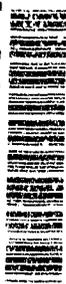


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## Foreword

In August 1990, American forces began a massive deployment to Southwest Asia. Early in the deployment, the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine was asked by various units to provide information and guidance for managing the heat-related medical and physiological problems likely to be encountered in that harsh environment. The demand for useful guidance for the prevention and treatment of heat illnesses led to the publication of several documents, the last of which was prepared as a pocket-sized manual, titled "Sustaining Health and Performance in the Desert" (USARIEM Technical Note 91-2).

As we prepared the guides for non-medical units, we realized that no convenient modern compendia of information for prevention and management of heat illness exist for use by the AMEDD. TB MED 507 is provided by the Surgeon General as the official statement of guidance and advice for medical officers to use in programs of heat injury prevention and treatment. However, TB MED 507 was last issued in 1980 and does not include much of the useful information from biomedical research and practice in the last decade.

We have written this handbook to bridge the gap between the 1980 TB MED 507 and its planned successor. The information in the Handbook is not intended to replace the established policy and doctrine of the Department of the Army or the Surgeon General.

Our intent is to provide in this handbook a compilation of useful information and advice based on our own experience and the experience of others. We invite suggestions for changes or additions.

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## Introduction

The increased risk and incidence of heat illness associated with hot weather operations is due to the combined effect of hard physical exertion, environmental heat stress, encapsulation in heavy uniforms and the stringent, demanding circumstances of the field. Commanders must, therefore, accommodate the physiologic limitations of their soldiers by incorporating heat illness prevention in their operational and logistical plans. The unit Medical Officer has the responsibility to assist the Commander to prevent heat illness. It is our belief that **primary prevention** is the most important contribution the medical officer can make to the unit in this regard. Heat casualties mean that primary prevention has failed and the unit will lose strength and mission effectiveness. Heat casualties may challenge the medical planning and clinical skill of the medical officer, but we feel it is better that these skills not be required at all.

This handbook is written to help military medical officers in their dual role in military operations: staff medical advisor and treating physician. It is particularly important to note that this handbook differs from a standard clinical review because of its emphasis on the medical officer as a staff officer.

If the medical officer is to succeed in preventing heat illness, he must ensure that his advice is incorporated in the Commander's plan. The only way the medical officer will accomplish this is to effectively integrate in the staff planning process. To facilitate this, we have included information the medical officer can use to assist the rest of the staff in planning training and operations in hot environments to minimize heat illness.

We have organized the handbook in four parts. The first part provides a review of the clinical physiology of heat exposure as a foundation for rational prevention and therapeutics. The second part presents an approach to primary prevention of heat illness during training and operations. The third part is a clinical review of the major and minor heat illnesses. The final, fourth part contains the Appendices.



## Physiological Adaptation to Heat Exposure

Humans have well defined physiologic mechanisms to counteract rises in body temperature from either internal heat production or environmental heat stress. These mechanisms support our need to maintain a narrow range of body temperature for optimal function. In response to a rise in body temperature from an internal or external heat source, we increase both cutaneous blood flow and sweating. Heat energy is then dissipated to the environment either directly from the warmed skin surface by conduction/convection and radiation or by evaporation of sweat.

The direct transfer of heat energy to the environment occurs by radiation and conduction. Radiative transfer occurs between the body surface and all other sources of radiant energy. Conductive transfer occurs by direct contact between the body surface and other materials including air, water or ground. Both radiative and conductive heat transfer move heat energy between the body surface and some other material. Convection augments conductive heat transfer. Conduction occurs between two materials in direct contact. Conduction will stop when the two materials in contact reach thermal equilibrium. Convection prevents thermal equilibrium developing by constantly replacing at least one of the materials. For example, convection replaces air warmed by conduction while in contact with the skin surface with air not yet warmed so heat transfer can continue.

The rate of heat transfer by conduction/convection and radiation is dependent on the difference in temperature between the body surface and the materials or radiating surfaces in the environment. Furthermore, the two routes of direct energy exchange (radiation and conduction/convection) between the body surface and the environment are two-way streets. If the body surface is warmer than the environment, the body will lose energy to the environment. However, very warm air or surfaces will transfer heat to the body by conduction/convection; and sunlit surfaces or sky will transfer heat to the body by radiation.

Maintenance of body temperature requires that the amount of heat energy in the body remains constant. Under circumstances when internal heat production exceeds the capacity of direct routes of heat transfer to dissipate it, an additional means of heat transfer, evaporation of sweat, comes into play. Furthermore, when the environment is sufficiently hot to cause heat gain by the direct transfer routes, evaporative cooling is the only thermoregulatory mechanism available to control body temperature.

Sweating is primarily controlled by the central nervous system. Core temperature increments detected by thermosensitive neurons in the hypothalamus stimulate increases in skin blood flow and sweating. The process of sweating is triggered primarily by sympathetic cholinergic stimulation of the eccrine sweat glands, which are distributed ubiquitously over the body surface. Sweat production rates can reach 2 liters per hour for short periods and up to 15 liters per day. Each liter of sweat evaporated from the body surface removes approximately 580 Kcal of heat energy. Under conditions that allow rapid evaporation (e.g., deserts), the daily cooling capacity of the sweating mechanism is several thousand kcal, adequate to maintain body temperature even during vigorous work in the heat.

Sweat is a hypotonic solution of sodium chloride. The concentration of sodium chloride in sweat depends on acclimatization state and sweating rate. Higher sweating rates reduce the opportunity for the eccrine secretory epithelium to conserve salt, so, at higher sweat rates, sweat salt concentration rises. Acclimatized sweat glands conserve salt more effectively and produce sweat with reduced salt concentration for any given flow rate. This conservative phenomenon is an important protection from salt depletion in hot environments.

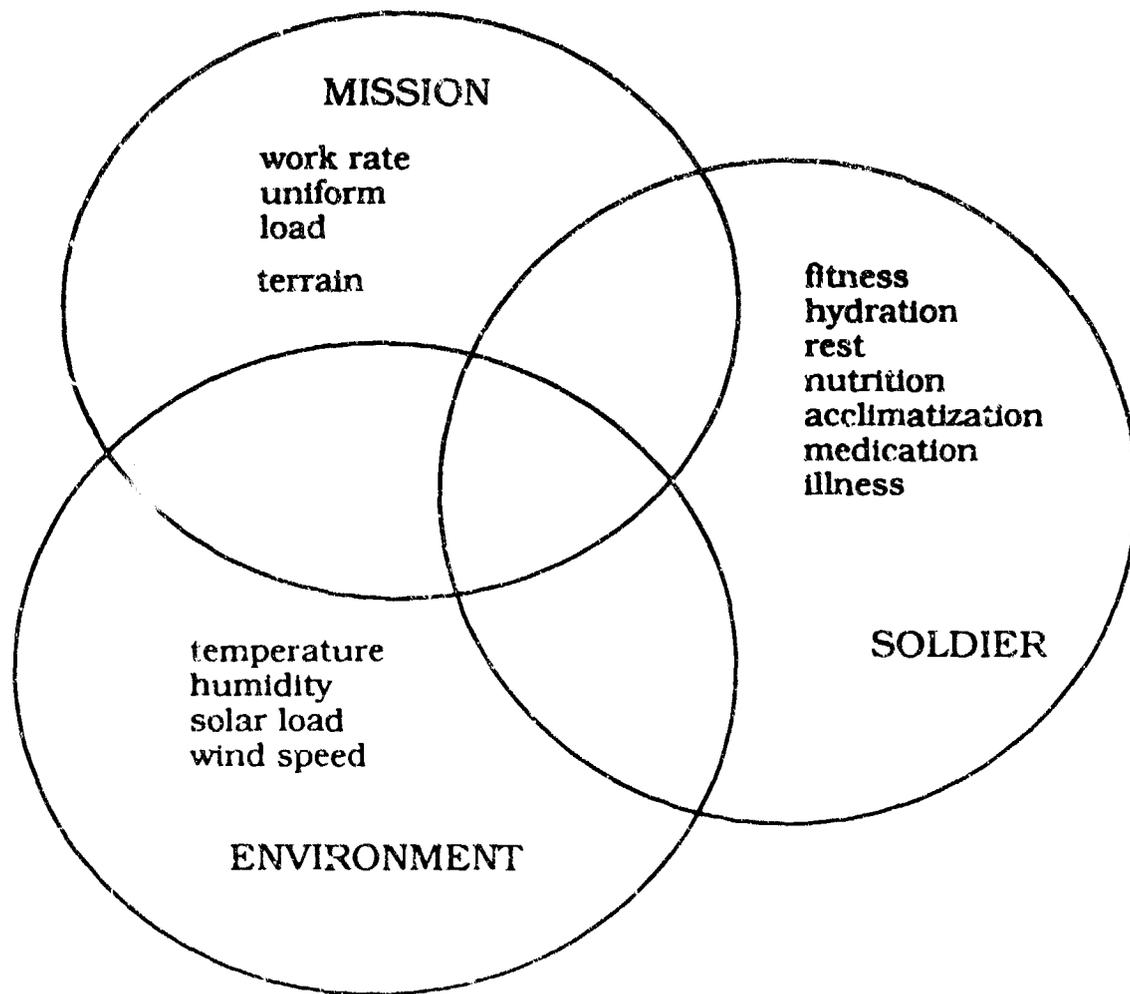
Furthermore, reducing the salt content of sweat increases the proportion of intracellular water contributing to sweat formation. Consequently, for any given amount of body water lost as sweat, less will be taken from the extracellular fluid, conserving, to a degree, plasma volume.

In addition to conserving salt, humans acclimatized to heat initiate sweating and evaporative cooling at lower body temperatures. In environments where sweating contributes to cooling, acclimatized individuals can maintain lower body temperatures for any amount of heat stress.

Physical work causes an increase in cardiac output and the redistribution of blood flow toward the working muscles and away from the viscera. If an elevation in core temperature also occurs, then an additional portion of the cardiac output is directed to skin for thermoregulation and visceral flow is further reduced. Maintenance of effective circulating volume is essential to permit adequate muscular, visceral and thermoregulatory blood flow. High sweat rates will quickly compromise blood volume. Therefore, work in the heat requires constant fluid replenishment. Since net water absorption in the gut is about 20 cc per minute or 1200 cc per hour, compensation for high sweat rates requires rest periods with reduced sweat rates and time for hydration.

The degree of acclimatization is dependent on the degree of thermal stress to which the individual has been exposed. Regular vigorous exercise, even in temperate climates, produces sufficient elevation of core temperature to induce a small degree of heat acclimatization. However, any exposure to environment with significant additional heat stress will require an additional period of acclimatization.

Acclimatization develops at a rate that depends on the degree of heat stress imposed. Achieving the maximum rate seems to require about 2 hours of continuous exercise exposure per day.



HEAT STRESS IS THE PRODUCT OF AN INTERACTION OF MISSION, ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN FACTORS .

ANALYSIS OF HEAT INJURY RISK BY THE UNIT SURGEON MUST CONSIDER ALL OF THESE FACTORS.

## **PREVENTION PEARLS**

**WEAK LINK RULE:** The appearance of a heat casualty in a unit suggests that others are at risk and all the members of the unit should be evaluated immediately. Soldiers who are underperforming in the heat (for example, stragglers on a road march) are likely to be incipient heat casualties. It is not safe to assume their underperformance is undermotivation.

**DEPLOYMENT:** Soldiers required to deploy with little notice to hot environments will arrive unacclimatized regardless of their physical condition. Acclimatization will require 7-10 days. During the acclimatization period, troops that must work vigorously should be provided copious quantities of water and carefully supervised work-rest cycles tailored to their physical capacity by direct medical oversight.

**SALT SUPPLEMENTATION:** If rations are short or sweating is very heavy, salt supplementation as 0.1% salt solution may be needed (see Appendix A). Acclimatization should eventually eliminate the need for salt supplementation.

