldered junction taped to the tube at a measured distance from one end of the tube. The leads for the several thermocouples in each string were inserted through separate holes drilled in the tube wall and thence through the inside of the tube. A tapered wooden spike was pressed into one end of the tube to facilitate driving it into the earth and the entire length of the tube was wrapped with masking tape. The tube was filled with sand, the other end sealed with molten paraffin wax, and the device completely covered with shellac.

Each thermocouple support rod was pushed into the surrounding earth through the hole in the shelter wall until its inner end was flush with the inside surface of the concrete, which served as the reference point for thermocouple location. Since the position of each thermocouple sensing junction had been previously determined by its distance relative to this point of reference, the extent of its penetration into the concrete and surrounding earth was thereby also known. The rods were grouted into the concrete walls, floor, and roof with cement mortar to the full thickness of the concrete. The location of each thermocouple junction on these six rods is indicated by a cross on Figures 5 and 6. The thermocouple stations in or on the concrete were at positions 0, 2, 4, and 8 inches from the inside surface of the concrete and those in the earth were 6, 12, 24, 36, and 48 inches from the nominal exterior surface of the concrete except for the roof rod. In this latter case, the most remote station was placed 24 inches from the top surface of the concrete roof because the earth cover was only 27 inches deep. Within a radius of about 2 inches from the axis of each rod, a thermocouple sensing junction was grouted to the inside surface of the concrete, and one sensing junction was placed in air l inch from the inside wall surface, approximately on the projected axis of each rod.

Two thermocouple supporting rods, similar in material and construction to those previously described, were inserted into holes provided at the apex of the dihedral angles formed by the south wall with the roof and floor slabs, respectively. Two other rods were inserted in holes provided at the apex of the trihedral angles formed by the south and east walls with the roof and floor slabs, respectively. In each case, the thermocouple rods, as installed, formed equal angles with the adjacent surfaces. Thermocouples were spaced at 1/4, 1/2, and 3/4 the thickness of the concrete at each station. Thermocouples were also fixed in the air 1 inch from the inside surface of the concrete at these four stations. These rods are not shown in Figures 5 and 6. Two strings of thermocouples were installed on supporting rods in the ground remote from the shelter to obtain a daily record of undisturbed earth temperatures at various depths. One rod, designated as ground rod No. 2, was located approximately 15 feet from the outside surface of the west wall of the shelter, in the plane of the shielding wall or partition of the shelter. The other rod, designated as ground rod No. 1, was located approximately 40 feet south of ground rod No. 2, in a plane 15 feet from and parallel to the west wall. Ground rod No. 1 was about 9 ft 6 in. long with thermocouples at depths of 6 inches, 1 foot, 2 feet, 3 feet, 4 feet, 5 feet, and 6 feet, and an air thermocouple 3 feet above the ground. Ground rod No. 2, which was about 6 ft 6 in. long, was placed entirely below ground level with identical thermocouple spacing below the surface.

Plan and sectional schematic drawings of the shelter installation in Figures 5 and 6 show the locations of the thermocouples in the concrete and earth surrounding the shelter, in the undisturbed earth at ground rod No. 2, and inside the shelter itself.

b. Conditioning Apparatus for Ventilating Air

An air washer, illustrated diagrammatically in Figure 7, was designed and constructed to saturate the supply air and control its dew point temperature. It consisted of a duct 12 inches square and about 4 feet long made of 16-gage galvanized steel, four water sprays, an eliminator, and a sump at one end. The sprays had an included angle of 80 degrees and were equally spaced in a counterflow relationship to the air flow. The water sprays were designed to bathe the internal walls of the duct and to provide enough evaporative surface to essentially saturate the air at the water temperature. The sump collected the excess water for recirculation and incorporated a float-controlled water feed for makeup. A mat of plastic fibers was used to eliminate water droplets from the air stream at the washer outlet. Air from the instrument building was forced through the washer, a measuring orifice, the supply line to the shelter and the shelter itself by a centrifugal blower. A by-pass pipe around the orifice permitted higher air flow rates to be used during the reconditioning periods between tests. The air flow rate was controlled manually at the blower outlet by an adjustable damper.

Chilled water from an oversize chiller was pumped to the water sprays at a temperature controlled by an evaporator pressure regulator valve. A condensing unit provided refrigeration for the water chiller. An electric heater was mounted inside the air supply duct downstream from the air washer and eliminator to reheat the air to the desired dry bulb temperature. Since the air washer was about 50 feet from the shelter inlet, considerable heat was transferred between the air supply line and the ambient air. The direction of heat flow depended on whether the outdoor temperature was below or above the air temperature in the supply line. For the summer tests the entire air supply line was well insulated and covered with an aluminum wrapper to reduce the heat transfer and to prevent the entry of moisture into the insulation. For the winter test a part of the air supply line was jacketed with crushed ice after starting the test to maintain the desired dry bulb temperature at the shelter inlet. Figure 7 shows all of the conditioning and control apparatus for the ventilating air, diagrammatically.

c. Temperature and Humidity Measurements in the Shelter

The control point for the supply air conditions was at a station 2 feet above the ground and vertically above the partition wall of the shelter as shown in Figure 6. The electric heater at the washer outlet was controlled by a temperaturesensing element at this station and the chilled water temperature was adjusted to maintain the dew point temperature at this same location at 69°F for the summer tests and at 33°F for the winter test.

Thermocouples were installed in the air inlet pipe, in the air exhaust pipe, and at the 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, and 6-foot levels above the surface of the floor at the center of the room and hatchway areas, as indicated in the plan and section views of Figure 6. Lithium-chloride electric hygrometer elements were placed in the air exhaust pipe, and at 5-foot levels of the room and hatchway areas.

d. Simulated Occupants

The simulated occupants were made of 24-gage galvanized steel. Each consisted of a cylindrical section 22 inches in diameter and 38 5/8 inches high and a conical cap with a height of 5 1/2 inches. An aluminum liner 15 inches in diameter and 36 inches high was used to reduce the radiation from the heat source to the outer cylinder and to increase internal convection. The liner was wrapped externally with 1/2-inch thickness of fibrous insulation, and it terminated 2 inches above the bottom of the outer shell. An aluminum foil radiation shield was also installed underneath the conical dome. A 200-watt light bulb at reduced voltage was used as the heat source in each of the four 400 Btu/hr occupants and the one 200 Btu/hr occupant, whereas a 660-watt cone-shaped resistance heater at reduced voltage served as the heat source in the one 600 Btu/hr occupant. The heaters were mounted inside the liner near the bottom of the device, and were operated at a steady voltage adjusted to produce the desired heat outputs.

A smooth closely-woven rayon fabric with long fibers was used to spread the water over the exterior surface of the simulated occupants for evaporation into the air. A snug-fitting wrapper of this fabric was fitted over the cylindrical portion of each occupant, and it was gathered into folds over the conical dome and sewed together at the top. Elastic bands were used to hold the fabric snugly against the metal at top, midheight, and bottom of the cylinder. The soldered joint connecting the dome to the cylindrical wall was made smooth so as not to inhibit movement of moisture over the edge. Water was dripped into the gathered fabric at the top of the dome and allowed to spread over the exterior surface by wick action. Five thermocouples were soldered to the cylindrical walls of the devices and one additional thermocouple was similarly attached to the dome 3 inches from the top. The five thermocouples on the inside surface of the cylindrical walls were spaced 9 inches apart vertically and 13 inches apart circumferentially in a spiral pattern with the lowest one being 1 inch from the bottom of the cylinder.

Each simulated occupant was supported in a pan, 2 feet square and 2 inches deep, which served to collect any excess water not evaporated from the surface. The pan rested on a 2inch thick board of glass fiber insulation to limit heat transfer from the bottom of the pan. The pans and occupants were mounted on cinder blocks in the arrangement shown in Figure 6 for the tests, with a clearance of 8 inches between the floor and the bottom of the pan. A 1/4-inch sheet of plywood separated the insulation board from the cinder block support.

The water-feeding system for the simulated occupants, a gravity system, consisted of six separatory funnels for gradual feeding of water through separate plastic tubes to each of the simulated occupants. The funnels were located in the instrument room and the tubes ran parallel to the air supply system and entered the shelter through the alternate air exhaust pipe installed in the south wall. The tube outlets in the shelter were located directly above and about 1 inch from the peak of each dome. A thermocouple was installed in the tube outlet above simulated occupant No. 1 to measure the temperature of the water.

e. Instrumentation

Thermocouple lead wires and hygrometer cables were taken out of the shelter through an opening near the top edge of the hatch wall and connected to indicating and recording instruments located in the instrument building. Electrical power cables from the instrument building were brought into the shelter through the alternate air supply piping system installed in the south wall. Temperatures were observed and recorded on electronic potentiometers. Separate watthour meters integrated the electrical energy used by each of the six simulated occupants and by the light bulbs.

The ventilation air flow rate was measured with a squareedged orifice in the supply line downstream from the air washer and reheater. The orifice diameter was 1.296 inches and it was mounted in a 2-inch brass pipe. The relation between pressure drop and flow rate was determined using the ASME coefficients for square-edged orifices. The pressure drop across the orifice was about 0.53 inch W.G. for a flow rate of 18 cfm and about 2.92 inches W.G. for a flow rate of 42 cfm.

A pyrheliometer was mounted on a horizontal platform and supported on the alternate exhaust duct at the south end of the shelter at a level about 3 feet above the ground as indicated in Figure 6. This instrument provided measurements of the solar and sky radiation incident at the site during the tests.

Heat flow meters were placed in depressions, 1/4-inch deep, cast in the inside surfaces of the walls and roof, and a similar depression chiseled out of the floor surface about 6 inches south of the floor rod location along the major axis. Cement grout was placed on both sides of the heat flow meters as they were installed in the depressions to eliminate air films at the meter surfaces and to provide a smooth concrete surface on the room side of the meter.