**DEHYDRATION:** Soldiers in hot environments universally demonstrate dehydration of 1-2% of body weight. Command directed drinking is effective in moderating dehydration and must be enforced. Dehydration profoundly reduces thermoregulatory and physical capacity.

**FEBRILE ILLNESS:** Fever whether due to immunization or illness, reduces thermoregulatory capacity and increases the risk of heat illness. Soldiers recovering from fever will have increased susceptibility to heat illness even after all clinical evidence of illness has disappeared. Until clearly able to manage normal work rates in the heat they will require increased command supervision and moderated work schedules.

**FATIGUE AND UNDERNUTRITION:** The requirements of military operations frequently produce lack of sleep, missed meals and limited availability of water. All these factors reduce thermoregulatory capacity and increase the risk of heat illness.

**GOALS:**

Preserve Unit Strength  
Prevent Death and Disability from Heat Illness

**Stages of Prevention**

**Primary Prevention**

**Identify** soldiers and units at risk  
**Measure** environmental heat stress  
**Analyze** the mission or training for heat injury risk  
**Institute** measures to reduce risk

**Secondary Prevention**

**Recognize** heat strain early  
**Provide** water, rest, shade and cooling  
**Treat** heat casualties at the earliest possible moment

**Tertiary Prevention**

**Treat** heat casualties aggressively to moderate injury

# PREVENTION OF HEAT ILLNESS

## **Introduction**

This section is intended to be a practical guide to preventing heat casualties in military training and operations. The first part introduces the three interacting factors that influence the risk of heat casualties: the **soldier**, the **environment** and the **mission**. The second part discusses preventing heat casualties among recruits in basic training and introduces the Appendices in the back of this handbook that can be used to estimate safe limits for heat stress exposure. The third part discusses operations planning to minimize heat casualties. The fourth section discusses medical planning and readiness to manage heat casualties should they occur.

Heat casualties are the result of the interaction of three factors: the condition of the **soldier**, the external heat stress from the **environment** and the internal heat stress required by the **mission**. Medical officers should assess each component in their preparation of plans for primary prevention of heat casualties.

## **The Soldier**

A soldier is optimally capable to manage heat stress when he is fully hydrated, physically fit, acclimatized, well nourished and well rested.

**Hydration** is the most important element in a plan to prevent heat casualties. Full hydration is critical to the prevention of heat casualties because it is essential to maintain both blood volume for thermoregulatory blood flow and sweating. Both are reduced by dehydration. Consequently, the dehydrated soldier has less ability to maintain body temperature in the heat.

Water requirements are not reduced by any form of training or acclimatization. Exercises to teach soldiers to work or fight with less water are fruitless and dangerous.

### **!REMEMBER!**

**Soldiers cannot reduce thermoregulatory water requirements by water deprivation during training. Acclimatization does not reduce water requirements. Commanders must understand this principle and recognize its logistic and operational implications.**

Avoiding heat casualties requires that soldiers drink enough water to replace what they lose. In hot environments, soldiers do not drink enough water to voluntarily maintain hydration. This phenomenon has been called "voluntary dehydration", although there is nothing willful about it. In hot environments, thirst is not stimulated until plasma osmolarity rises 1-2% above the level customarily found in temperate climates. Consequently, if thirst is used as the guide to drinking, soldiers will maintain themselves at a level that is 1-2% dehydrated relative to their usual state. If soldiers are to fully replace the water they lose in their daily activities and eliminate voluntary dehydration, they must understand the need to drink even though they are not thirsty and leaders must enforce water drinking discipline.

Even in the face of a clear understanding of the importance of water and hydration, soldiers may decide that water drinking creates problems that outweigh its importance. For example, soldiers may not drink before going to sleep to avoid having to wake up and dress to urinate or they may not drink before convoys if no rest stops are planned.

Units which have soldiers who do not drink because they do not have opportunities to urinate have a **leadership problem**. Unit leaders must reinforce hydration by planning for all aspects of adequate hydration: elimination as well as consumption.

The medical officer must be aware that soldiers may not follow drinking discipline. Be sure operations are planned so that drinking does not become a problem. Be aware of the soldiers hydration status. Urine color, body weight change and orthostatic blood pressure change can all be used as guides to hydration.

#### CONSEQUENCES OF DEHYDRATION

Acutely, mild dehydration (2-3% of body weight) reduces physical capacity and heat tolerance. As dehydration progresses, cognitive function deteriorates and both thermoregulation and physical capacity become seriously compromised. 5-6% dehydration is incompatible with further functioning.

Chronic mild dehydration is associated with renal stones and urinary infection, severe constipation, rectal afflictions and cutaneous drying.

In hot environments, water losses can reach 15 liters per day per soldier. Complete replacement requires realistic estimates of potable water requirements, an adequate water logistic system and soldiers who understand and act on their water requirement. Water for hygiene will be needed in addition to water for drinking.

There is no advantage to carbohydrate/electrolyte beverages beyond their palatability which may encourage drinking. They should not be the sole source of water as they can be mildly hypertonic.

Aerobic fitness provides the cardiovascular reserve to maintain the extra cardiac output required to sustain thermoregulation, muscular work and vital organs in the face of heat stress. In addition, regular strenuous aerobic physical training will provide a small degree of heat acclimatization.

Regardless of their physical condition, however, soldiers who are required to deploy on short notice to hot environments, will arrive incompletely acclimatized. Adequate acclimatization will require several days to achieve. During this initial acclimatization period, soldiers must be provided copious quantities of water and carefully supervised to prevent excessive heat exposure. If possible, work tasks should be regulated using work-rest cycles tailored to the soldiers physical capacity by direct medical oversight.

In the first few days of acclimatizing, sweat salt conservation will not be fully developed. Salt depletion is a risk if soldiers are exposed during this time to sufficient heat or work stress to induce high sweating rates (> several liters per day), particularly if ration consumption is reduced. Salt depletion can be avoided by providing a salt supplement in the form of salted water (0.05 to 0.1%). A 0.1% salt solution can be prepared using the directions outlined in Appendix A to this handbook. Acclimatization should eventually eliminate the need for salt supplementation.

The requirements of military operations frequently mean lack of sleep and missed meals. All these factors reduce thermoregulatory capacity and increase the risk of heat injury. Recommendations to planning staffs should emphasize the importance of adequate sleep and food to reduce the likelihood of heat casualties.

Coincidental illnesses increase heat casualty risk through fever and dehydration. The consequences of dehydration are discussed above. Fever, whether due to immunization or illness, reduces thermoregulatory capacity by resetting the hypothalamus toward heat conservation rather than heat

dissipation. This phenomenon eliminates the beneficial effect of acclimatization. Soldiers recovering from fever will have increased susceptibility to heat illness even after all clinical evidence of illness has disappeared. Until clearly able to manage normal work rates in the heat they will require increased command supervision and moderated work schedules.

The skin is a vital thermoregulatory organ. Sunburn and the other skin diseases of hot environments reduce the ability of the skin to thermoregulate. Sunburn must be prevented by adequate clothing, shade and sunscreens. Skin diseases are best prevented by adequate hygiene. Commanders and logisticians must understand the importance of a functioning skin and provide adequate water for washing.

Some medications will effect thermoregulatory adaptations and can increase the risk of heat illness. A list of such medications is in Appendix H.

### The Mission

The physical exertion required to accomplish a mission is an important determinant of heat stress. Marching speed and route, load carried, work tasks required and terrain covered all will affect internal heat production. Appendix B categorizes various military tasks into four different work intensities. These four categories of work intensity are used throughout the remainder of the Appendices.

The level of Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) required to accomplish the mission affects heat strain in two ways. First, MOPP gear, particularly the chemical protective overboots, adds to the work of movement and increases internal heat production during the performance of a task. Second, the BDO and hood encapsulate and effectively isolate the soldier from the environment. Consequently, the soldier creates his own microenvironment within the chemical protective uniform. The air trapped in the uniform is warmed by the skin and saturated with water vapor from sweat, so that the soldier's immediate environment becomes extremely hot and humid. The only opportunity to moderate the heat and humidity inside the uniform is to transfer water vapor and heat through the fabric, just the transfers the uniforms are designed to prevent.

Each alternative plan to accomplish the mission has its own particular constraints on the availability of water, shade and rest.

## The Environment

The environmental heat stress to which soldiers will be exposed must be known if effective preventive measures are to be taken. It should be measured in circumstances as close as possible to those in which the troops will be operating. It can vary tremendously over short periods of time and space and in unpredictable ways. For example, on a sunny, calm day an open field may have the greater heat stress than an adjacent forest, but, on a windy, cloudy day the forest may have the greater heat stress. Heat stress indices calculated for a whole post or region are only general guides. Particularly when conditions seem extreme, on site measurements are essential. There is no substitute for knowledge of local conditions.

The U.S. Army has adapted the WBGT Index as the standard metric for environmental heat stress. Appendix C describes the calculation of the WBGT Index and summarizes general guidance for regulating physical training according to the WBGT value. A WBGT apparatus is available in the federal supply system (NSN 6665-00-159-2218). Appendix C contains directions for making a field expedient apparatus for measuring WBGT.

There are four environmental characteristics that influence heat stress: the air temperature, the solar (or radiant heat) load, the dew point temperature and the wind speed.

Absolute air temperature (ambient temperature or "dry-bulb" temperature) is measured by a shaded thermometer to avoid any effect of radiant heat. By itself, it is a relatively small contributor to heat stress. It is weighted 10% in the calculation of the WBGT Index.

Solar load can be an important contributor to heat stress. Under severe conditions, full sun on bare skin can add up to 400 watts to an individual's heat load. Solar load is measured by the black globe thermometer. The black globe temperature is weighted 20% in the WBGT Index calculation.

Humidity determines the rate at which sweat can evaporate and is the principal component of the WBGT Index. The rate of sweat evaporation is determined by the difference between water vapor pressure at the skin surface and in the ambient air, which are measures of absolute humidity. The relative humidity, which is a measure of the saturation of ambient air with water vapor, does not determine the rate of sweat evaporation. The important point to remember is that a change in air temperature alone does not change the absolute humidity of the air; that is, the rate of sweat evaporation and cooling will not change just because air gets warmer or cooler.

The temperature recorded by a wet bulb thermometer provides the measure of absolute humidity for the WBGT Index. A wet bulb thermometer is a shaded standard thermometer whose bulb is surrounded by a wet cotton wick and exposed to moving air. The cotton wick cools as water evaporates from it. The rate of evaporation depends on the absolute humidity of the ambient air and is speeded by air movement. The cooling effect of evaporation brings the temperature reported by the thermometer below that of the ambient air. Drier air means greater cooling effect and lower wet bulb temperature. And, in contrast, if the air is completely saturated with water vapor so that no evaporation is possible, then the wet bulb thermometer will not be cooled below the temperature of the ambient air. In this case, the dry bulb and wet bulb temperatures will be the same.

The wet bulb temperature is the most important component of the WBGT Index, befitting the thermoregulatory importance of evaporation in hot environments. The wet bulb temperature is weighted 70% in the WBGT Index.

Wind speed is an important factor in determining environmental heat stress. Air movement increases convective heat transfer; cool winds reduce heat stress, hot winds increase it. Air movement will assist evaporation. The WBGT does not include any direct measure of wind speed.

## Minimizing Heat Casualties in Basic Training

Recruits are particularly susceptible to heat illness during basic training in hot weather. A number of reasons for their susceptibility are related to their rapid transition from civilian life to a demanding schedule of physical and military training. First, they are neither acclimatized to heat on entry nor as physically fit as fully trained soldiers. They need to become fit in a short time and, so, quickly begin strenuous exercise. Second, they commonly suffer sleep loss and dehydration. Third, contagious febrile illnesses are common. Fourth, they are unfamiliar with heat illness and don't recognize early signs of heat illness or understand the importance of early treatment.

Heat illness can occur in any component of basic training. Certain activities, though, are associated with the highest risk. Those activities are road marches, unit runs (including morning PT), evening parades and rifle range marksmanship training.

Recruits doing **road marches** and **unit runs** have very high sustained rates of endogenous heat production and muscular work. They usually develop temperature elevations and, after 30-60 minutes, significant dehydration. Both temperature elevation and dehydration are aggravated if they begin their exercise dehydrated (as, for example, starting just after waking without directed rehydration) or if they are wearing a heavy uniform that prevents loss of heat to the environment (for example, chemical protective equipment) or if environmental conditions retard heat loss. The combined elevated temperature, muscular work and dehydration lead to high risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat casualties encountered at **evening parades** usually result from dehydration developed during a day of vigorous physical training.

At first glance, one would not ordinarily associate a significant risk of heat casualties with **rifle marksmanship training**. However, the association exists because, rifle range training is often done during extreme heat which prohibits other outdoor training. Recruits are exposed for long periods to intense solar and ground contact heat loads without consideration to the heat induced water requirement. Under these conditions, recruits develop hyperpyrexia and dehydration.

In recruit training, primary prevention of heat illness is instituted by using the following steps:

1. Assess the **recruits** who will be training. Consider their acclimatization, physical fitness and state of rest, nutrition and hydration.

Identify individuals or units at particular risk, for example, individual recruits recovering from a febrile illness or units just beginning training. Provide safe alternative training for those identified at increased risk.

2. Measure the **environmental conditions** in which the training will take place. Remember that conditions can vary substantially even in a short distance and in unpredictable ways. A shaded forest may seem to have less heat stress because of the lower solar load, but may, in fact, have a HIGHER heat stress because of high humidity and lack of wind.

Have the environmental conditions become more stressful recently? Sudden increases in environmental heat stress are particularly risky. Recruits who have acclimatized to a moderate degree of heat stress will not be tolerant of sudden more severe heat stress.

3. Assess the work load of the proposed **training**. What work rate and duration is planned?

What uniform will the training be conducted in? Recruits will experience much greater heat strain in uniforms, such as the BDO, that restrict heat exchange with the environment.

Will the recruits have the opportunity to remove or loosen portions of the uniform during training? Unblousing trousers, removing jackets or helmets can reduce heat stress considerably.

Will the recruits be protected from solar heat load? Although loosening clothing can permit better evaporative and conductive/convective cooling, the skin and head should be protected from direct sun by shade or light clothing.

4. From the condition of the recruits, the environmental conditions, the work rate and uniform to be worn, use the Appendices in the back of this handbook to estimate water requirements and safe work times.

Use **APPENDIX B** to judge the work rate imposed by the training. Appendix B divides military work into four categories from **very light** to **heavy**. These categories are used throughout the handbook.

Running is much more demanding than even "heavy" military work. The Appendices that use the Appendix B military work categories **DO NOT APPLY TO RUNNING**. A separate Appendix D has been calculated for running.

The two figures in Appendix B (Figures B-1 and B-2) show the estimated rate of heat casualties in a unit for each work rate for WBGT Indices between 60°F and 100°F. Figure B-1 is calculated for soldiers wearing the BDU. The left hand edge of each shaded area represents the number of minutes until 5% of a unit would be disabled. The right hand edge of each shaded area represents the number of minutes until 20% of a unit would be disabled. For example, a unit of soldiers in optimal condition in MOPPO, performing moderate work at a WBGT Index of 90°F would be estimated to experience 5% heat casualties after 70 minutes and 20% casualties after 120 minutes if work continues uninterrupted.

It is **ESSENTIAL** to note that the estimates are calculations that assume the soldiers are fully rested, acclimatized, and hydrated and that the soldiers are euthermic at the start of work. In circumstances when those optimal conditions are not met, the estimates of tolerance time must be revised downward. For example, if the unit in MOPPO performing moderate work in a WBGT Index of 90°F were suffering from dehydration, the time to 5% casualties would be expected to be shorter.

At this time, factors to correct work time estimates are not available for the various circumstances, such as dehydration, that can reduce heat tolerance. Knowing this fact, unit surgeons can use the tables and charts in the Appendices as a starting point for work time estimates. Then, using their own knowledge of the troops for whom they are responsible and careful judgement, they need to revise the time estimates. Since there is always variation among individuals and units, when circumstances suggest the risk of heat casualties, a surveillance procedure to detect heat strain before significant casualties occur should be used. **APPENDIX I** describes a field expedient surveillance technique.

**APPENDICES E and F** are calculated using the same method as Appendix B and using the same optimal assumptions. These two Appendices provide, in addition to the maximum work times, tables of work rest cycles and

water requirements for each of the four work rates, MOPP status and WBGT Index. Appendix E provides estimates for **DAYLIGHT** conditions and Appendix F provides estimates for **NIGHT** operations.

The first table (**E-1**) restates in tabular form the information presented graphically in Figures B-1 and B-2 and adds another uniform category, the BDO worn over underwear. The table provides estimates of the number of minutes of work a unit in optimal condition can perform until 5% heat casualties appear. "NL" (No Limit) means that work can be sustained for at least 4 hours without significant heat casualty risk.

The next table (**E-2**) estimates the amount of sweat produced, on average, by each individual in the unit that works to the tolerance time. This quantity multiplied by the hours worked is the amount of water each individual must drink, in addition to usual daily requirements, to replace work-related sweat and maintain normal hydration. Because absorption proceeds at rates comparable to sweat rates, maintaining hydration requires that water drinking be done during work. Attempts to rehydrate just during rest will not maintain hydration.

Table **E-3** lists the estimated amount of time a unit needs to allow for recovery to normal body temperature after working to maximum tolerance at different WBGT indices and in either MOPPO or MOPP4. The table assumes individuals rest in the shade and are completely rehydrated. If units do not have enough time to permit full recovery, their work tolerance when they resume work will be reduced.

Table **E-4** can be used to estimate work-rest cycles. Working only part of each hour and using the remainder of each hour for recovery, a unit can continue work in the heat for a longer time than working steadily to maximum tolerance. The table provides the estimated number of minutes of work each hour that a unit can sustain for several hours with about 5% heat casualties. "NL" (No Limit) means that work-rest cycles are not needed; a unit can work continuously for up to four hours at the given WBGT Index, work rate and uniform if hydration is maintained. "na" (not applicable) means the conditions of work rate, environmental heat stress and uniform cause so much heat stress that work-rest cycle techniques are not adequate to permit sustained work.

Table **E-5** provides estimates of the hourly sweat rate in quarts per hour during the corresponding work-rest cycle determined from Table E-4. To maintain hydration, sweat will need to be fully replaced.

The maximum rate of water absorption is estimated to be about 1.3 quarts per hour. When sweat rates exceed that rate, gradual dehydration will probably occur. Units who are working at high sweat rates will need extra attention to hydration before, during and after completion of a sequence of work-rest cycles. The water requirement assumes that individuals will rest in the shade during the minutes each hour not actually working.

**Appendix F** is organized in the same way as Appendix E. It provides estimates for water requirements, maximum tolerance times and work-rest cycles for night operations. The heat stress associated with night operations is less than for daylight because there is no solar heat load at night. The estimates of recovery time from maximum work in Table E-3 apply equally to night operations and can be used without modification with Table F-1.

**Appendix D** provides estimates of the number of minutes a unit can run at a 9 minute pace (6.6 MPH, 10 KPH) before heat casualties exceed 5% at various WBGT Indices. The values are calculated assuming the soldiers are fully hydrated, rested and acclimatized. Times are given for two uniforms, the light weight BDU or T-Shirt with shorts, both with running shoes. Running in boots will increase the work load of running and shorten the safe running time.

### Minimizing Heat Casualties in Operations

Before any planning begins the unit surgeon must be functioning as a full member of the unit staff. The surgeon must know the soldiers, the staff and the unit leaders. They, in turn, must have confidence in the surgeon.

The surgeon has an educational role as a unit prepares for operations in hot environments. **Soldiers** must know the steps they can take to minimize the risk of heat illness. They must understand the importance of hydration, nutrition and skin hygiene. They must know: that although thirsty = dehydrated, dehydrated **does not** = thirsty. They must be trained to recognize the signs of heat illness in their buddies and the basics of buddy aid. **Staff** must understand the critical importance of water to the unit so they can incorporate adequate water logistics and management. Their plans must not add impediments to water discipline. Planners must incorporate the degrading effect of heat in their operational schedules by adding rest and hydration stops. **Leaders** must understand the nature and the magnitude of the threat that heat stress presents to their units so they can emphasize the importance of required countermeasures. **Small unit leaders** must know the techniques for managing work in the heat and understand the guidelines for water replacement and work-rest cycles.

The surgeon's participation in the actual planning process can be thought of as four steps.

1. The surgeon must understand the Commander's intent and the goals of the mission.
2. Each possible course of action proposed to accomplish the mission or training must be analyzed to determine the sources of risk of heat injury to soldiers and mission compatible measures (such as: collective shelter, repositioning of water supply points, scheduling and routing to avoid extreme temperatures, work-rest cycles and assurance of complete acclimatization) to reduce heat casualty risk. The surgeon should assist the logistician estimate water requirements to support each course of action.
3. The rate of heat casualties and required medical support associated with each course of action must be estimated.
4. The estimates of casualty rates, mission compatible preventive measures and medical support requirements for each course of action must be integrated with the alternatives being developed by the rest of the command staff.

As discussed in detail in the preceding section, the Appendices provide quantitative guidance to estimate work rates and to select appropriate work-rest cycles and water requirements. It is essential to remember that the work-rest and water requirement tables in this handbook are appropriate only for soldiers in optimum condition. Units in less than optimal condition will have lower thermal tolerance.

#### Important Points

Remove any impediments to drinking you can. Soldiers may not drink so they can avoid the need to urinate. Latrines must be as private and convenient as possible, compatible with good field sanitation. Troop movements, whether mounted or dismounted, must include opportunities for hydration and latrine stops. Water should be as cool as possible. Flavoring the water, if it can be accomplished without interfering with potability, will increase intake. Commercial flavoring will interfere with halogen disinfection.

The surgeon must be aware of what is being seen at sick call. The appearance of minor heat illnesses presages more serious heat injuries. Unit-wide investigation and intervention at that point will avoid more serious problems. Know when medications that may interfere with thermoregulation

(Appendix I) are being used.

Skin exposure to sun needs to be discouraged. Clothing and shade are essential measures to control heat stress. Heat stress is not the only consequence of solar exposure. Sunburn from unprotected solar exposure will reduce the ability of the skin to thermoregulate and increase the risk of heat illness.

Lack of sleep and food will reduce thermoregulatory capacity.

### Medical Planning and Readiness

Surgeons must assure the medical support is adequate for the management of heat-dehydration casualties. Early recognition and treatment of heat illness will substantially reduce the morbidity experienced by the victim and the load on the medical chain. Early recognition also allows early intervention for a unit at risk. Immediate evaluation and, if necessary, medical intervention may prevent casualties and permit a unit to remain effective.

Always have a casualty evacuation plan.

Surgeons serving in areas where heat stroke is a risk need to be able to cool patients by some means planned, practiced and, when possible, prepared in advance. Shady, ventilated shelter will be required. Cooling baths or water filled pits are effective cooling devices. Cooling by immersion or spraying will consume at least several gallons of cool water per patient. Medical units preparing to manage heat stroke patients need to have adequate water supplies available.

The unit surgeon needs to monitor the condition of the soldiers for whom he/she is responsible, recognize the presence of increased the risk of heat injury due to the condition of the soldiers, the environment or the mission and recommend or enact those measures that are possible in the context of operations to moderate the conditions.