3. TEST PROCEDURE

During the time interval between completing the construction of the shelter itself, and the beginning of the first test about 5 weeks later, chilled air was circulated through the interior of the shelter. The concrete in the shelter and the walls of the pit excavated for the shelter were considerably warmer than the undisturbed earth because of exposure to the ambient air and solar radiation during construction. Because the walls of the pit were about 2 feet from the outside surface of the shelter, it was necessary to undercool the shelter for several days after backfilling to withdraw this heat. When this was accomplished, the air temperature in the shelter was raised to warm the concrete and the earth adjacent to it to approximately the temperature of the undisturbed earth.

Five tests were made of the shelter with variations in duration, ventilation rate, ventilating air conditions, and occupancy in accordance with the schedule shown in Table 5. Four tests were made when the earth temperature surrounding the shelter was near the summer maximum and one test when the earth temperature was near the winter minimum.

Table 5

Schedule of Test Conditions

Test Number	Duration of Test days	Venti Flow Rate cfm	lating Air Avg. Dry Bulb <u>Temp.</u> F	Supply Dew Point Temp. F	Simulated Occupants number	Approx. Internal Heat Input Btu/hr
1 2 3 4 5	7 7 14 14 14 14	42 0 42 18 18	85 - 85 35	69 - 69 33	0000	110 2500 2500 2500 2500

It was found that mounding the earth over the roof of the shelter altered the position of the isothermal lines beneath the surface of the earth at the shelter site. The isotherms tended to become established at surfaces parallel to the earth's surface, so the thermocouples on the horizontal rods penetrating the shelter walls at midheight did not lie in an isothermal plane in the surrounding earth. The thermocouples at the exterior surface of the shelter walls were about 6 feet below the surface, whereas those 4 feet from the walls were 4 ft 6 in. and 2 ft 9 in. from the nearest point on the surface on the west and east sides of the shelter, respectively, as shown in Figure 5. Consequently, the temperatures 4 feet from the exterior walls were found to be 3 to 5 degrees higher during the late summer than those on the interior wall surfaces of the shelter for steady state conditions with no heat being supplied inside the shelter.

Initial temperatures in the range from 67°F to 69°F at the interior surface of the shelter walls and from 70°F to 74°F at a distance of 4 feet from the exterior surface were selected for the starting condition for each of the summer tests as being representative of the undisturbed earth temperatures at the corresponding depths. It was necessary to recondition the shelter walls and surrounding earth after each of the first three summer tests to remove the heat stored in these materials during the This was accomplished by undercooling the interior of tests. the shelter for a few days at the end of each test to establish a heat flow into the shelter from the earth a few feet away, followed by a shorter period of gradual warming of the interior to adjust the temperature of the concrete walls and the earth near to them to desired values. The shelter was allowed to stand without cooling or heating for 1 or 2 days just prior to the start of each test. Reconditioning the shelter with respect to temperature required about as many days as was required for the test immediately preceding it. It was found that the selected initial condition could not always be reproduced exactly during the reconditioning process because of the effects of outdoor conditions and the lag in response of the large mass of materials to heating or cooling. Since only one winter test was made, the existing earth temperatures around the shelter were used without adjustment.

For each 7-days' duration of tests 1, 3, and 4, the conditions of the ventilating air in the supply duct 2 feet above the shelter were controlled as follows:

A steady dry bulb temperature of 85°F was maintained for 2 days, followed by a sinusoidal variation of the dry bulb temperature between the limits of 75°F and 95°F for three 24-hour cycles, and followed by 2 additional days at a steady temperature of 85°F. The dew point temperature was maintained at 69°F throughout the test, within the limits permitted by the apparatus. A steady air flow rate was maintained for the duration of each test.

For the one winter test a steady dry bulb temperature of 35°F, a steady dew point temperature of 33°F, and a steady flow rate of 18 cfm were selected as test conditions for the ventilating air supply.

The latent and sensible heat outputs of the simulated occupants were controlled, first, by adjusting the total electrical energy supplied to the electric heater inside each one and, secondly, by adjusting the amount of water dripped on the fabric covering the device on the assumption that all the water would be evaporated and the remainder of the heat would be transferred as sensible heat. The adjustments of total and later: heat outputs were made in accordance with the schedule shown in Table 6.

Table 6

Schedule of Total, Sensible and Latent Heat Transfer of Simulated Occupants

Shelter		Hea	t Output	, Btu/hr		
Temp	400 Btu	/hr Occu	ipant -	600 Btu	/hr Occu	pant
°F	Sensible	Latent	Total	Sensible	Latent	Total
45 50 55 65 70 75 80 85	350 350 350 350 350 250 250 250 150	50 50 50 50 100 150 200 250	400 400 400 400 400 400 400 400 400	500 500 500 465 400 335 265 200 135	100 100 135 200 265 335 400 465	600 600 600 600 600 600 600 600
90	100	300	400	65	535	600

The relative values of the sensible and latent components in this table agree approximately with those published in the "Guide of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers for persons at rest with a metabolic rate of 400 Btu/hr and persons doing light work with a metabolic rate of 660 Btu/hr, respectively. They represent some simplification of the published data in that the variations of the components were made linear with temperature throughout most of the range for ease in adjusting the water feed rates to the simulated occupants. The heat input values to the one 200 Btu/hr occupant were made exactly half of those shown for a 400 Btu/hr occupant.

Prior to the start of each test, the temperatures of the shelter air, the shelter wall surfaces, and all the temperatures within the shelter walls and adjacent earth, the weather conditions, the watthour meters on the electric heaters, and the heat flow meters were observed and recorded as the initial condition. At the time selected for beginning each test, usually between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., the conditioned air supply was turned on, the electric heaters in the simulated occupants were energized, and water was fed to each occupant in amounts equivalent to the latent heat outputs in the schedule previously cited. The water was measured in a burette and fed into a separatory funnel for each occupant at 30-minute intervals throughout tests 2, 3, 4, and hourly throughout test 5. The rate of dripping from the separatory funnels was adjusted, as nearly as possible, so each increment of water was dripped on the simulated occupant throughout the succeeding time interval.

The following variables were observed at 2-hour intervals, except as otherwise noted, for the duration of each test. The watthour meters on the heaters for the simulated occupants were read at staggered clock times so the interval between readings would be exactly 2 hours.

- 1. Temperatures at four stations on or in the concrete walls, floor, and roof,
- 2. Temperatures of the earth at five distances from the concrete walls,
- 3. Temperature of the air l inch from each inside wall surface,
- 4. Air temperature at center of shelter at six heights above floor,
- 5. Air temperature at center of hatchway at six heights above floor,
- 6. Relative humidity at center of shelter at the 5-foot height,
- 7. Relative humidity at center of hatchway at the 5-foot height,
- 8. Wet and dry bulb temperature of supply air 2 feet above the earth cover,
- 9. Dry bulb temperature of ventilating air at outlet of supply pipe,
- 10. Relative humidity and dry bulb temperature of exhaust air from shelter,
- 11. Temperature of undisturbed earth at seven depths at two stations,
- 12. Temperature of supply air at the measuring orifice,
- 13. Temperature of outdoor air,

- 14. Temperature at six stations on each of six simulated occupants,
- 15. EMF of each of six heat flow meters on shelter walls, floor, and ceiling,
- 16. EMF output of pyrheliometer,
- 17. Total water fed to each simulated occupant at 30-minute or 1-hour intervals,
- 18. Pressure drop across air-metering orifice,
- 19. Electric energy consumption of the six occupants and the electric light bulbs,
- 20. Temperature of water dripped on simulated occupant No. 1.

In addition, continuous recordings were made on electronic potentiometers of the following variables for monitoring purposes

- 1. Wet and dry bulb temperature of the supply air,
- 2. Dry bulb temperature of exhaust air,
- 3. Temperature of the air at the air-metering orifice,
- 4. Temperature of the air and water entering the air washer,
- 5. Ambient air temperature,
- 6. Shelter air at the 5-foot level,
- 7. Pyrheliometer output,
- 8. Earth temperature 1 foot from shelter at two stations,
- 9. Undisturbed earth temperature at 6-foot depth.
- 10. EMF of three heat flow meters.

With a few exceptions, the condensate collected in the floor sump of the shelter was pumped out once each day by a suction pump located above ground and its quantity determined. During tests 3, 4, and 5 an observer entered the shelter for about 10 minutes once a week to observe whether the simulated occupants were evaporating all the water supplied to them and to observe the condensation inside the shelter.

4. TEST RESULTS

The test conditions established and the results observed during the five tests of the prototype family-size underground shelter are shown graphically under the following titles and numbering system, in which the first digit of each number designates the test number.

<u> </u>	Figure	e Numb	ers		
1-1,	3-1,	4-1,	and	5-1	Inlet and Outlet Air Conditions of Underground Shelter
1-2		to		5-2	Weather Conditions
1-3		to		5-3	Undisturbed Earth Temperatures
1-4		to		5-4	Air Properties Inside Underground Shelter
1-5		to		5-5	Inside Surface Temperatures of Underground Shelter
3-6		to		5-6	Total Heat Input to Shelter and Moisture Input to Occupants
1-7		to		5-7	Heat Transmission Rate Through Shelter Walls
1-8		to		5-8	Temperatures in Shelter Walls and Surrounding Earth at Start of Test
3-9		to		5-9	Temperatures in Shelter Walls and Surrounding Earth after 7 Days
1-10		to		5-10	Temperatures in Shelter Walls and Surrounding Earth at End of Test
3-11		to		5-11	Simulated Occupant Temperatures, 600 Btu/hr Occupant,
3-12		to		5-12	Simulated Occupant Temperatures, 400 Btu/hr Occupant

Daily averages of supply and exhaust air dry bulb and dew point temperatures, shelter air temperatures, shelter wall temperatures, enthalpy changes of the ventilating air, heat transfer to the shelter walls, internal heat input, and rise of shelter wall temperature above the initial value, are summarized in Tables 7 to 11 for tests 1 to 5, respectively. Significant variables involving heat transfer rates to the shelter walls and to the ventilating air for tests 2 to 5 have been plotted additionally in Figures 8 to 20, inclusive.