The unit surgeon must train the unit to cope with heat stress. All members of the unit should be able to recognize the early signs of heat illness and provide buddy aid. The combat lifesavers and medics must be able to recognize and treat heat illness and implement measures to reduce the risk of additional casualties. Unit leaders must understand the threat of heat to their unit and the management of unit training and operations to minimize heat casualties.



## MANAGEMENT of HEAT ILLNESSES

### Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is the most commonly encountered form of heat illness. It occurs when the cardiac output is insufficient to meet the competing demands of thermoregulatory skin blood flow, skeletal muscle and vital organs. Heat exhaustion is usually due to the combination of increased circulatory load due to thermoregulatory and muscular demand and reduced "effective" plasma volume and venous return due to vasodilation in skin and muscle and sweating-induced depletion of salt and water. Heat exhaustion, by definition, is a "functional" illness and is not associated with evidence of organ damage.

Classically, heat exhaustion has been divided into two forms: salt depletion heat exhaustion and water depletion heat exhaustion. In practical clinical terms, neither entity is encountered in a "pure" form; rather, classic heat exhaustion always includes elements of both water and electrolyte depletion which are present in variable proportions.

#### 1. Pathogenesis

The proximate cause to heat exhaustion is the inability of the cardiovascular system meet the demands of thermoregulatory, muscular and visceral blood flow. The fluid and electrolyte depletion associated with exposure to hot environments acts synergistically with the increased demand for cardiac output by reducing the volume of extracellular fluid available for the maintenance of plasma volume and venous return.

Salt depletion in hot environments develops from increased salt loss in sweat (particularly among the unacclimatized) and reduced salt intake due to anorexia. Salt depletion usually develops over several days, so the contraction of extracellular fluid is gradual and symptoms develop slowly. The reduced extracellular fluid volume produces symptoms of fatigue and orthostatic dizziness. Because salt depletion does not produce intracellular hypertonicity, thirst is not prominent until the extracellular fluid volume (ECF) has contracted enough to cause volumetric stimulation of thirst. Nausea and vomiting are common but of unknown mechanism. Hemoconcentration occurs due to the contraction of ECF. Muscle cramps are a common accompaniment of salt depletion (see "Heat Cramps" below). Potassium depletion commonly accompanies salt depletion due to diminished intake and mineralocorticoid driven kaliuresis. Frank hypokalemia is uncommon.

Water depletion in hot environments develops from sweat rates sufficiently in excess of water replacement rates to produce hypertonic dehydration. Even though the loss of water occurs from both intracellular and extracellular compartments, the rate of dehydration is usually quite rapid and symptoms evolve quickly. Thirst is prominent due to hypertonicity. Oliguria, clinical dehydration, tachycardia and tachypnea with symptomatic hyperventilation are all prominent clinical features.

## 2. Diagnosis

Presenting complaints in heat exhaustion include: thirst, syncope, profound physical fatigue, nausea, vomiting, symptomatic hyperventilation with acroparesthesia and carpopedal spasm, dyspnea, muscle cramps, confusion, anxiety and agitation, mood change, orthostatic dizziness, ataxia, hyperthermia and frontal headache. The symptoms of heat exhaustion are non-specific and no combination of presenting symptoms and signs is pathognomonic. Each patient requires careful clinical evaluation addressed to the presenting complaint.

Heat exhaustion is frequently superimposed on other conditions that increase circulatory load, such as febrile illness, or produce fluid-electrolyte losses, such as gastroenteritis.

At the first opportunity the following objective data should be obtained to support the clinical analysis and management of potential heat exhaustion: careful vital signs including orthostatic blood pressure and rectal temperature, CBC (including platelet count), serum electrolytes, BUN, creatinine, glucose and U/A. If heat stroke is suspected, PT, APTT, Fibrin split products or analog, liver enzymes, CK isoenzymes, ECG and CXR should be obtained as soon as possible. Other data are obtained as needed to complete the differential diagnosis of the presenting complaint. Rectal temperature should be frequently monitored to ensure that core temperature is falling to normothermic levels.

## 3. Management

The management of heat exhaustion is directed to correcting the two pathogenic components of the illness: excessive cardiovascular demand and water-electrolyte depletion. The load on the heart is reduced by rest and cooling. Water-electrolyte depletion is corrected by administering oral or parenteral fluids.

Heat exhausted patients do not **REQUIRE** active cooling measures; removal of heavy clothing and rest in a shaded and ventilated space provides an adequate opportunity for spontaneous cooling. However, if available, cool water can be used to cool the skin. The consequent cutaneous vasoconstriction will rapidly reduce circulatory demand and improve venous return.

Heat exhaustion casualties retain the ability to cool spontaneously if removed from the stressful circumstances. However, spontaneous cooling is necessarily observed only **AFTER** cooling has occurred. Since casualties with heat stroke and heat exhaustion are hard to distinguish initially, medical personnel who elect to delay active cooling to see if a casualty can spontaneously cool, will occasionally fail to provide immediate active cooling for a casualty with heat stroke. The **SAFEST COURSE** is to provide active cooling for all casualties who are at risk for heat stroke.

Intravenous fluids replenish the extracellular volume quickly. Oral fluids suffice for those patients who can take fluids without risk of vomiting. However, clinical observation suggests parenteral fluids produce more rapid recovery than oral fluids, probably because of the slower absorption of oral fluids. Patients with evidence of clinically significant plasma volume depletion (tachycardia at rest or orthostatic signs) should initially receive normal saline in 200-250 cc boluses in an amount sufficient to restore normal circulatory function. No more than 2 liters of NS should be administered without laboratory surveillance. Subsequent parenteral fluid replacement should be D5/0.5 NS or D5/0.2NS. Individuals with significant salt depletion have coincident potassium depletion, often amounting to 300-400 meq of KCl. To begin the restoration of the potassium deficit, inclusion of potassium in parenteral fluids after volume resuscitation is appropriate if there is no evidence of renal insufficiency or rhabdomyolysis. Oral fluids should not be given until all risk of vomiting has abated. Significant hypernatremia should be corrected slowly to avoid cerebral edema.

#### 4. Recovery and Profiling

Patients with heat exhaustion experience rapid clinical recovery. However, they all need at least 24 hours of rest and rehydration under first echelon or unit level medical supervision to reverse their water-electrolyte depletion.

Any patient in whom the diagnosis of heat stroke is possible will need at least 72 hours to complete an adequate period of observation, rest and rehydration at a second or third echelon MTF. Patients who are clinically well but still being observed can be assigned supervised light duty at the MTF if shade and water are plentiful. Under no circumstances should they be reexposed to significant heat stress during this period.

A single episode of heat exhaustion does not imply any predisposition to heat injury. No profile is required. An attempt should be made to determine the reason for the heat exhaustion, e.g., insufficient work-rest or water discipline, coincident illness or medication, etc. The individual should return to his unit with advice, both to the soldier and the chain-of-command, about how the incident happened and how to avoid similar episodes in the future.

Repeated episodes of heat exhaustion require thorough evaluation. Soldiers should not be returned to duty. They should be evacuated to a referral facility with a temporary profile against heat exposure.

## Heat Cramps

### 1. Pathogenesis

The etiology of heat cramps is not known. Generally, heat cramps occur in salt-depleted patients generally during a period of recovery after a period of work in the heat. Whole body salt depletion is thought to be associated with the cause of the muscle contraction of heat cramps. Salt supplementation has been found to reduce the incidence of heat cramps in industrial populations at risk.

### 2. Diagnosis

Patients with heat cramps present with painful tonic contractions of skeletal muscle. The cramp in an individual muscle is usually preceded by palpable or visible fasciculation and lasts 2-3 minutes. Cramps are recurrent and may be precipitated by manipulation of muscle. The cramps involve the voluntary muscles of the trunk and extremities. Smooth muscle, cardiac muscle, the diaphragm and bulbar muscles are not involved. Pain in cramping muscle is severe. There are no systemic manifestations except those attributable to pain. Despite the salt-depletion associated with heat cramps, frank signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion are unusual. The cramps can occur during work or many hours after work.

The diagnosis of heat cramps is usually straightforward. The differential diagnosis includes tetany due to alkalosis (hyperventilation, severe gastroenteritis, cholera) or hypocalcemia, strychnine poisoning, black widow spider envenomation or abdominal colic. These entities should be distinguishable on clinical examination.

### 3. Management

Replenishment of salt orally or parenterally resolves heat cramps rapidly. The response to therapy is sufficiently dramatic to be valuable in the differential diagnosis. The route of administration should be determined by the urgency of symptom relief. Salt tablets should not be used as an oral salt source. If oral salt replenishment is to be used to treat heat cramps, use 0.1% salt solution. (SEE APPENDIX A)

No significant complications have been reported from heat cramps except muscle soreness.

#### 4. Recovery and Profiling

Patients with heat cramps usually have substantial salt deficits (15-30 grams, 2-3 days usual dietary intake). These individuals should be allowed 2-3 days to replenish salt and water deficits before resuming work in the heat.

An episode of heat cramps does not imply any predisposition to heat injury. No profile is needed except to assure an adequate period of recovery.

As with heat exhaustion, an attempt should be made to determine the reason for the episode so that appropriate advice can be given to the soldier and chain-of-command to avoid future episodes.

## Heat Stroke

### HEAT EXHAUSTION VS. HEAT STROKE

At presentation, the distinction between heat exhaustion and heat stroke, in all but the most extreme cases, is impossible. Individuals who do not respond dramatically to rest and fluid-electrolyte repletion should be observed for 24 hours with laboratory surveillance for the delayed complications of heat stroke. Encephalopathy, coagulopathy or persistent elevation of body temperature suggest the probability of severe heat stroke. Immediate institution of active cooling and evacuation to a rear echelon hospital is required. Active cooling should be continued throughout evacuation.

Since the renal and hepatic complications of heat stroke can be delayed for 48-72 hours, any evidence of renal or hepatic injury during the initial 24 hours of observation should lead to the presumptive diagnosis of heat stroke. These patients should be evacuated to rear echelons for further evaluation, medical care and rehabilitation.

#### 1. Pathogenesis

Heat stroke is distinguished from heat exhaustion by the presence of clinically significant tissue injury. The degree of injury appears to relate to both the degree of temperature elevation and duration of exposure. Since the degree of illness in patients with heat stroke is not entirely predicted by the magnitude of temperature elevation and duration, other pathogenic factors including tissue ischemia, hypokalemia, exercise induced lactic acidosis, endotoxemia, and activation of intravascular coagulation probably have a role in the evolution of heat stroke.

Heat stroke occurs in two settings sufficiently different to produce different clinical pictures and management. "Classical" heat stroke occurs in individuals, frequently with impaired thermoregulation due to illness or medication, exposed passively to heat and dehydration. It is principally an epidemic affliction of young children and elderly occurring during urban heat waves. "Exertional" heat stroke occurs in physically active individuals

experiencing substantial endogenous heat loads. The primary clinical difference between the two is that exertional heat stroke is complicated by acute rhabdomyolysis with consequent renal failure.

Five organ systems, the brain, hemostatic, liver, kidneys and muscle, are the principal foci of injury in heat stroke.

Encephalopathy is a sine-qua-non of heat stroke. Its presentation ranges from syncope and confusion to seizures or coma with decerebrate rigidity. The etiology of encephalopathy is not known.

Coagulopathy due to DIC is common. The principal causes of DIC seem to be thermal damage to endothelium, rhabdomyolysis and direct thermal platelet activation causing intravascular microthrombi. Fibrinolysis is secondarily activated. Hepatic dysfunction and thermal injury to megakaryocytes slows the repletion of clotting factors.

Hepatic injury is common. Transaminase enzyme elevation, clotting factor deficiencies and jaundice can be seen in the course of heat stroke.

Renal failure following heat stroke can be caused by several factors: myoglobinuria from rhabdomyolysis in exertional heat stroke, acute tubular necrosis due to hypoperfusion, glomerulopathy due to DIC, direct thermal injury and hyperuricemia.