4.1 Inlet and Outlet Air Conditions of the Shelter

Figures 1-1, 3-1, and 4-1 show that the air temperature in the insulated supply line 2 feet above the ground was maintained at 85°F ±1 degree most of the time during the days selected for

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SUMMARY OF UNDEROROUND SHELTER TEST NO. 1

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DATE IN AUGUST, 1959		13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19
DAILY AVERAGES (1000 - 1000 HOURS)	* 4 y					•	• •
Supply Air Temp D.B.,	or	84.5	85.1	84.4.	84.2	84.2	84.3
Supply Air Temp D.P.,	or	68.7	68.1	68.5	68.4	68.4	68.2
Inlet Air Temp D.B.,	qo	79.9	81.0	80.9	81.0	81.1	81.0
Exhaust Air Temp D.B.,	oF	71.7	72.7	73.3	73.9	74.5	74.7
Exhaust Air Temp D.P.,	or	68.2	68.5	69.0	69.5	. 69.7	69.9
Wall Surface Temp,	oF	69.7	70.7 -	71.4	71.9	72.7	72.9
Shelter Air Temp 1 in. from Wall,	or	70,9	71.8	72.5	72.8	73.7	73.8
Shelter Air Temp 5 ft Level,	oF	71.4	72.4	73.1	73.6	74.3	74.6
Shelter Air Temp 2 ft Level,	or	71.0	71.9	72.4	. 72.8	73.5	73.7
Enthalpy of Exhaust Air,	Btu/1b	33.44	33.90	34.32	34.78	35.04	35.20
Enthalpy of Supply Air,	Btu/1b	36.90	36.66	36.74	36.64	36.64	36.54
Enthalpy Change,	Btu/1b	-3.46	-2.76	-2.42	-1.86	-1.60	-1.34
Sensible Heat Added,	Btu/1b	-3.07	-2.98	-2.66	-2.47	-2.33	-2.30
Latent Heat Added,	Btu/1b	-0.39	0.22	0.24	0.61	0.73	0.96
Internal Heat Input,	Btu/hr	Ó	0	0	0	ð í	194 0
Sensible Heat Carried Out by Air,	Btu/hr	-562	-547	-490	-454	425	-423
Latent Heat Carried Out by Air,	Btu/hr	-71	40	44	112	133	177
Total Heat Carried Out by Air,	Btu/hr	-633	-507	-446	-342	-292	-246
Total Heat Absorbed by Walls,	Btu/hr	596	477 .	433	322	266	233
Total Heat Absorbed by Air & Partiti	on, Btu/hr	37	30	13	20 1	26	13
Cumulative Total Heat Absorbed by Wa	lls, Btu	14300	25750	36150	43850	50250	55850
Heat Flux through Walls, E	itu/hr(ft)*	1.49	1.19	1.08	0.80	0,66	0.58
*Surf. Heat Transfer Coeff. to Walls		1.24	1.08	0.98	0.89	0.66	0.64
TEMP. RISE OF WALLS FROM START OF TEST,	oF	1.1	2.0	2.4	3.0	3.8	4.2

* Btu/hr(ft)²(°F)

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DATE IN 1959		28-29	A U G 29-30	U S T 30-31	31-1	1-2 SEI	P T E M B 2-3	а R 3-4
DAILY AVERAGES (1400 - 1400 HOURS)								
Wall Surface Temp,	ч	8.17	75.8	77.8	29.62	81.0	81.8	83.0
Shelter Air Temp 1" from Wall,	- Чо	73.5	77.3	0•62	80.6	81.9	82.8	84°0
Internal Heat Input, Btu	/hr	2514	2493	2500	2490	2497	2500	2500
Cumulative Total Heat Absorbed by Walls,	Btu	60,400	120,000	180,000	240,000	300,000	360,000	420,000
Heat Flux through Walls, Btu/hr(f	t) ²	6.27	6.22	6.24	6.21	6.23	6.24	6.24
Surface Heat Transfer Coeff. Btu/hr(ft) ² (оҒ)	3.69	4°J5	5.20	6.21	6•93	6.24	6.24
TEMP. RISE OF WALLS FROM START OF TEST,	Ч	6. 4	9•0	2.LL	12 . 6	13.8	14•3	15.7

TABLE 8

steady supply air temperatures in the summer tests. When the dry bulb temperature of the supply air was varied sinusoidally in a repetitive cycle for 3 days in succession, the maximum and minimum values were maintained at $95^{\circ}F \pm 1$ degree and $75^{\circ}F \pm 1$ degree, in most cases. The dew point temperature of the supply air at the same location was controlled at $69^{\circ}F \pm 1$ degree with a few exceptions. During the winter test, the supply air temperature of $35^{\circ}F \pm 1$ and a dew point temperature of $33^{\circ}F \pm 1$ for most observations during the last 10 days of the test. These temperatures averaged 2 to 3 degrees higher during the first 4 days of the test before the crushed ice was applied to a part of the air supply line.

During the periods of the summer tests when a steady supply air temperature was maintained, its temperature decreased 5 or 6 degrees at the beginning of the test and 2 to 3 degrees near the end of the test between the control point 2 feet above the ground surface and the inlet to the shelter space about 8 1/2 feet below. During the winter test, the direction of heat transfer between the ventilating air and the surrounding materials was reversed, resulting in a temperature rise in the supply air of about 5 degrees at the beginning of the test and about 9 degrees near the end of the test between the control point and the inlet to the shelter space. Some of this sensible heat was exchanged with the shielding wall, some with the earth cover of the shelter, and the remainder with the atmosphere above the shelter. The magnitude of this sensible heat transfer ranged from an initial value of about 230 Btu/hr downward to about 80 Btu/hr at the end of test 3, and from an initial value of about 120 Btu/hr to a final value of about 40 Btu/hr in test 4. During test 5, the sensible heat absorption ranged from an initial value of about 100 Btu/hr to a final value of about 190 Btu/hr.

During the periods of the summer tests when the supply air temperature was varied sinusoidally between $75^{\circ}F$ and $95^{\circ}F$, the shelter inlet air temperature varied 5 to 6 degrees above and below an average value of $81^{\circ}F$ to $82^{\circ}F$. In tests 1 and 3, with a ventilating air supply rate of 42 cfm, the exhaust air temperature varied about 2 degrees in response to the 20-degree variation in supply air temperature, whereas, in test 4 with a ventilating rate of 18 cfm, the exhaust air temperature varied no more than 1 degree for the same variation in supply air temperature. In most cases, the heat flow meters on the roof and the east, west, and south walls of the shelter responded to the cyclic supply air temperature pattern by revealing a cyclic heat transfer to the shelter walls. This response is shown in Figures 1-7, 3-7, and 4-7. The heat flow meter on the south wall revealed

et a 000 609 1024 141.9 1419 58.1.9 3.54 64.48 2446 2.72 26-27 9.1 81.6 80.2 42.69 36.97 5.72 -0-99 6.71 -178 1202 68.7 80.7 78.6 9. R 80.9 15.0 575,000 78.0 81.5 1132 938 37.8 1535 61.9 3.83 84.B 80.2 42.12 36.88 5.24 -1.08 6.32 5 2.95 25-26 4.62 80.7 2480 68.5 83.1 80.3 14.9 191-538,000 818 33.0 56.5 66.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 24-25 69-69 4.58 -1.23 316 85.4 33.6 80.3 42.22 37.64 5-81 2480 4.11 78.1 8.9 0.6 80.1 L040 14.7 222 000*661 2472 905 36.6 11554 62.9 13 0.5 3.68 68.4 16-14 36.92 5.05 1.28 6.33 1134 23-24 3.5 0.08 80.2 85.3 6.4 8.8 81.0 2.62 2.77 14.3 523 161,000 22-23 69.2 83.3 80-0 80.8 79.6 41.95 37.15 -1.08 859 34.5 1620 65.0 13 0.5 6.62 6.11 78.7 4.80 5.88 1053 10.4 3.11 4.48 2492 46T-13.9 422,000 785 31.4 1682 67.3 33 1.3 21-22 68.6 79.6 78.3 6.64 79.2 04-14 37.02 4.38 1.37 5.75 2500 -245 1030 4.20 2.62 85.3 83.1 2.3 8.3 13.5 382,000 768 30.5 71.0 -1.5 20-21 69.2 80.0 えい 37.45 62.4 -1-35 5.64 4.46 3.19 85.5 33.2 6.62 77-6 78.6 80.6 4.62 2517 -242 1010 12.5 339,000 808 32.3 1665 66.5 30 1.2 4.15 2.62 77.5 85.2 68.7 82.8 78.2 41.58 22-1-5-83 19-20 37.07 -236 2.62 80.2 79.2 4.5 2503 TOLL 2.77 13.7 299,000 18-19 85.0 82.5 79.1 76.9 7.5 79.6 7.8 40-95 37.24 3-72 242 5.13 4.52 2.66 2.6 -254 918 664 56.6 72.6 20 20 0.8 69.1 1542 12.8 256,000 615 1851 74.4 23 0.9 83.9 69.1 3.08 17-18 81.7 78.5 76.4 76.9 8.9 74-01 37.00 2.30 4.62 7-82 2.0 3/ オーキ 2000 <u>ה</u> 348 12.2 000, ינב 67.3 82.0 75.6 76.2 78.0 78.8 57 656 26.2 1822 72.8 26 1.0 84.6 78.1 7.5 36.10 3-62 22 4.54 2.52 16-17 77-66 おい 936 н.5 280 168,000 15-16 69.5 81.7 4.17 75.3 75.4 1.17 26.3 76.8 96-9E 37.34 2.05 1.68 3.73 2500 -301 5.27 2.64 1.3 668 10.7 000°4TT 73.5 76.0 76-6. 14-15 73.6 274 37.66 +0-45 2.35 85.0 4-69 81.6 76.1 37-41 2.24 2.99 2 -383 Ę 둭 5.87 9.8 60,300 83.9 68.7 78.8 73.1 70.3 6.93 72.4 35-04 2.8 0.88 165 -307 12.6 2512 2512 238 2.9 2.38 6.26 2.02 13-14 72.2 -1.72 2.60 2-4 158 SER 7.2 ŝ ĥ ĥ 5 40 ц, Btu/Ib Btu/Ib dit/ud8 Btu/Ib Btu/III Btu/hr Btu/hr Btu/hr Btu/hr Btu/hr(ft)² F 6 40 ÷ Btu/ub Btu/hr Cumulative Total Heat Absorbed by Walls, Btu Total Heat Absorbed by Walls, Percent of Internal Heat Input Total Heat Absorbed by Air & Partition, FEMP. RISE OF WALLS FROM START OF TEST. *Surf. Heat Transfer Coeff. to Walls Percent of Internal Heat Input Percent of Internal Heat Input Sensible Heat Carried Out by Air, Shelter Air Temp 1 in. from Wall Enthalpy Change, Exhaust-Supply, DAILY AVERAGES (1100 - 1100 HOURS) Latent Heat Carried Out by Air, Total Heat Carried Out by Air, Shalter Air Temp 5 ft Leval, Shelter Air Temp 2 ft Level, Enthalpy of Exhaust Alr. Enthalpy of Supply Air. Heat Flux through Walls Exhaust Air Temp D.B., Exhaust Air Temp D.P. Supply Air Temp D.P., DATE IN SEPTEMBER, 1959 Supply Air Temp D.B. Inlet Air Terp D.S., Sensible Heat Added, Internal Heat Input, Wall Surface Temp, Latent Heat Added.