Rhabdomyolysis is a frequent acute complication of exertional heat stroke. Acute muscular necrosis releases large quantities of potassium, myoglobin, phosphate and uric acid and sequesters calcium in the exposed contractile proteins.

If heat stroke is suspected and temperature is elevated, cooling should not be delayed to accomplish a diagnostic evaluation. Cooling and evaluation should proceed simultaneously.

## 2. Diagnosis

Heat stroke presents as collapse with variably severe encephalopathy and hyperthermia. There may be clinical evidence of dehydration, coagulopathy or shock.

The differential diagnosis includes infection (particularly meningococemia and *P. falciparum* malaria), pontine or hypothalamic hemorrhage, drug intoxication (cocaine, amphetamines, phencyclidine, theophylline, tricyclic antidepressants), alcohol or sedative withdrawal, severe hypertonic dehydration and thyroid storm.

Laboratory evaluation should be directed by the differential diagnosis appropriate for the clinical circumstances. Patients with heat stroke require serial monitoring of platelets and plasma clotting factors, renal and hepatic function and electrolyte and acid-base status.

The patient with heat stroke requires early evacuation to medical facilities with intensive care capabilities. Active cooling should be started immediately and continued during evacuation.

## 3. Management

### a. Emergency Care

1. The clinical outcome of patients with heat stroke is primarily a function of the magnitude and duration of temperature elevation. Therefore, the most important therapeutic measure is rapid reduction of body temperature. Any effective means of cooling is acceptable. A variety of techniques have been used. No particular technique has been unequivocally demonstrated to be superior.

Immersion in cool or iced water with skin massage is a classic technique for cooling heat stroke patients. Both have demonstrated effectiveness in lowering body temperature. Ice water probably produces the most rapid rate of cooling. However, ice water is an uncomfortable environment in which to work and, in the field, is very difficult to obtain.

Conscious patients will occasionally fight ice water immersion complicating management. Cool water is less demanding logistically and less uncomfortable for the medical attendants. In hot dry environments, field expedient immersion baths which will keep water cool can be constructed by digging plastic-lined shaded pits (The water is cooled by contact with cool subsurface sand and surface evaporation.) or by rigging shallow canvas tubs in elevated frames in ventilated shade (The water is cooled by evaporation from the wetted canvas surface. In the case of canvas tubs the water can cool to nearly the atmospheric dew point temperature, often as low as 50 F in deserts.) If immersion devices cannot be prepared in advance, cool water can be kept available in Lyster bags. Heat stroke patients frequently have diarrhea and vomiting. The water immersion baths should be disinfected between cases.

Although not as effective as immersion, cooling can also be accomplished by wetting the body surface and accelerating evaporation by fanning. The water can be applied by spraying or by application of thin conforming cloth wraps (sheets, cotton underwear).

Circulating cooling blankets (unlikely to be available in the field situation) will also lower body temperature. Although cooling blankets have the advantage of maintaining a dry working environment, their limited contact surface provide slower cooling than immersion or surface wetting techniques. Their best use is probably maintaining normal body temperature in the period after resuscitation and rapid cooling where temperature instability is characteristic.

Invasive cooling techniques have been tried including ice water lavage or enemas and peritoneal lavage with cool fluids. These techniques do not provide faster cooling and have the additional disadvantages of potential complications and substantial inappropriate fluid loads. These techniques are not recommended.

While cooling is underway, rectal temperature should be closely monitored. Active cooling should be discontinued when the rectal temperature reaches 39°C to avoid hypothermia.

ii. Heat stroke patients usually do not require aggressive fluid resuscitation. Fluid requirements of 1 to 1.5 liters in the first few hours are typical. Over-replacement carries the risk of congestive heart failure, cerebral edema and pulmonary edema. Since heat stroke patients are frequently hypoglycemic, the initial fluid should include dextrose.

Hypotensive patients who do not respond to saline should receive inotropic support. Isoproterenol has been reported anecdotally to be helpful. Careful titrated use of dopamine or dobutamine is also reasonable and has the potential added advantage of improving renal perfusion.

Pulmonary artery wedge pressure monitoring should be used in patients with persistent hemodynamic instability.

iii. Airway control is essential. Vomiting is common and endotracheal intubation should be used in any patient with a reduced level of consciousness. Supplemental oxygen should be provided when available.

iv. Patients are frequently agitated, combative or seizing. Valium is effective for control and can be administered iv, endotracheally or rectally. The sedated heat stroke patient should be intubated. Nasogastric intubation to control vomiting should be done as soon as practicable.

v. Hyperkalemia is the most life threatening early clinical problem. Measurement of plasma [K] is an early priority. Tall T-waves on the surface electrocardiogram are consistent with hyperkalemia but not definitive. The interpretation of plasma [K] early in the clinical course of heat stroke is difficult due to confounding electrolyte and acid-base disturbances. Clinically significant hyperkalemia is manifested by electrocardiographic changes including increased T wave amplitude, slowed A-V conduction with widening of the P-R interval, diminishing P wave amplitude and "sine wave" ventricular rhythms. Hyperkalemia greater than 6.5 meq/l or with electrocardiographic changes should be treated. Glucose (50 gms slow iv), insulin (20 units of regular insulin iv) and sodium bicarbonate (1-2 amps iv) will lower plasma [K] within minutes. Serious ventricular dysrhythmia should be treated with iv calcium gluconate (1-2 amps). Cardiac monitoring and electrocardiography can be used to supplement laboratory monitoring for changes in plasma potassium (T wave amplitude) and calcium (QT interval).

vi. Acute renal injury is common in exertional heat stroke. Urinary catheterization to monitor urine output and obtain urine for [Na] should be done early. The oliguric patient with casts, pigmenturia or red cells and a urine [Na] greater than 30 meq/l (before diuretics) has a high likelihood of acute renal failure. Early management of suspected acute renal failure should include assuring adequate renal perfusion and mannitol (12.5-25 grams iv).

## b. Continuing Care

After cooling and hemodynamic stabilization, continuing care is supportive and is directed at the complications of heat stroke as they appear.

i. Patients with heat stroke frequently have impaired temperature regulation for several days with alternate periods of hyperthermia and hypothermia. Constant monitoring is essential and clinically significant deviations in temperature may require either cooling or warming measures. It is important to remember that changes in temperature may be due to reasons OTHER than hypothalamic instability, such as infection.

ii. The effects of rhabdomyolysis that require management are renal injury due to myoglobinuria and hyperuricemia, hyperkalemia, hypocalcemia and compartment syndromes due to muscle swelling. Assurance of adequate renal perfusion and urine flow will moderate the nephrotoxic effects of myoglobin and uric acid. Hyperkalemia can be managed by kayexalate or dialysis. The hypocalcemia does not usually require treatment. Increasing tenderness or tension in a muscle compartment may represent increasing intracompartmental pressures. Direct measurement of intramuscular pressure or fasciotomy should be considered at this point. Pain and paresthesia may not signal the compartment syndrome until permanent damage has occurred.

iii. Prognosis is worse in patients with more severe degrees of encephalopathy. Permanent neurologic sequelae can develop after heat stroke including cerebellar ataxia, paresis seizure disorder and cognitive dysfunction.

Management of encephalopathy is supportive, directed at minimizing cerebral edema by avoiding fluid overreplacement and assuring hemodynamic, thermal and metabolic stability. Intravenous mannitol has been used to treat life threatening cerebral edema if renal function is adequate. The efficacy of dexamethasone for treating heat stroke induced cerebral edema is not known.

Neurologic deterioration after initial recovery may represent intracranial hemorrhage related to DIC or hematoma related to trauma unrecognized at the time of initial presentation.

iv. Subclinical coagulopathy does not require active management. Clinically significant bleeding is an ominous sign. Treatment is directed at reducing the rate of coagulation and replacement of depleted clotting factors. Intravascular coagulation can be slowed by heparin infusion (5-7 units/kg per

hour), followed in 2-3 hours by fresh frozen plasma and platelets. The administration of heparin will interfere with the usual laboratory measures of coagulation. However, successful management leads to a decline in indices of fibrinolysis (for example, fibrin split products). Heparin is tapered gradually over 2-3 days as directed by laboratory evidence of control.

v. Management of acute renal failure requires exquisite attention to fluid and electrolyte balance. Uremic metabolic acidosis and hyperkalemia require dialysis for control.

vi. Other complications include gastrointestinal bleeding, jaundice due to hepatic injury, aspiration pneumonia, noncardiogenic pulmonary edema and myocardial infarction. Immunoincompetence and infection are late complications, particularly in patients with severe renal failure.

#### 4. Recovery and Profiling

Patients with heat stroke will require prolonged convalescence. They should receive profiles restricting heat exposure until clinical recovery is complete and their heat tolerance has been evaluated.

Heat intolerant individuals are considered to have either limited thermoregulatory response to heat stress or limited capacity for heat acclimatization and, therefore, be predisposed to heat injury. Certain diseases are well known to cause heat intolerance (a classic example is congenital ectodermal dysplasia in which sweat glands are absent). Heat stroke has been considered to be evidence for heat intolerance. However, a recent study was able to demonstrate measurable heat intolerance in only 1 of 10 individuals after recovery from heat stroke.

## Minor Heat Illnesses

### 1. Miliaria Rubra, Miliaria Profunda and Anhidrotic Heat Exhaustion

Miliaria rubra is a subacute pruritic inflamed papulovesicular skin eruption which appears in actively sweating skin exposed to high humidity. In dry climates, miliaria is confined to skin sufficiently occluded by clothing to produce local high humidity. Each miliarial papulovesicle represents an eccrine sweat gland whose duct is occluded at the level of the epidermal stratum granulosum by inspissated organic debris. Eccrine secretions accumulate in the glandular portion of the gland and infiltrate into the surrounding dermis. Pruritus is increased with increased sweating. Miliarial skin cannot fully participate in thermoregulatory sweating, and therefore, the risk of heat illness is increased in proportion to the amount of skin surface involved. Sleeplessness due to pruritus and secondary infection of occluded glands have systemic effects that further degrade optimal thermoregulation.

Miliaria is treated by cooling and drying affected skin, avoiding conditions that induce sweating, controlling infection and relieving pruritus. Eccrine gland function recovers with desquamation of the effected epidermis, which takes 7 to 10 days.

Miliaria that becomes generalized and prolonged (miliaria profunda) can cause an uncommon but disabling disorder: anhidrotic heat exhaustion (or tropical anhidrotic asthenia). The lesions of miliaria profunda are presumed to develop from persistent miliarial lesions by superimposing inflammatory obstruction of the eccrine duct below the epidermal level of the inciting obstruction. The lesions are truncal, noninflamed, papular, with less evidence of vesiculation than the lesions of miliaria rubra. They may only be evident during conditions of active sweat production. Sweat does not appear on the surface of affected skin. The lesions are asymptomatic, which may explain why the patient does not seek medical evaluation early in the course.

Miliaria profunda causes a marked inhibition of thermoregulatory sweating and heat intolerance similar to that of ectodermal dysplasia. Symptoms of heat exhaustion and high risk of heat stroke occur under conditions well tolerated by other individuals. Management of miliaria profunda requires evacuation to a cooler environment for several weeks to allow restoration of normal eccrine gland function.

## 2. Heat Syncope

Syncope occurring on standing in a hot environment has been called "heat syncope". Heat syncope is probably not a discrete clinical entity. Rather, thermal stress increases the risk of classic neurally-mediated (vasovagal) syncope by aggravating peripheral pooling of blood in dilated cutaneous vessels. No special heat-related significance should be assigned to syncope occurring in these circumstances. Clinical evaluation and management should be directed toward the syncopal episode, not potential heat illness.

However, syncope occurring during or after work in the heat or after more than 5 days of heat exposure should be considered evidence of heat exhaustion.