* Btu/hr(ft)2(oF)

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DATE IN OCTOBER, 1959		6-3	7-8	89	01-6	10-11	21-11	६१-२१	4L-EL	2t-4t	15-16	L-91	31-71	91-81	19-20
DATIY AVERAGES (1100 - 1100 HOURS)															
Supply Air Temp D.B.,	٩F	t° 18	84.5	84.9	84.2	83.9	84.0	83.7	4.48	4.48	84°4	83.7	84.0	84.9	85.3
Supply Air Temp D.P.,	ч	68.8	68.7	1.69	68.6	68.6	69.3	69.2	69.1	68.6	4.83	69.2	4*69	68.9	47.89
Inlet Air Temp D.B.,	٩F	78.4	80.2	80.7	1.18	4.18	81.6	61.7	82.0	81.9	82.1	81.7	8.18	82.2	82.3
Eddaust Air Temp D.B.,	ъ	74.5	76.7	79.2	5-62	L. 08	80.7	4.18	81.5	81-5	81.4	4.18	81.2	4-18	81.1
Exhaust Air Temp D.P.,	oF	72.6	75.4	7.7	78.8	1.62	80-2	80.0	80.2	80.6	80.4	80.5	80.4	80.4	80.1
Wall Surface Temp, .	4°	70-5	73.7	75.5	76.5	7.7	78.3	78.6	7-62	9-62	3.6	2.62	29.6	79.6	79.6
Shelter Air Temp 1 in. from Wall,	Ч	73.2	75.7	71-3	1-87	2.62	8.67	80.2	4.08	80.4	80.5	80.6	80.4	80.4	80.4
Shelter Air Temp 5 ft Level,	oF	74.5	71.3	0*62	2-62	80.6	81.1	81.6	81.8	81.6	81 . 5	4 . 18	81.5	81.4	81.0
Shelter Air Temp 2 ft Level.	Чо	72.9	75.2	76.6	4-12	78.3	78.9	2.62	8.67	79.8	79.8	79.8	80.6	79.8	79.8
Enthalpy of Exbaust Air,	Btu/Ib	36.84	39-30	4 1. 62	42.54	43.22	444.05	th.03	17.24	44.59	44.37	84-44	44.33	44.37	444-05
Enthalpy of Supply Air.	Btu/Ib	36-92	36.92	37.24	12.96	36.71	37.12	36.99	37.11	36.82	36.69	36.99	37.18	11.76	36-92
Enthalpy Change, Exhaust-Supply,	Btu/Ib	-0-08	2.38	4.38	5.80	6.51	6-93	7.04	7.13	1.77	7.68	64°2	7.15	7.26	6L.7
Sensible Heat Added,	Btu/Ib	-2.38	-1.88	-1.37	Ct.1-	-0.91	62.0-	-0.55	-0.70	- 02-0-	-0.72	-0-55	-0-67	1 8•0-	-1.01
Latent Heat Added,	Btu/Ib	2.30	4.26	5-75	6.93	7.42	7.72	7.59	7-83	6.47	8.40	8-04	7.82	8-10	41•8
Internal Heat Input,	Btu/hr	2460	2468	2453	2489	2471	2486	2458	5476	2461	2463	2500	2505	2489	2493
Sensible Heat Carried Out by Air,	Btu/hr	-187	-148	-108	68-	-72	-62	Etr	-55	-55	-57	ŧ	ŝ	9 9	64~
latent Heat Carried Out by Air,	Btu/hr	181	335	452	545	583	607	597	615	666	660	631	615	637	639
Total Heat Carried Out by Air, Percent of Internal Reat Imput Total Heat Absorbed by Walls, Percent of Internal Heat Imput Total Heat Absorbed by Air & Partition, Percent of Internal Heat Imput	Btu/hr Btu/hr Btu/hr	-0.2 2307 93.8 159 6.5	187 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.	114.0 82.73 84.73 1-5 2.54	456 18.4 1990 7990 1.7	511 20.7 20.6 78.5 20 20 20	21-5 1911 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30	554 22.5 76.8 76.8 16 16	560 22.6 1903 76.8 13 0.5	611 24.8 1853 75.3 -0.1	603 24.5 1863 75.6 - - -	588 23.5 76.4 0	562 22.4 77.1 +10 +10	571 22.9 1928 -0.4	560 22.5 1940 77.8 -0-3
Cumulative Total Heat Absorbed by Walls	s, Btu	55,400	1,0E,000	158,000	206,000	252,000	298,000	344,000	389,000	000° 1 67	000 ° 62†	524 ,000 .	570,000	618,000	664,000
Heat Flux through Walls, Btu/	/\m_(ft) ²	5.76	5.47	5.17	4°-96	th.84	4.77	12.4	4.75	4.63	4.65	4.77	4.82	18.4	48.4
*Surf. Heat Transfer Coeff to Walls		2.13	2.73	2.87	3.10	2.69	3.18	2.94	4.75	5.79	5.17	5.30	6.02	6.01	6.05
TERP. RISE OF WALLS FROM START OF TEST,	eΨ	4° 8	۲.۲	8.5	9.8	10.4	п.3	8.LL	12.2	12.1	12.0	12.0	12.3	12.0	9°11

* Btu/hr(ft)2(°F)

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* Btu/hr(ft)²(oF)

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Table 11 SUMMARY OF UNDERGROUND SHELTER TEST NO. 5 USCOM-NBS-DC

the greatest fluctuation in output as a result of variations in supply air temperature indicating that the air stream from the inlet probably carried across the longer dimension of the room to the south wall. The inlet air velocity was about 820 ft/min in tests 1 and 3, and about 350 ft/min in tests 4 and 5.

4.2 Temperatures Inside the Shelter

Figures 2-4 to 5-4 show the air temperatures at the 2- and 5-foot levels in the main room of the shelter at the center, and at the 5-foot level in the center of the hatchway. Tables 7 to 11 show daily averages of the air temperatures at several stations in the shelter. The graphs show that the air temperatures rose several degrees during the first few hours of each test, with the rate of temperature rise becoming progressively smaller as the test continued. The rise of shelter air temperature at two levels is shown in Table 12 for the first day, the first week, and the second week of the test during tests 2 to 5 when the simulated occupants were in use. This table shows that the temperature rise during the first day was equal to or greater than the rise during the following 6 days in five of the eight cases, and that a small change in air temperature occurred during the second week of the 2-week tests.

The highest daily average temperature observed in the shelter at the 5-foot level during the summer tests was 86.9°F in test 2, 81.6°F in test 3, and 81.8°F in test 4; and during the winter test 62.2°F in test 5. No ventilating air was supplied to the shelter during test 2. The possible effect of weather conditions on the shelter air temperatures is discussed in section 4.7 of this report.

4.3 Condensation and Humidity Inside the Shelter

Condensation began to appear on the interior surfaces of the shelter during the first day of tests 2, 3, and 4, and condensation continued throughout the tests, as indicated by the fact that water collected daily in the sump at the low point of the floor. Figures 3-6, 4-6, and 5-6 show the rates at which water was dripped on the simulated occupants during tests 3, 4, and 5, respectively. Table 13 summarizes the daily totals of the water fed to the simulated occupants in accordance with the planned schedule, and the weight of water siphoned from the sump at daily intervals. This table shows that the water fed to the occupants in test 2, and the percentage was essentially constant during the last 5 days of the test. In test 4, with 18 cfm of ventilating air, the condensation rate reached a reasonably steady value Table 12

Rise of Shelter Air Temperature

Test 5	5 level	500 105 105
	2º level	130.4 130.4 130.6
Test 4	5' level	13.8 +0.6
	2' level	6.1 12.0 -1.0
Test 3	5' level	11.0 15.9
	2' level	11.0 15.8 0.9
Test 2	Tevel	10.0 18.9
	Tevel - 2	8.4 17.6 *
. Rise of ^^^ ^^	JTY JAA	First Day First Week Second Week
Temp	TAITO	During During During

* Test 2 was a 1-week test.
Table 13

Daily Totals of Water Fed to Simulated Occupants and Condensation Collected from Floor Sump, 1b

	Test 2		Test 3		Test 4		Test 5 ^a
Day of <u>Test</u>	Water Fed	Water Collected in Sump	Water Fed	Water Collected in Sump	Water Fed (Water Collected in Sump	Water Fed
l	24.0	6.6	21.2	5 0	22.9	2.2	7.3
2 3 4	29.1 32.4 34.7	14.9 20.4 22.4	24.8) 27.5 27.9	5.3 8.1	26.1 28.2 29.8	11.7 12.9 14.6	7.3 7.3 7.3
56 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	36.5 38.0 39.2	23.1 21.8 25.2	28.6) 29.5 30.0 30.6 30.4 31.1 31.2 31.9 32.0 32.2	4.1 4.0 4.4 3.6 3.3 3.2 2.9 1.9 1.8	31.1 31.5 32.0 32.2 32.1 32.0 31.9 31.9 31.8 32.2	13.7 13.7 14.2 14.3 16.2 13.9 15.4 15.8 15.4 15.9	7.3 7.5 8.0 8.2 8.3 8.5 8.7 8.8
Total	233.9 4.4b	134.4	408.9 0.4 ^b	48.5	425.7 1.9 ^b	189.9	110.9