## 3. Heat Edema

Mild dependent edema ("deck legs") is occasionally seen during the early stages of heat exposure while plasma volume is expanding to compensate for the increased need for thermoregulatory blood flow. In the absence of other disease, the condition is of no clinical significance and will resolve spontaneously. Diuretic therapy is not appropriate and may increase the risk of heat illness.

## 4. Sunburn

Sunburn reduces the thermoregulatory capacity of skin and, as any injury, has systemic effects, including fever, that influence central thermoregulation. Sunburn should be prevented by insisting on the use of adequate sun protection. When it does occur, affected individuals should be kept from significant heat strain until the burn has healed.

## 5. Heat tetany

Heat tetany is a rare condition which occurs in individuals acutely exposed to overwhelming heat stress. Extremely severe heat stress induces hyperventilation which appears to be the principal pathophysiologic etiology. The manifestations of heat tetany are characteristic of hyperventilation. They include respiratory alkalosis, carpopedal spasm and syncope. Management required removal from heat and control of hyperventilation. Dehydration and salt depletion are not prominent features.



### **KEY POINTS AND REMINDERS**

1. Successful prevention of heat casualties is more important to the unit than their treatment.
2. Your success in preventing heat illnesses will depend on your skill as an educator and trainer.
3. To influence the conduct of an operation or training, you must integrate yourself into the planning process.
4. Be alert to early signs of dehydration and heat illness. They forewarn of more severe casualties to come without intervention.
5. Be sure there will be enough water when and where you need it. Never forego water planning.
6. The skin is a vital organ in the heat. Its care is more than just for comfort or aesthetics.
7. Reducing heat load reduces water requirements. Use shade and night as much as possible.



## APPENDIX A

### 1. PREPARATION OF 0.1 PERCENT SALT SOLUTION

A solution of 0.1 percent table salt in drinking water may be prepared by one of the following general methods:

a. Adding table salt directly to the drinking water using any of the following proportions:

2 ten-grain salt tablets\* dissolved in 1 quart canteen

4 ten-grain salt tablets\* dissolved in 2 quart canteen

1 1/2 level mess kit spoons dissolved in 5-gallon can

9 level mess kit spoons dissolved in Lyster bag

1 level canteen cup dissolved in 250-gallon water trailer

\*Salt tablets should be crushed before attempting to dissolve them.

### 2. PREPARATION OF A SATURATED SALT SOLUTION (approximately 26 percent) and ADDING SPECIFIC QUANTITIES OF THE SATURATED SOLUTION TO DRINKING WATER TO MAKE A 0.1% SALT SOLUTION

Saturated Salt Solution is made by adding nine level teaspoons of table salt to 2/3 of a canteen cup of water. Saturated salt solutions are NOT safe to drink. Be sure saturated salt solutions are properly diluted.

0.1% salt solution can be made using saturated salt solution added to plain, potable water in any of the following proportions.

1/8 canteen cap (1 qt size) added to 1 quart canteen

1/4 canteen cap (2 qt size) added to 2 quart canteen

1 mess kit spoonful added to gallon

5 mess kit spoonful added to 5-gallon can

1/2 canteen cup added to 250-gallon water trailer

## APPENDIX B

### Work Intensities of Military Tasks

| <u>WORK INTENSITY<br/>IN MOPP0-1</u> | <u>ACTIVITY</u>  | <u>WORK INTENSITY<br/>IN MOPP2-4</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>VERY LIGHT</b>                    | Lying On Ground<br>Standing In Foxhole<br>Sitting In Truck<br>Guard Duty<br>Driving Truck  | <b>VERY LIGHT</b>                    |
| <b>LIGHT</b>                         | Cleaning Rifle<br>Walking Hard Surface/<br>2.25 mph No Load<br>Walking Hard Surface/<br>2.25 mph 20 kg Load<br>Manual Of Arms<br>Walking Hard Surface/<br>2.25 mph 30 kg Load                        | <b>LIGHT</b>                         |
| <b>MODERATE</b>                      | Walking Loose Sand/<br>2.25 mph No Load<br>Walking Hard Surface/<br>3.5 mph No Load<br>Calisthenics  | <b>MODERATE</b>                      |
| <b>HEAVY</b>                         | Walking Hard Surface/<br>3.5 mph 20 kg Load<br>Scouting Patrol<br>Pick And Shovel<br>Crawling Full Pack<br>Foxhole Digging<br>Field Assaults   | <b>HEAVY</b>                         |
| <b>HEAVY</b>                         | Walking Hard Surface/<br>3.5 mph 30 kg Load<br>Walking Hard Surface/<br>4.5 mph No Load<br>Emplacement Digging<br>Walking Hard Surface/<br>5.0 mph No Load<br>Walking Loose Sand/<br>3.5 mph No Load |                                      |

The work intensity categories of this table are based on metabolic expenditures.

Very Light = 105 to 175 watts  
 Light = 172 to 325 watts  
 Moderate = 325 to 500 watts  
 Heavy = 500+ watts

The weight of the chemical protective overboots is a primary contributor to increased work intensity in MOPP.

Figure B-1: Estimated Tolerance Times at Three Work Intensities in MOPPO

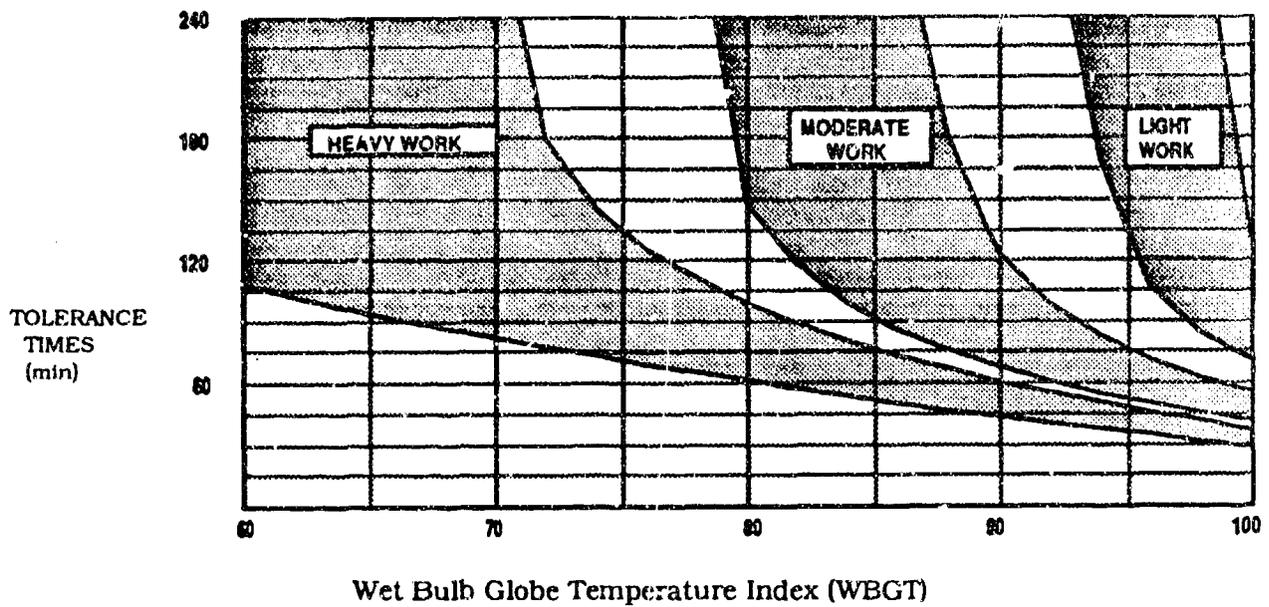
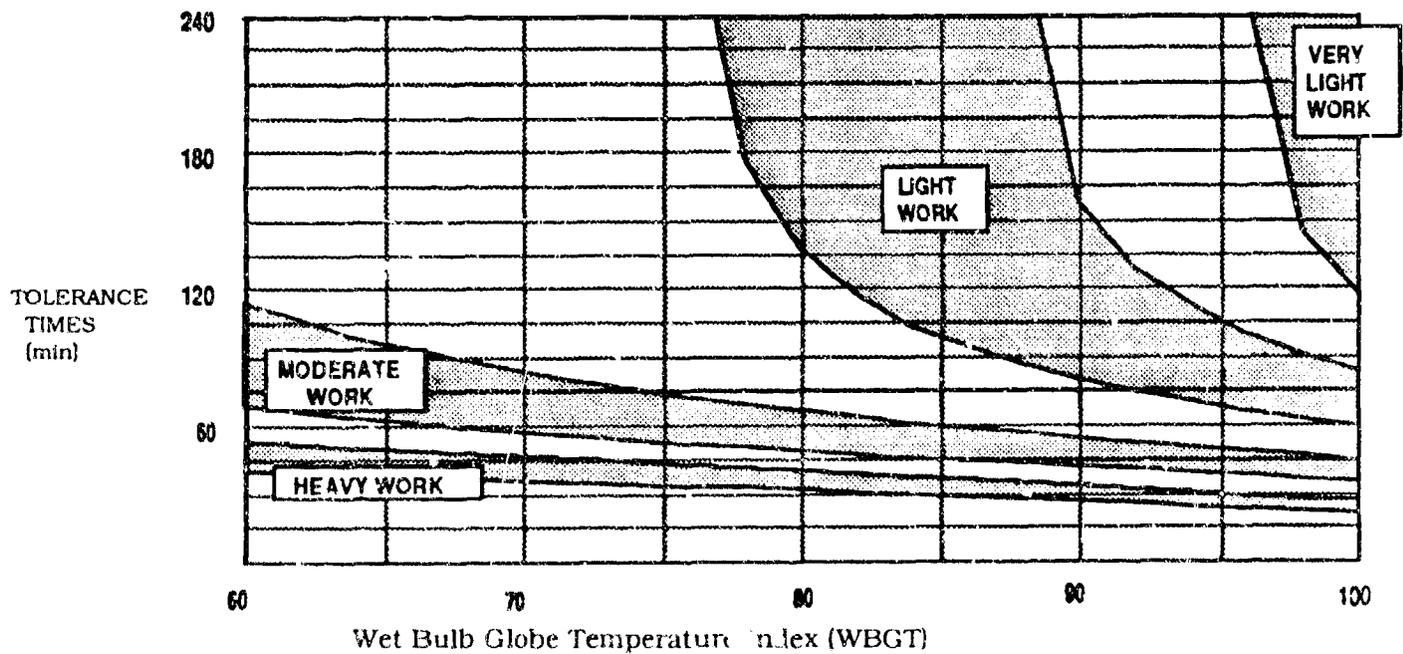


Figure B-2: Estimated Tolerance Times for Four Work Intensities in MOPPA



The shaded areas represent the transition from light (<5%, bottom or left edge) to moderate casualties (20%, top or right edge) at each work intensity. For example, at 85°F WBGT approximately 20% of the members of a unit in MOPPA performing light work (see Figure B-2) is at risk of becoming heat casualties after 90 minutes of continuous work. The guidance is derived from the USARIEM Heat Strain Model. Assumptions used in calculating the curves include: 1) troops fully hydrated, rested and acclimatized; 2) 50% relative humidity; 3) Windspeed= 4-5 mph; 4) midday role load.

## APPENDIX C

### WET BULB GLOBE TEMPERATURE (WBGT) INDEX

#### 1. Equipment

a. The **wet bulb thermometer** is a standard laboratory glass thermometer with its bulb covered with a wick (heavy white shoe-string). The wick dips into a flask of clean, preferably distilled, water. The mouth of the flask should be about three-fourths of an inch below the tip of the thermometer bulb. The water level in the flask should be high enough to ensure thorough wetting of the wick. The water should be changed daily after rinsing out the flask and washing the wick with soap and water. To avoid erroneous readings, the water and wick must be free of salt and soap.

b. The conventional **globe-thermometer** apparatus consists of a six inch hollow copper sphere painted flat black on the outside and containing a thermometer with its bulb at the center of the sphere. The thermometer stem protrudes to the outside through a stopper tightly fitting into a brass tube soldered to the sphere. The sphere has two small holes near the top used for suspending the sphere with wire or strong cords. The globe must be kept dull black at all times, free of dust or rain streaks, by dusting, washing, or repainting if necessary.

c. **Shaded dry bulb thermometer.**

#### 2. Method

a. The WBGT Index is computed from readings of

(1) a stationary wet bulb thermometer exposed to the sun and to the prevailing wind,

(2) a six inch black globe thermometer similarly exposed, and

(3) a dry bulb thermometer shielded from the direct rays of the sun.

All readings are taken at a location representative of the conditions to which men are exposed. The wet bulb and globe thermometers are suspended in the sun at a height of four feet above ground. A period of at least 20 minutes after deploying the apparatus should elapse before readings are taken.

b. The WBGT Index is computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & 0.7 \text{ wet bulb temperature} \\ & + 0.2 \text{ black globe temperature} \\ & + 0.1 \text{ shaded dry bulb temperature} \end{aligned}$$

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=WBGT

### 3. Use of the WBGT Index in Control of Physical Activity.

The proponents of the WBGT index have proposed the following as a standard for application of the index. IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED that the measurements must be taken in a location which is the same as, or closely approximates, the environment to which personnel are exposed.

a. When the WBGT index reaches 78 F (26 C), extremely intense physical exertion may precipitate heat exhaustion or heat stroke; therefore, caution should be taken.

b. When the WBGT index reaches 82 F (28 C), discretion should be used in planning heavy exercise for unseasoned personnel.

c. When the WBGT index reaches 85 F (29 C), strenuous exercise such as marching at standard cadence should be suspended in unseasoned personnel during their first three weeks of training. At this temperature training activities may be continued on a reduced scale after the second week of training.

d. Outdoor classes in the sun should be avoided when the WBGT exceeds 85 F (29 C).

e. When the WBGT reaches 88 F (31 C), strenuous exercise should be curtailed for all recruits and other trainees with less than 12 weeks training in hot weather. Hardened personnel, after having been acclimatized each season, can carry on limited activity at WBGT of 88 F to 90 F (31 C-32 C) for periods not exceeding six hours a day.

f. When the WBGT index is 90 F (32 C) and above, physical training and strenuous exercise should be suspended for all personnel (excluding essential operational commitments not for training purposes, where the risk of heat casualties may be warranted).

#### 4. The Wet Globe Temperature (Botsball)

To simplify the assessment of environmental heat stress, the U.S. Army has fielded the Botsball device (NSN 6665-01-103-8547). The Botsball provides an index, the Wet Globe Temperature, which correlates but does not exactly reflect the WBGT Index.

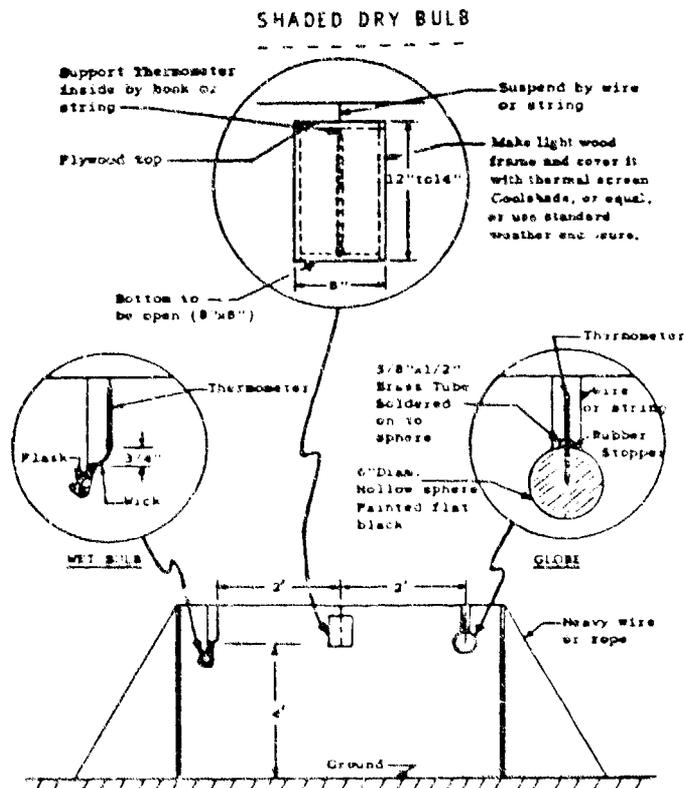
The difference between the WGT and the WBGT index can be substantial. In hot, dry, windy environments the WGT has been measured as much as 11°F BELOW the WBGT Index. In those circumstances, the WGT seriously underestimates heat stress.

To overcome the limitation of the uncorrected WGT reading, a correction formula was developed. The correction formula is:

$$\text{WBGT}(\text{°F}) = 0.8 \times \text{WGT} + 0.2 \times \text{dry bulb temperature} + 1.3$$

Note that the WGT correction formula requires the determination of the dry bulb temperature.

The WBGT predicted by the correction formula is usually but, not always, a slight overestimate (1-2°F) of the actual WBGT Index.



## APPENDIX D

### ESTIMATED MAXIMUM SAFE DURATION FOR RUNNING AT 9 MINUTE MILE PACE

The work intensity of running at a 9 minute mile pace is substantially higher (about 900-1000 watts) than heavy self paced work (500-650 watts). The rapid generation of metabolic heat during running can produce substantial heat strain and heat casualty risk even in climatic conditions that would not be particularly stressful for less intense activity.

The following table estimates the number of minutes a unit of physically fit, acclimatized and well-hydrated soldiers would have to run at a 9 minute mile (6.2 miles per hour, 10 km per hour) pace to generate a 5% risk of heat casualties. Unit trainers can use this table as an aid in judging safe time limits for running in hot conditions to avoid heat casualties. NOTE this table assumes running in running shoes. Boots would cause significantly more heat strain and would shorten the time until heat casualties occurred.

| WBGT | Ta   | Maximum Run Times (min) |                |
|------|------|-------------------------|----------------|
|      |      | Summer BDU              | T-Shirt/Shorts |
| 50   | 53   | 54                      | 59             |
| 54   | 55   | 52                      | 57             |
| 58   | 62   | 51                      | 55             |
| 62   | 66.5 | 49                      | 52             |
| 66   | 71   | 46                      | 50             |
| 70   | 76   | 43                      | 47             |
| 74   | 80   | 41                      | 43             |
| 78   | 85   | 37                      | 39             |
| 82   | 89   | 33                      | 34             |
| 86   | 94   | 28                      | 29             |
| 90   | 98   | 22                      | 22             |
| 94   | 103  | 16                      | 14*            |
| 96   | 105  | 13                      | 11*            |

(\*)The apparent paradox of shorter run times despite a lighter uniform is due the protective effect of clothing from severe environmental heat. In these two cases, the heavier uniform slows heat gain from the environment prolonging the possible exposure time. **Assumptions:** Clear skies, early morning, wind speed: 4.75 mph, fully acclimatized, 50% relative humidity, wearing running shoes



## APPENDIX E

### PREVENTION OF HEAT INJURIES DURING DAYLIGHT OPERATIONS

TABLE E-1: MAXIMUM WORK TIMES

TABLE E-2: WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR MAXIMUM WORK TIMES

TABLE E-3: RECOVERY TIME ESTIMATES AFTER MAXIMUM WORK

TABLE E-4: MINUTES PER HOUR IN WORK-REST CYCLE

TABLE E-5: WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR WORK-REST CYCLE

**Table E-1: Maximum Work Times [minutes] (Daylight Operations)**

| WBGT | T <sub>a</sub> | MOPP |     |     |    | MOPP4 + Underwear |     |    |    | MOPP4 + BDU |     |    |    |
|------|----------------|------|-----|-----|----|-------------------|-----|----|----|-------------|-----|----|----|
|      |                | VL   | L   | M   | H  | VL                | L   | M  | H  | VL          | L   | M  | H  |
| 78   | 82             | NL   | NL  | NL  | 65 | NL                | 177 | 50 | 33 | NL          | 155 | 49 | 32 |
| 80   | 84             | NL   | NL  | 157 | 61 | NL                | 142 | 43 | 32 | NL          | 131 | 48 | 32 |
| 82   | 87             | NL   | NL  | 114 | 56 | NL                | 115 | 47 | 31 | NL          | 110 | 46 | 30 |
| 84   | 89             | NL   | NL  | 99  | 53 | NL                | 104 | 45 | 30 | NL          | 100 | 45 | 30 |
| 86   | 91             | NL   | NL  | 87  | 50 | NL                | 95  | 44 | 29 | NL          | 93  | 44 | 29 |
| 88   | 94             | NL   | NL  | 74  | 45 | NL                | 85  | 42 | 28 | NL          | 83  | 42 | 27 |
| 90   | 96             | NL   | NL  | 67  | 43 | NL                | 79  | 41 | 27 | NL          | 78  | 41 | 27 |
| 92   | 98             | NL   | NL  | 60  | 40 | NL                | 75  | 40 | 26 | NL          | 74  | 40 | 26 |
| 94   | 100            | NL   | 193 | 55  | 37 | NL                | 70  | 39 | 25 | NL          | 70  | 39 | 25 |
| 96   | 103            | NL   | 101 | 48  | 33 | 203               | 65  | 37 | 23 | 194         | 65  | 37 | 23 |
| 98   | 105            | NL   | 82  | 44  | 31 | 141               | 62  | 36 | 22 | 140         | 62  | 36 | 22 |
| 100  | 107            | 261  | 70  | 41  | 26 | 118               | 59  | 35 | 21 | 118         | 59  | 35 | 21 |

**KEY TO TABLE**

- WBGT - Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (°F)
  - T<sub>a</sub> - Ambient Temperature (dry bulb - °F)
  - VL - Very Light Work Intensity
  - L - Light Work Intensity
  - M - Moderate Work Intensity
  - H - Heavy Work Intensity
  - BDU - Battle Dress Uniform
  - NL - No Limit to Continuous Work
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**INSTRUCTIONS & NOTES**

This table provides, for four levels of work intensity (see Appendix B), the maximum number of minutes work that can be sustained in a single work period without exceeding a greater than 5% risk of heat casualties. This table was prepared using the prediction capability of the USARIEM Heat Strain Model. Assumptions used in generating this table include: 1) all troops fully hydrated, rested and acclimatized; 2) 50% relative humidity; 3) windspeed=2 meters/sec; 4) clear skies. The guidance should not be used as a substitute for common sense or experience. Individual requirements may vary greatly. The appearance of heat casualties is evidence that the safe limits of work time have been reached.

**Table E-2: Water Requirements for Maximum Work Times [qt/hr] (Daylight Operations)**

| WSGT | T <sub>a</sub> | MOPPØ |     |     |     |     |     | MOPP4 + Underwear |     |     |     |     |     | MOPP4 + BDU |     |     |     |  |  |
|------|----------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
|      |                | VL    | L   | M   | H   | VL  | L   | M                 | H   | VL  | L   | M   | H   | VL          | L   | M   | H   |  |  |
| 78   | 82             | .5    | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0         | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 80   | 84             | .5    | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0         | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 82   | 87             | 1.0   | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0         | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 84   | 89             | 1.0   | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0         | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 86   | 91             | 1.0   | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0         | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 88   | 94             | 1.0   | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.5         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 90   | 96             | 1.0   | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.5         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 92   | 96             | 1.0   | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.5         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 94   | 100            | 1.0   | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.5         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 96   | 103            | 1.0   | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.5         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 98   | 105            | 1.5   | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |
| 100  | 107            | 1.5   | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0               | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |  |

**KEY TO TABLE**

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- VL - Very Light Work Intensity
- L - Light Work Intensity
- M - Moderate Work Intensity
- H - Heavy Work Intensity
- BDU - Battle Dress Uniform

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**INSTRUCTIONS & NOTES**

Amounts listed are required to support maximum work times in Table E-1; estimate work intensities using table 2-1. Drinking should be divided over course of each hour. If water requirement is 2.0, sweat loss is greater than maximum water absorption during an hour, and troops will become increasingly dehydrated regardless of amount drunk; leaders should plan for an extended rest and rehydration period at work completion (Table E-3). This table was prepared using prediction capability of the USARIEA Heat Strain Model; assumptions used in generating estimates include: 1) troops fully hydrated, rested & acclimatized; 2) 50% relative humidity; 3) windspeed=2 meters/sec; 4) clear skies; 5) heat casualties < 5%. This guidance is not a substitute for common sense or experience; appearance of heat casualties is evidence that safe work limits (<5% casualties) have been exceeded.