- ^a Only a trace of water collected in the sump at the start of the test.
- ^b Average daily amount of water fed to simulated occupants, but not evaporated, in pounds. This water was collected in the overflow pans under the simulated occupants.

of about 50 percent of the water fed to the simulated occupants, whereas in test 3 with 42 cfm of ventilating air, the condensation rate decreased as the test progressed from a high value of about 20 percent to a final value of only about 5.5 percent of the water fed to the simulated occupants. In the latter case, the walls of the shelter had dried off at the end of the test although the ceiling and floor were still wet. The apparent dis crepancy in Table 13 between the water fed to the simulated occupants and the water collected in the sump for test 2 without ventilation may be due to water absorption by the shelter walls or to some air leakage around the hatch cover, or a combination of these two processes. The occurrence of selective condensation on the interior exposures of the shelter is probably accounted for by differences in the moisture content of air coming in contact with the various surfaces and the differences in temperature of the surfaces. The warm, moist air rising from the simulated occupants probably came in contact with the ceiling first, and then the walls and floor, in that order. The floor surface was always colder than the ceiling and wall surfaces during these summer tests. During an inspection of the shelter 3 days after the start of test 5, it was observed that the ceiling of the hatchway was wet and dripping, the north wall of the hatchway was damp along the top for a distance of about 1 foot from the ceiling, and a small amount of water lay in the sump in the floor; otherwise, the shelter surfaces were dry. There were no wet surfaces inside the shelter at the end of the winter test.

High relative humidities prevailed in the shelter during both the summer and winter tests. Figures 1-4 to 5-4 show the relative humidities at the 5-foot level in the shelter during the five tests. In test 1, with no simulated occupants, the relative humidity in the center of the room gradually decreased from an initial value of 87 percent to a final value of 82 percent as the wall temperatures increased. In test 2, without ventilation, the moisture evaporated from the simulated occupants quickly saturated the air, and it remained saturated for the remainder of the In test 3, with a ventilation rate of 42 cfm, the 7-day test. relative humidity rose to 93 percent during the first half day of the test and remained nearly constant until the last 2 days of the test, except that it increased and decreased cyclically during the periods when the supply air temperature was varied. The relative humidity decreased to about 89 percent at the end of test 3 accompanied by drying of the wall surfaces in the shelter. In test 4, with a ventilation rate of 18 cfm, the rela-tive humidity in the center of the room increased to 96 percent in about 1 week and remained essentially constant at this level during the last 7 days of the test. In test 5, with a ventila-tion rate of 18 cfm under winter conditions, the relative humidity in the center of the room gradually decreased from an initial value of 92 percent to a final value of 89 percent.

The amount of water vapor released in the shelter by the simulated occupants and the small temperature differences that existed between the air and wall surfaces accounts for the high relative humidity observed during the summer tests. Tables 9 and 10 show that the average wall surface temperature, the temperature of the air 1 inch from the wall, the temperature of the air at the 5-foot level in the center of the room, and the exhaust air temperature seldom differed more than 2 or 3 degrees during tests 3 and 4. The relation of interior surface area in the shelter to the sensible heat release was such that the temperature difference required between air and surface to transfer all of this heat to the walls was about 3 degrees at the beginning of a test and only about 1 degree at the end of the test. Thus it can be said that the wall temperature controlled the dew point temperature of the exhaust air. Tables 9 and 10 show that these temperatures were in close agreement, but not consistently in a fixed relation to each other. In test 4, the dew point temperature of the exhaust air always exceeded the average wall surface temperature by 1 degree more or less, whereas in test 3. the dew point temperature of the exhaust air was higher than the average wall surface temperature during the first 2 days only, and gradually decreased to a value about 1 degree below the average wall surface temperature at the end of test 3.

During the winter test, the average wall surface temperature, the temperature of the air 1 inch from the walls, the temperature of the air at the 5-foot level in the center of the room, and the exhaust air temperature never differed from each other more than 4 degrees at any time during the test, as shown in Table 11. In this test, the ceiling surface temperature of the hatchway probably limited the dew point of the exhaust air for the first few days of the test, but later in the test the moisture release inside the shelter did not quite saturate the ventilating air and all interior surfaces were dry at the end of the 2-week test.

It is evident from the data and experience gained in these tests that the amount of ventilating air required to prevent condensation in a small shelter such as the one tested is determined by the wall surface temperature of the shelter, the dew point of the entering air, and the amount of latent heat release in the shelter. These relationships could be represented graphically with a family of curves. Such a family of curves has been prepared and will be described in the section on Discussion and Conclusions. 4.4 Enthalpy Change of the Ventilating Air in the Shelter

Figures 1-1, 3-1, and 4-1 show that the dry bulb temperature of the ventilating air decreased as it passed through the shelter for the summer tests except during the periods when the supply air temperature was being varied sinusoidally between the limits of 75°F and 95°F in tests 3 and 4. In these periods, the ventilating air was warmed by the shelter for a few hours when the dry bulb temperature of the supply air was near 75°F. But, on the average, the ventilating air contributed a small amount of sensible heat to the shelter. At the same time, moisture was always added to the ventilating air, as it passed through the shelter, since the dew point temperature of the exhaust air was higher than that of the supply air as shown in Figures 1-1, 3-1, and 4-1. On the other hand, the dry bulb temperature and dew point temperature of the ventilating air increased as it passed through the shelter for the one winter test, as shown in Figure 5-1.

Daily averages of the dew point and dry bulb temperatures of the supply and exhaust air and the enthalpy changes of the air between inlet and outlet of the shelter are summarized in Tables 9 to 11 for tests 3, 4, and 5, respectively.

Figures 9 and 13 show the enthalpy increase of the ventilatin air caused by latent heat absorption, the enthalpy decrease caused by cooling the air as it passed through the shelter, and the algebraic sum of the two components on a daily average basis for tests 3 and 4, respectively. In test 3, with a ventilation rate of 42 cfm, the sensible heat contributed to the shelter by the air ranged from 465 Btu/hr during the first day of the test to 174 Btu/hr during the last day, whereas the moisture carried out by the air represented 158 Btu/hr during the first day and increased to 1215 Btu/hr during the final day of the test. At the end of test 3, the ventilating air was removing about 90 percent of the latent heat supplied to the simulated occupants. In test 4, the sensible heat added to the shelter and the latent heat removed from the shelter by the ventilating air were considerably less than for test 3 because the ventilation rate was less than half as large in test 4. On the ninth day of test 4, when the latent heat removal was a maximum, it represented about 50 percent of the moisture supplied to the simulated occupants.

Figure 17 shows the enthalpy increase of the ventilating air caused by latent and sensible heat absorption as the air passed through the shelter during the one winter test. In this test, with an air flow rate of 18 cfm, the sensible heat absorbed by the ventilating air ranged from an initial value of 265 Btu/hr to a final value of 545 Btu/hr, and the latent heat absorption ranged from 220 Btu/hr to 535 Btu/hr between the first and last days of the test. During the first 5 days of the test, the water evaporated by the six simulated occupants had a latent heat equivalent of about 325 Btu/hr, whereas the rate of moisture evaporation at the end of the test represented a latent heat exchange of about 385 Btu/hr. Thus, Figure 17 indicates that some condensation occurred during the first 3 or 4 days of the test, after which the ventilating air was able to remove all the moisture evaporated by the simulated occupants and additionally effect some reduction in moisture content of the concrete walls.

In tests 2 to 5, heat was released inside the shelter at a rate of about 2500 Btu/hr of which about 2400 Btu/hr was emitted by the six simulated occupants in the form of sensible heat and water vapor. Figures 10, 14, and 18 show the percent of the internal heat input to the shelter that was carried out by the ventilating air plotted against elapsed time, and Figures 11, 15, and 19 show these percentages plotted against wall surface temperature, for tests 3, 4, and 5, respectively. In 2-weeks' time this percentage reached a value of 42 in test 3 and would probably have increased somewhat more if the test had been continued, whereas the percentage reached 24 on the ninth day of test 4 and then decreased slightly thereafter.

In test 5, the ventilating air was removing 43 percent of the internal heat input after 12 days, and the percentage was essentially constant for the remainder of the test. The slope of the curves in Figures 11 and 15 suggest that the percent of the total heat carried out by the ventilating air would have continued to increase, if the wall temperature continued to increase. However, since the rate of change of wall temperature was small after 2 weeks in tests 3 to 5, further substantial increase in the percentage of the internal heat carried out by the ventilating air would be unlikely for these test conditions.

4.5 Heat Transfer to Shelter Walls and Surrounding Earth

Daily average values of the heat transfer rate to the shelter walls were determined for tests 2 to 5 by subtracting the heat carried out by the ventilating air from the total heat released inside the shelter. These daily average values are summarized in Tables 7 to 11, respectively. In test 2, the heat transfer rate to the walls was equal to the heat release rate inside the shelter, for practical purposes, since no ventilation air was supplied during this test.

Figures 10, 14, and 18 show the percent of the total heat input transferred by the shelter walls plotted against elapsed time, and Figures 11, 15, and 19 show these percentages plotted against wall surface temperature for tests 3, 4, and 5, respectively. In test 3, the percent of the internal heat input to the shelter that was absorbed by the shelter walls decreased from a value of about 103 during the first day of the test to a value of 57 during the fourteenth day. In test 4, the corresponding initial and final values of the heat transfer to the walls were 94 percent and 78 percent, and in test 5 the initial and final values were 77 percent and 57 percent of the internal heat input to the shelter. Figures 11 and 15 indicate that the heat transfer to the shelter walls would have become a smaller and smaller percentage of the internal heat input as the shelter wall temperatures increased, whereas Figure 19 shows that the heat transfer to the shelter walls had leveled off for practical purposes after 2 weeks.

Figures 8, 12, 16, and 20 show the temperature rise of the wall surfaces versus the total heat absorption of the shelter walls. Each plotted point in these graphs represents a cumulative total heat transfer for an integral number of days after the beginning of the test. Figures 12 and 20 show that the wall surface temperature had nearly leveled off in 14 days in tests 3 and 5, even though the rate of heat transfer to the shelter walls was about 35,000 Btu/day at that time. Figure 16 shows that the wall surface temperature had become steady or started to decrease after 14 days in test 4, coincidental with a daily heat transfer of about 46,000 Btu/day. The lowering of the outdoor temperature and earth temperature during the latter half of test 4 probably accounts for the earlier leveling off of the wall temperatures in test 4 even though the heat transfer rate to the walls exceeded that for test 3 at the corresponding time. The temperature rise of the wall surfaces during test 2 was more rapid with respect to time and with respect to the total heat absorbed than for tests 3 and 4. No ventilation air was provided in test 2 so heat was transferred to the walls at a greater rate during this test.

Figures 1-7 to 5-7 show the heat flow into the inner surface. of the shelter for tests 1 to 5 as indicated by the heat flow meters embedded in the concrete near the inner surface. An inspection of these graphs indicates the following conclusions regarding the unit heat transfer rates through the six interior surfaces of the shelter.

- (1) The highest heat transfer rate occurred through the floor during the summer tests, whereas the heat transfer rate through the floor was equal to the lowest of the other five surfaces in the winter test. These results would be expected from the relative average temperature of the several exposures, winter and summer.
- (2) With the exception of test 1, the heat transfer rate through the north wall was lower than for the other three walls during all tests with ventilating air supplied to the shelter. Since the heat flow meter on the north wall was shielded from direct radiation by the interior partition, and since it was relatively near to the air exhaust duct, a smaller heat transfer rate would be expected through this meter.
- (3) The heat flow meter on the south wall, opposite the ventilating air inlet, was usually more sensitive to the cyclic variations in dry bulb temperature of the supply air during the summer tests than any of the other heat flow meters.
- (4) The heat flow meter on the ceiling reflected the outdoor weather conditions to some extent. In test 1, without internal heat input in the shelter, this meter registered inward heat flow throughout the test.

By assuming that each heat flow meter indicated the average heat flow rate through the entire interior exposure to which it was attached, an overall value for the amount of heat absorbed by the concrete can be obtained for any selected period of time for comparison with the value obtained by the difference method already described. Such a comparison shows that the values for heat absorption by the concrete during the last 24 hours of tests 2, 3, and 4, as determined by the heat flow meters, was 61, 64, and 52 percent, respectively, of the values computed by the dif-ference method, whereas in tests 1 and 5, the ratios of the heat flow meter value to the difference value were 92 and 108 percent. respectively. In tests 2, 3, and 4, condensation was occurring on the shelter surfaces, whereas in tests 1 and 5, there was no condensation on the surfaces during the day chosen for comparison. These results suggest that the heat flow meter locations were much more representative of the entire interior surface of the shelter with respect to sensible heat transfer than with respect to condensation and latent heat transfer.

The temperatures at several stations in the shelter walls, in the surrounding earth, and in the shelter space 1 inch from the wall surfaces are shown graphically in Figures 1-8 to 5-8 for the initial condition, in Figures 3-9, 4-9, and 5-9 after 7 days, and in Figures 1-10 to 5-10 at the end of the test. A comparison of Figures 3-9, 4-9, and 5-9 with Figures 3-10, 4-10, and 5-10 shows that the temperature pattern in the shelter walls and adjacent 4 feet of earth changed very little during the second week of tests 3 to 5. This indicates that a near steady state heat transfer existed during the second week of these two tests. The temperature gradient in the earth over the roof of the shelter changed appreciably between the midpoint and the end of tests 3 and 4, indicating that the outdoor weather influenced these temperatures considerably.

The heat storage of the concrete walls of the shelter and surrounding earth was large. By computing the mass of concrete in the shelter and its temperature change during the test, the amount of heat stored in the concrete can be approximated. Similar computations can be made for any 1-foot thickness of the earth adjacent to the shelter up to a distance of 4 feet from the exterior surface of the walls. Such a computation was made for test 3 based on the initial and final temperatures shown in Figures 3-8 and 3-10, respectively. The results are summarized in Table 14.

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Material	Incremental Distance from Shelter Walls, ft	Increase in Heat Content During Test Btu				
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Table 14

Heat Storage in Concrete and Surrounding Earth

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Table 9 shows that the total heat transferred through the inner surface of the shelter walls during test 3 was 609,000 Btu based on the difference between the measured heat input and the enthalpy change of the ventilating air. This comparison shows that only a small fraction of the total heat absorbed by the shelter walls went beyond 4 feet in the surrounding earth. It is considered safe to assume that the heat causing the observed temperature rise in the shelter and surrounding 4 feet of earth came from inside the shelter because the undisturbed earth temperatures had already passed their maximum for the summer when test 3 was made. Figure 3-3 shows that the undisturbed earth temperatures were lower at the end of test 3 than at the beginning. The negative sign in Table 14 for the heat storage of the earth 3 to 4 feet from the shelter shows that the effect of the outdoor weather predominated at this distance, and that more heat was lost to the ground surface than was gained from the shelter in this region. In making the computations of heat storage in Table 14, the observed concrete and earth temperatures at the boundaries of each increment were used to determine an average temperature for all of the material in the increment. The specific heat of concrete was assumed to be 0.2 Btu/lb(°F) and that for earth with a 15-percent moisture content and 110 1b/ft3 density was assumed to be 0.29 Btu/1b(°F).

4.6 Heat Transfer Coefficients

The average heat flux through the shelter walls was determined for tests 2 to 5 by dividing the total heat transfer to the shelter walls by the interior surface area. The total heat transfer to the shelter walls was computed by subtracting the enthalpy increase of the ventilating air as it passed through the shelter and the increase in heat content of the interior partition from the total internal heat input to the shelter. Figures 8, 9, 13, and 17 show that the average heat flux through the shelter walls in $Btu/hr(ft)^2$ was about 6.24 in test 2, 4.21 in test 3, 4.73 in test 4, and 3.88 in test 5 after 1 week of operation. These comparisons reveal the beneficial effect of the ventilating air in removing a part of the heat input of the simulated occupants in the shelter. The average heat flux remained essentially constant in test 2 because there was no ventilation of the shelter and the heat input was constant. In tests 3 to 5, the average heat flux gradually decreased as the shelter walls rose in temperature because the latent fraction of the internal heat input became larger and the ventilating air had a greater capacity for removing the moisture liberated inside the shelter.

Tables 8 to 11 show the heat transfer coefficient at the surface of the shelter walls expressed in Btu/hr(ft)²(°F) based on the average of the air temperatures 1 inch from the center of each surface, the average of the surface temperatures at the center of the six exposures and the total heat transfer. In test 2, with no ventilation, the heat transfer coefficient increased from 3.7 to 6.2 in 7 days with the condensation collection rate quickly attaining a value of about 65 percent of the total moisture supplied (See Table 13). In test 3, with a ventilating air rate of 42 cfm, the heat transfer coefficient ranged from about 2 to 3 during the 14 days. In this test, the condensation of moisture on the walls was limited, never exceeding 19 percent of the total moisture supplied to the simulated occupants as measured by the water collection in the floor sump. In test 4, with a ventilating air rate of 18 cfm, the heat transfer coefficient gradually increased from 2 to 6 as the test progressed, while the condensation collected daily in the sump gradually increased from 45 percent to 50 percent of the total moisture supplied, after the first day of the test. In test 5, for which condensation was limited to the first 3 or 4 days of the test, the heat transfer coefficient ranged from 2.4 to 4.0 during the test. A separation of the sensible and latent components of the heat transfer to the shelter walls indicates that the coefficient of convective and radiant heat transfer was about 1.75 Btu/hr(ft)² per degree temperature difference between air and wall surface during the early part of tests 3 and 4, and that it increased to a value of 2.5 to 3.5 in the same units near the end of the tests.

Nothing in the operating conditions for the tests suggests that the sensible heat transfer coefficient should have increased as the tests progressed, although the relative magnitudes of the convection and radiation components probably changed a little between the beginning and end of tests 3 to 5. A more probable explanation of the day by day fluctuations in the sensible heat transfer coefficient and the increase in the computed value from the beginning to the end of the tests is related to the precision of the temperature measurements at the wall surfaces and of the air near the surfaces. It is probable that the error in temperature measurements ranged up to ±0.2°F for the conditions of these tests. Since the differences in average temperature between air and wall surfaces ranged from 2 to 3 degrees at the beginning of tests 3 to 5 and gradually decreased to about 1 degree at the end of the tests, variable errors of measurement of the order of 0.2°F could cause the observed variations in the computed heat transmission coefficient. It would be expected that the overall heat transfer coefficient would increase

as the rate of condensation in the shelter increased, and that heat transfer due to condensation accounted for the heat transfer coefficients attaining values as high as 6 $Btu/hr(ft)^2(°F)$ in tests 2 and 4.

4.7 Weather Conditions

Figures 1-2 to 5-2 show the weather conditions that existed at the test site during the five tests with respect to dry bulb temperature, relative solar radiation intensity, wind velocity, and wind direction. The effect of the weather would not be re-flected immediately in the heat transfer within the shelter, but might assist in explaining differences observed between consecutive tests. The undisturbed earth temperatures that existed at some distance from the shelter installation during the four tests, plotted in Figures 1-3 to 5-3, show how the earth mass from the surface to a depth of 6 feet was affected by the weather, and indicate how its function as a heat sink around the shelter may have changed from test to test. These graphs show that the di-urnal temperature cycle was not felt much beyond a depth of 1 foot in the earth; that each 6 inches of earth near the surface introduced a lag of about 6 hours in the diurnal cycle of temperature; and that there was only a very small change in earth temperature at the 6-foot depth prior to the middle of October. Figure 4-3 shows that about 5 days elapsed before the effect of a sustained change in the weather reached a level 6 feet below the surface, which was about midheight of the shelter. It is probable, therefore, that the weather conditions had little effect on the heat transfer below midheight of the shelter, but could have had measurable effects in the upper part of the shelter.

4.8 Soil Conditions

The rainfall during August, September, and October 1959 was on the order of 50 to 60 percent of the average rainfall for these months in Washington. An unusual amount of snow, 17.1 inches, fell during March 1960, preceding the start of test 5, but none remained on the ground at the time of starting the test. The total precipitation in March was only about two-thirds the average value for the month. The rainfall that occurred during the five test periods, as recorded at the Washington National Airport, is summarized in Table 15.

Table 15

Summary of Rainfall

Test Period	Rainfall, in.
1	None
2	1.77
3	None
4	1.63
5	3.04

The moisture content of the earth around the shelter apparently increased a few percent during the course of the summer tests as indicated by the results from earth samples taken at four periods. The observed moisture contents are summarized in Table 16.

Table 16

Moisture Content of Earth at Shelter Site

Location and Time of Sampling	Moisture Content, % of Dry Weight
Undisturbed earth at time of	
excavation (avg. of 3 depths) Backfill at time of replacement	17
(avg. of 3 depths)	15
1 day after test 3 (midheight,	
east and west sides) Undisturbed earth and backfill	20
at completion of test 4 (mid- height, east and west sides)	20
Undisturbed earth and backfill	
east and west sides)	24

Kersten²/ has shown that the thermal conductivity and specific heat of soil are affected significantly by density and moisture content. He has reported that an increase in moisture content of several fine-textured soils from 10 to 20 percent of dry weight increased the thermal conductivity about 35 percent and that a similar increase in moisture content of a graded sand increased the specific heat of the mixture about 30 percent. Based on Kersten's work, it is estimated that the specific heat of the soil around the shelter was about 0.18 Btu/lb(°F), when dry, and about 0.29 Btu/lb(°F) with a moisture content of 15 percent.

4.9 Simulated Occupants

Figures 3-11, 3-12, 4-11, and 4-12 show the temperatures measured at various heights on the surfaces of two of the simulated occupants during tests 3 and 4; No. 1 having a nominal heat input of 600 Btu/hr representing an adult at mild exercise. and No. 3 having a nominal input of 400 Btu/hr representing a sedentary adult. These figures show that the temperatures on most of the surface of the simulated occupants exceeded the air temperature of the shelter by amounts ranging from 2 to 6 degrees during the summer tests. However, the domes of the simulated occupants operated at temperatures ranging from 94°F to 97°F; that is, from 12 to 15 degrees above that of the shelter air. Since the domes were covered with cloth, kept moist by the water supply, some of the air rising from these surfaces probably had a moisture content comparable to that of the exhaled breath of a human being. The fabric covering on the occupants was able to evaporate all of the water associated with a total heat output of 400 Btu/hr, but was not quite able to evaporate the water equivalent of the latent heat output selected for an individual with a total heat loss of 600 Btu/hr during the summer tests. A hygroscopic fabric with a nap or with a knitted characteristic might have presented more surface for evaporation of water than the smooth rayon selected for these tests.

In test 5, under winter conditions, the temperature of the vertical metal surfaces of the simulated occupants exceeded the air temperature by 7 to 12 degrees near the bottom and about twice as much near the top, whereas the dome temperatures exceeded the air temperature by about 25 degrees. Nearly all of the evaporation occurred on the conical domes of the simulated occupants in test 5.

Herrington³/ has shown that the combined convection and radiation heat transfer per unit area from a capped cylinder is equal to that of a model of the human body in a standing position for equal mean surface temperatures. Since the simulated occupants used in these tests had an exposed surface area, 21.5 square feet, typical of the measured values for adult males, and the sensible and latent components of heat transmission were made representative of that commonly accepted for adults, resting or at light exercises, it is probable that the heat transfer characteristics were not greatly different from those of human beings.

5. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Factors Affecting Shelter Condensation

These tests of a family-size shelter showed that the heat transfer rate to the interior surfaces of the walls, floor, and ceiling was such that a heat release inside the shelter equivalent to that commonly accepted for six sedentary adults caused an initial temperature difference of 2.0 to 3.0 degrees between the shelter air and the wall surfaces during the first day, and that this temperature difference decreased to about 1.0 to 1.5 degrees after 1-week's time. The decreasing temperature difference was due to the decrease of the sensible heat fraction of the total heat input as the latent heat fraction was increased in accordance with the rising air temperature in the shelter; and in the winter test was also due to the increased capacity of the ventilating air for removing sensible heat from the shelter as the outlet air temperature rose. The tests further showed that the average wall surface temperature and the dew point temperature of the exhaust air were always in close agreement; the difference was frequently on the order of 1 degree and seldom as large as 2 degrees. Thus it can be concluded that the capacity of the ventilating air for removing moisture from this type and size shelter depends largely on the wall surface temperature, the dew point temperature of the incoming air, and the amount of heat released within the shelter.

A graph showing the relation between wall surface temperature, dew point temperature of the ventilating air, and the amount of ventilating air required per person to remove all the moisture liberated inside the shelter was prepared, as Figure 21. The following assumptions were made in preparing the figure:

- (a) The exhaust air from the shelter had a dew point temperature equal to the average wall surface temperature,
- (b) Each of the six occupants had a total heat emission equal to that shown in the ASHRAE "Guide" for an adult seated at rest, and
- (c) Each of the six occupants had a moisture loss equal to that shown in Figure 7, Chapter 6, of the 1960 ASHRAE "Guide" for a person seated at rest.

In Figure 21, each curve is asymptotic to a vertical line representing a wall surface temperature equal to the dew point temperature of the supply air for that curve. Any point on the graph below or to the left of a curve represents a combination of wall surface temperature, dew point temperature, and ventilation rate that would result in condensation inside the shelter, and any point above or to the right of a curve represents a combination of variables for which all of the moisture would be carried out by the ventilating air.

Figure 21 shows that a ventilation rate of 7 cfm per person with a dew point temperature of 70°F would not carry out all of the moisture liberated until the wall surface temperature reached about 78°F. These were approximately the conditions for test 3, and the results of the test tend to corroborate the predictions of the graph in that the walls of the shelter had dried off at the end of the test when the average wall surface temperature was about 79.5°F. This figure also indicates that a ventilation rate of 3 cfm per person with a dew point temperature of 70°F, approximating the conditions for test 4, would not carry out all of the moisture liberated for any wall temperature up to 90°F. The results of test 4 showed that the condensation on the shelter walls was still about 50 percent of the moisture liberated in the shelter at the end of the 2-weeks' test when the average wall surface temperature was about 80°F. Figure 21 indicates that a ventilation rate of 3 cfm per person with a dew point temperature of 35°F would carry out all of the moisture liberated by an average sedentary adult at a shelter wall temperature of 55°F, which is the average wall temperature attained during the seventh day of test 5. It is probable that condensation actually ceased in the shelter about the third or fourth day because the average amount of moisture liberated by each of the simulated occupants during the first 5 days of the test was about 77 percent of that assumed in the preparation of Figure 21. The use of this lower value of moisture evaporation resulted from the simplification of the published data on evaporative heat loss, shown in Table 6.

The results of these tests and the relationships illustrated in Figure 21 indicate that condensation of moisture in a familysize shelter would be prevalent during spring, summer, and fall seasons in locations having earth temperatures and summer weather conditions like those in Washington, D. C. Condensation could not be prevented in every case by increasing the ventilation rate because the wall temperatures would be lower than the dew point of the incoming air for more or less extended periods. On the other hand, the dew point temperature of the supply air would not always be as high as the values assumed for these tests.

The duration of the condensation period in any given situation could be shortened by hastening the rise in wall surface temperature to a level that would permit the ventilating air to carry out all of the moisture liberated inside the shelter. The ceiling is considered to be the most critical surface from the standpoint of condensation because the condensed moisture would drip on everything in the shelter. The ceiling might be insulated or lined to prevent condensation, leaving the walls and floor as condensing surfaces from which drainage could be more readily controlled. Ceiling insulation would help to prevent condensation in all seasons of the year. During the summer tests, the ceiling was one of the poorer heat-absorbing surfaces of the test shelter because the shallow earth cover was more directly affected by above-ground air temperature and solar radiation. One alternate method for moisture control would be the storage of a quantity of desiccant in the shelter for absorbing the excess moisture during periods of occupancy. Table 13 shows that six simulated occupants liberated about 400 pounds of moisture in 14 days during the summer tests. About 48 pounds were collected from the floor in test 3 and about 190 pounds in test 4. Film-type movement of the condensate from the ceiling to the side walls would be promoted by doming or by sloping the ceiling surface downward to the side walls and treating the ceiling surface with a wetting agent. The wetting agent might have to be renewed periodically under condensing conditions.

A graph like Figure 21 is useful in analyzing condensation problems in small shelters because the wall surface area per occupant is so large that the air temperature never differs much from the wall surface temperature, and the minimum amount of ventilating air is likely to be determined by the amount of moisture generated in the shelter rather than the amount of sensible heat liberated. In larger shelters, the wall surface area per occupant would usually be less, making it necessary to remove a higher percentage of the total internal heat input with the ventilating air. When sensible heat removal determines the minimum amount of ventilating air that can be circulated, condensation is less likely to occur in the shelter, the temperature difference between shelter air and the shelter walls will be greater, and the relative humidity in the shelter will be lower. In such cases, Figure 21 would not be as useful in evaluating shelter environment.

5.2 Validity of Supply Air Conditions Selected

The average dry bulb temperature of 85°F and the constant dew point temperature of 69°F selected for the supply air conditions for the summer tests are considered to be approximately correct for a severe test of such a shelter in the Washington area, based on wet and dry bulb temperatures recorded by the U.S. Weather Bureau for the latter part of August 1959. The average of the daily maximum and minimum dry bulb temperatures at the Washington National Airport for the 14-day period from August 13 to August 27, 1959 was 83.9°F, and the average dew point temperature of the outdoor air for the same period was 70.1°F. The average dew point temperature for this period ranged from a maximum of 71.6°F at 9 p.m. to a minimum of 68.2°F at 2 p.m.

The design summer conditions of dry bulb and wet bulb temperatures in common use for air conditioning purposes in many of the states east of the Mississippi River are approximately equal to those for Washington, D. C., as shown in the ASHRAE "Guide." It is probable, therefore, that the supply air conditions chosen for Washington would be applicable in other areas with similar summer climatic conditions. Based on the same handbook data, it is expected that higher dew point temperatures than that used for these tests would be experienced in the areas near the Gulf of Mexico, and that higher average dry bulb temperatures would occur, at times, in the middle western and southwestern states.

The diurnal variation of 20°F in the supply air temperature used for the summer tests did not have an important effect on the comfort conditions in this small shelter. The maximum and minimum in supply air temperature were tempered considerably by heat transfer between the supply piping and the surrounding air and earth. Also, the amount of heat transfer surface in the shelter was of such a magnitude that the air temperature inside the shelter had to change only a degree or two to provide the additional sensible heat transfer to or from the walls that was associated with the assumed diurnal cycle in supply air temperature. In test 3 of the prototype shelter, the dry bulb temperature in the shelter varied only about 2 degrees in response to a 20-degree variation in supply air temperature, whereas the dew point temperature in the shelter remained constant for all practical purposes. A change of 2 degrees in dry bulb temperature in the range of 75 to 80°F at constant dew point temperature results in a fluctuation of less than 1/2 degree in effective temperature, based on the ASHRAE comfort charts. In a larger shelter for which the ratio of interior shelter surface to shelter volume would be lower than for the family shelter, and for which the tempering action in the supply piping might be less effective, the diurnal cycle in dry bulb temperature could have a significant effect on comfort conditions in the shelter.

The supply air conditions selected for the winter test were the most severe that were possible without extensive modification of the air conditioning apparatus, but they do not represent the severest winter conditions that can occur in large areas of this country. The change in moisture content of the air at dew points below 33°F is small and would not be of great significance, but appreciably lower average dry bulb temperatures would remove more of the internal heat released in the shelter and retard the warming of the walls to a comfortable occupancy condition.

The use of a longer subterranean duct to condition the supply air would be advantageous for small shelters especially for the hottest summer conditions or the coldest winter condi-The temperature gradient in the earth is in opposite tions. directions at the warmest and coldest seasons of the year. Thus, if the supply air were introduced into the shelter through a duct installed beneath the floor of the shelter, the air could be cooled below the shelter temperature in the warmest weather and could be warmed above shelter temperature in the coldest weather by heat exchange between the duct and the surrounding earth. Some dehumidification of the supply air might also be accomplished during summer conditions in such a sub-floor duct, but the cross section and slope of the duct would have to be designed to prevent stoppage by accumulated water. Such a duct would also have to be watertight if the ground water level was high with respect to the shelter. Such sub-floor ducts would be less effective for larger shelters because the ratio of surface area to cross-section area would become less favorable as the duct became larger.

5.3 Factors Affecting Temperature Rise in the Shelter

The rise in dry bulb temperature observed in the family shelter during the summer tests as a result of an average internal heat release of about 2500 Btu/hr was not considered excessive under the prevailing test conditions in light of the limits cited in the literature for human beings. Various investigators $\frac{4.5}{100}$ have stated that saturated air at temperatures in the range from 88 °F to 90 °F is the upper limit for which man can compensate for atmospheric conditions and maintain the desired body temperature. This limit applies to exposures of no more than a few hours. Dole $\frac{900}{1000}$ has suggested that the maximum temperature of saturated air which can be tolerated by human beings continuously for a period of 10 days is in the range from 81 °F to 86 °F₄. The effective temperature in the test shelter during the last day of tests 3 and 4 was about 80 degrees, equivalent in comfort to saturated air at the same temperature by definition of the effective temperature scale. The average effective temperature on a continuous basis corresponding to the observed wet and dry bulb temperatures at the Washington National Airport for the period from August 13 to August 27, 1959 was about 80.3 degrees, neglecting the effects of solar radiation and wind. Thus, the comfort conditions in the family shelter at the end of tests 3 and 4 were probably no more adverse than the outdoor conditions during a 2-week period of the 1959 summer season in Washington.

The factors which could produce higher dry bulb temperatures in a similar shelter in this climate or other climates during actual occupancy by six people are listed and discussed below.

(a) An earth fill around the shelter having lower density, lower moisture content, or a soil composition of lower thermal conductivity. Kersten2/ has shown that the thermal conductivity of dry soils of sandy or clay loam composition may be as low as 2 Btu/hr(ft)²(°F/in.)., but that the thermal conductivity may increase by a factor of 5 to 10 when these soils are saturated with moisture. In general, the thermal conductivity of sandy soil increases more rapidly with moisture content than it does for clay loam soils. The thermal conductivity also increases about 3 percent for each 1 pound per cubic foot increase in dry density. The thermal conductivity of the soil around the test shelter was estimated to be on the order of 10 Btu/hr(ft)2(°F/in.) based on the soil type, its density, and moisture content. Kersten has also shown that the specific heat of soil increases considerably with moisture content, and that the specific heat of a soil-water mixture can be computed approximately from the proportions of the two materials and their separate densities.

(b) A higher heat output by the occupants than was used for the simulated occupants. It is uncertain how active the occupants would be in a real situation or how much energy would be expended in operating a blower to provide ventilation. It is unknown whether or not the mental stress involved in actual emergency use of a shelter would increase the heat production of the occupants. The values used for these tests approximate well-established values for sedentary adults in normal environments.

(c) Higher initial earth temperatures. Well water temperatures are usually considered to be representative of earth temperatures from 30 to 60 feet below the surface in various lati tudes. Well water temperatures are 10 or more degrees warmer in the southern part of the United States than in Washington. The initial earth temperature at midheight of the test shelter was about 69°F, whereas deep well water temperature reported for Washington is 57°F. If the same difference between earth temperature existed farther south, as appears to exist for Washingto the initial earth temperature at midheight of a similar shelter might be near 80°F in the southern part of this country. The higher earth temperatures in warmer climates could probably be partly compensated for by placing the shelter farther beneath the surface. The temperature gradient in the earth was about 1 degree per foot of depth at the test site in Washington about the first of September when the earth temperatures were at a maximum. It is thought that unbearably hot conditions could develop in underground shelters during the summer in the hottest parts of the United States. Simple evaporative coolers employing manually operated fans could probably be developed to provide limited shelter cooling in hot arid climates.

(d) Higher sensible and latent heat contents of the ventilating air. The sensible heat lost by the ventilating air during the summer tests as it passed through the prototype shelt was about 20 percent of the internal heat input during the first day of test 3, and it decreased to about 10 percent after 4 days. In test 4, the sensible heat lost by the ventilating air as it passed through the shelter decreased from about 7 percent of the internal heat input on the first day to about 3 percent on the fifth day of the test. Ventilating air supplies with higher latent and sensible heat contents than those used for these tests would probably be associated with higher earth temperatures. Sir. Figures 11 and 15 show that the percent of the total internal head input that is carried out of the shelter by the ventilating air increased with increasing wall surface temperature, warmer supply air might not be associated with higher heat transfer rates to the shelter walls, but probably would be associated with higher initial earth temperature in most cases.

The one winter test of this family-size shelter conducted with a steady flow of supply air at a rate of 18 cfm and a dry bulb temperature of 35°F at the time of the year when the earth temperatures were approximately at a minimum, revealed that the shelter temperatures would not reach comfortable levels in 2 weeks with an internal heat input equivalent to the accepted heat loss of six sedentary adults. The temperature rise of the walls of the structure in 2 weeks was about the same for the winter and summer tests; that is, in the range of 12 to 15 degrees. The initial wall temperature averaged 46 °F in the winter test, whereas it ranged from 64 to 66 °F for summer tests 3 and 4.

In some of the northern states of this country, the ground freezes to a depth of several feet during the winter, in which case the initial earth temperatures would be appreciably lower than those used in test 5. If some of the earth surrounding a shelter were frozen, the rise in wall temperature would be retarded during occupancy because the heat of fusion of the frost would increase the effective heat capacity of the moist earth.

Thus, it appears that some steps would need to be taken to increase the comfort of the shelter occupants during cold winter conditions. Any of the following courses might be followed to improve winter comfort:

- (a) Use a small portable heater to warm the space,
- (b) Wear additional clothing in the shelter,
- (c) Use a curtain at the doorway of the main room to reduce the area for heat loss,
- (d) Drape aluminum foil over all or parts of the walls to provide air spaces at the wall and present a reflective surface for reflection of body heat,
- (e) Reduce the ventilation rate, if the resulting condensation could be tolerated.

Further study would be required to evaluate the relative effectiveness and economy of these various methods of increasing winter comfort.

5.4 Further Analysis of Environmental Factors

Further mathematical analysis of these and other data is being undertaken to provide information on the effect of variations in soil characteristics, moisture content of the soil, thickness of the concrete walls, lining of parts of the shelter, ambient temperature and humidity, latitude of the site, average heat flux through the shelter walls, and size of the shelter, during short occupancies. If a satisfactory mathematical expression can be found to approximate the heat transfer to the surroundings from a shelte placed a few feet below the earth's surface, the effect of thes variables on the heat transfer and on the environmental conditi in shelters can probably be predicted.

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TEMPERATURES IN SHELTER WALLS AND SURROUNDING EARTH AFTER 7 DAYS OF TEST 3, SEPT. 27, 1959-TIME 1100





TEMPERATURES IN SHELTER WALLS AND SURROUNDING EARTH AT END OF TEST 3, SEPT. 27, 1959-TIME 1100









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TEMPERATURES IN SHELTER WALLS AND SURROUNDING EARTH AT END OF TEST 4, OCT. 20, 1959-TIME 0900



SIMULATED OCCUPANT TEMPERATURES 18 CFM VENTILATING AIR-600 BTUTHR OCCUPANT TEST NO.4





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TEMPERATURES IN SHELTER WALL'S AND SURROUNDING EARTH AT END OF TEST 5, APRIL 8, 1960 - TIME 1500









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