**Table E-3: Recovery Time Estimates After Maximum Work  
(Hours of Rest in the Shade)**

| WBGT | T <sub>a</sub> | MOPF0 | MOPF4 |
|------|----------------|-------|-------|
| 60   | 68             | 0.25  | 1.0   |
| 66   | 75             | 0.25  | 1.0   |
| 72   | 82             | 0.5   | 1.5   |
| 74   | 84             | 0.5   | 1.5   |
| 76   | 86             | 0.5   | 2.0   |
| 78   | 88             | 0.5   | 2.0   |
| 80   | 91             | 0.5   | 3.0   |
| 82   | 93             | 0.5   | 4.0   |
| 84   | 95             | 0.5   | 6.0   |
| 86   | 97             | 1.0   | 15.0  |
| 88   | 100            | 1.0   | NCP   |
| 90   | 102            | 1.0   | NCF   |
| 92   | 104            | 1.5   | NCP   |
| 94   | 106            | 2.0   | NCP   |
| 96   | 109            | 6.0   | NCP   |
| 98   | 111            | NCP   | NCP   |
| 100  | 113            | NCP   | NCP   |

**KEY TO TABLE**

- WBGT - Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (°F) as measured in shade (if only full sun WBGT is available, subtract 5°F)  
 WBGT before using this table)  
 T<sub>a</sub> - Ambient Temperature (dry bulb - °F)  
 MOPF0 - Battle Dress Uniform only  
 MOPF4 - Battle Dress Overgarment and Mask (closed)  
 NCP - No Cooling Possible under these conditions - seek cooler location and/or remove BDO

**NOTES & INSTRUCTIONS**

This table provides the number of hours of rest in the shade that should be required after working the maximum work times specified in tables E-1 or F-1. This table was prepared using the cooling capacity equations of the USARIEM Heat Strain Model. Assumptions used in generating this table include: 1) troops fully hydrated and acclimatized; 2) 50% relative humidity; 3) windspeed=2 meters/sec; 4) no solar load 5) recovery of normal body temperature. This guidance should not be used as a substitute for common sense or experience. Individual requirements may vary greatly.

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**Table E-4: Number of Minutes of Work per Hour in Work/Rest Cycle (Day Operations)**

| WBG T | T <sub>a</sub> | MOPPØ |    |    |    |  | MOPP4 + Underwear |    |    |    |  | MOPP4 + BDU |    |    |    |  |
|-------|----------------|-------|----|----|----|--|-------------------|----|----|----|--|-------------|----|----|----|--|
|       |                | VL    | L  | M  | H  |  | VL                | L  | M  | H  |  | VL          | L  | M  | H  |  |
| 78    | 82             | NL    | NL | NL | 25 |  | NL                | 30 | 10 | 5  |  | NL          | 25 | 10 | 5  |  |
| 80    | 84             | NL    | NL | 40 | 25 |  | NL                | 25 | 10 | na |  | NL          | 20 | 10 | na |  |
| 82    | 87             | NL    | NL | 35 | 20 |  | NL                | 20 | 5  | na |  | NL          | 15 | na | na |  |
| 84    | 89             | NL    | NL | 30 | 20 |  | NL                | na | na | na |  | NL          | na | na | na |  |
| 86    | 91             | NL    | NL | 30 | 20 |  | NL                | na | na | na |  | NL          | na | na | na |  |
| 88    | 94             | NL    | NL | 20 | 15 |  | NL                | na | na | na |  | NL          | na | na | na |  |
| 90    | 96             | NL    | NL | 20 | 10 |  | NL                | na | na | na |  | NL          | na | na | na |  |
| 92    | 98             | NL    | NL | 15 | 10 |  | NL                | na | na | na |  | NL          | na | na | na |  |
| 94    | 100            | NL    | 30 | 10 | 10 |  | NL                | na | na | na |  | NL          | na | na | na |  |
| 96    | 103            | NL    | 10 | na | na |  | na                | na | na | na |  | na          | na | na | na |  |
| 98    | 105            | NL    | na | na | na |  | na                | na | na | na |  | na          | na | na | na |  |
| 100   | 107            | na    | na | na | na |  | na                | na | na | na |  | na          | na | na | na |  |

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- VL - Very Light Work Intensity
- L - Light Work Intensity
- M - Moderate Work Intensity
- H - Heavy Work Intensity
- BDU - Battle Dress Uniform
- NL - No Limit (continuous work possible)
- na - Work/rest cycle not feasible (see Maximum Work Time in Table E-1)

**INSTRUCTIONS & NOTES**

This table provides, for 4 levels of work intensity (see Appendix B), the number of minutes of work per hour in work-rest schedules tailored to the conditions specified. The remainder of each hour should be spent in rest. This table was prepared using the prediction capability of the USARIEM Heat Strain Model. Assumptions used in generating this table include: 1) troops fully hydrated, rested and acclimatized; 2) 50% relative humidity; 3) windspeed=2 meters/sec; 4) clear skies; 5) heat casualties < 5%. This guidance should not be used as a substitute for common sense or experience. Individual requirements may vary greatly. The appearance of heat casualties is evidence that the selected work-rest schedule is inappropriate for the conditions.

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**Table E-5: Water Requirements for Work/Rest Cycles [qt/hr] (Day Operations)**

| WBG T | T <sub>a</sub> | MOPPØ |     |     |     |  | MOPP4 + Underwear |     |     |     |  | MOPP4 + BDU |     |     |     |     |
|-------|----------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       |                | VL    | L   | M   | H   |  | VL                | L   | M   | H   |  | VL          | L   | M   | H   |     |
| 78    | 82             | 0.5   | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 |  | 1.0               | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  | 1.0         | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 80    | 84             | 0.5   | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  | 1.0               | 1.0 | 1.0 | na  |  | 1.0         | 1.0 | 1.0 | na  | na  |
| 82    | 87             | 1.0   | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  | 1.0               | 1.0 | 1.0 | na  |  | 1.0         | 1.0 | na  | na  | na  |
| 84    | 89             | 1.0   | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  | 1.0               | 1.0 | 1.0 | na  |  | 1.0         | na  | na  | na  | na  |
| 86    | 91             | 1.0   | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  | 1.0               | 1.0 | 1.0 | na  |  | 1.0         | na  | na  | na  | na  |
| 88    | 94             | 1.0   | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  | 1.5               | 1.0 | 1.0 | na  |  | 1.5         | na  | na  | na  | na  |
| 90    | 96             | 1.0   | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  | 1.5               | 1.0 | 1.0 | na  |  | 1.5         | na  | na  | na  | na  |
| 92    | 98             | 1.0   | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  | 1.5               | 1.0 | 1.0 | na  |  | 1.5         | na  | na  | na  | na  |
| 94    | 100            | 1.0   | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 |  | 1.5               | 1.5 | 1.0 | na  |  | 1.5         | na  | na  | na  | na  |
| 96    | 103            | 1.0   | 1.5 | na  | na  |  | na                | na  | na  | na  |  | na          | na  | na  | na  | na  |
| 98    | 105            | 1.5   | na  | na  | na  |  | na                | na  | na  | na  |  | na          | na  | na  | na  | na  |
| 100   | 107            | na    | na  | na  | na  |  | na                | na  | na  | na  |  | na          | na  | na  | na  | na  |

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  - VL - Very Light Work Intensity
  - L - Light Work Intensity
  - M - Moderate Work Intensity
  - H - Heavy Work Intensity
  - BDU - Battle Dress Uniform
  - na - Work-rest cycle not feasible (see water requirements in Table E-2)
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**INSTRUCTIONS & NOTES**

Water requirements listed are for both the work-rest schedules specified in table 2-2 for support of sustained work (shaded blocks), and work times unrestricted by thermal stress (unshaded, same as tables 2-4 & 2-5). Work intensities may be estimated using Appendix B. Drinking should be divided over course of each hour to replace water as it is lost to sweat. The table was prepared using prediction capability of the USARIEM Heat Strain Model; assumptions used in generating estimates include: 1) troops fully hydrated, rested & acclimatized; 2) 50% relative humidity; 3) windspeed=2 meters/sec; 4) clear skies; 5) heat casualties < 5%. This guidance is not a substitute for common sense or experience; appearance of heat casualties is evidence that safe work limits (<5% casualties) have been exceeded.

**APPENDIX F**

**PREVENTION OF HEAT INJURIES DURING NIGHT OPERATIONS**

**TABLE F-1: MAXIMUM WORK TIMES**

**TABLE F-2: WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR MAXIMUM WORK TIMES**

**TABLE F-3: MINUTES PER HOUR IN WORK-REST CYCLE**

**TABLE F-4: WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR WORK-REST CYCLE**

**Table F-1: Maximum Work Times [minutes] (Night Operations)**

| WBG T | T <sub>a</sub> | MOPPØ |    |     |     |    |    | MOPP4 + Underwear |    |    |    |    |    | MOPP4 + BDU |     |    |    |    |    |
|-------|----------------|-------|----|-----|-----|----|----|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-------------|-----|----|----|----|----|
|       |                | VL    | L  | M   | H   | VL | L  | M                 | H  | VL | L  | M  | H  | VL          | L   | M  | H  |    |    |
|       |                | NL    | NL | NL  | 198 | NL | NL | NL                | 42 | NL | NL | 76 | 42 | NL          | NL  | NL | NL | 73 | 41 |
| 66    | 75             | NL    | NL | NL  | 119 | NL | 39 | NL                | NL | 66 | 39 | NL | NL | NL          | NL  | 64 | 38 |    |    |
| 72    | 82             | NL    | NL | NL  | 90  | NL | 36 | NL                | NL | 58 | 36 | NL | NL | NL          | NL  | 57 | 36 |    |    |
| 78    | 88             | NL    | NL | NL  | 72  | NL | 34 | NL                | NL | 53 | 34 | NL | NL | NL          | NL  | 52 | 33 |    |    |
| 80    | 91             | NL    | NL | NL  | 64  | NL | 32 | NL                | NL | 50 | 32 | NL | NL | NL          | NL  | 50 | 32 |    |    |
| 82    | 93             | NL    | NL | NL  | 60  | NL | 32 | NL                | NL | 49 | 32 | NL | NL | NL          | 168 | 48 | 31 |    |    |
| 84    | 95             | NL    | NL | 139 | 55  | NL | 31 | NL                | NL | 47 | 31 | NL | NL | 133         | 47  | 30 | 30 |    |    |
| 86    | 97             | NL    | NL | 107 | 51  | NL | 30 | NL                | NL | 46 | 30 | NL | NL | 115         | 45  | 29 | 29 |    |    |
| 88    | 100            | NL    | NL | 82  | 46  | NL | 28 | NL                | NL | 44 | 28 | NL | NL | 97          | 43  | 28 | 28 |    |    |
| 90    | 102            | NL    | NL | 71  | 42  | NL | 27 | NL                | NL | 42 | 27 | NL | NL | 89          | 42  | 27 | 27 |    |    |
| 92    | 104            | NL    | NL | 63  | 39  | NL | 26 | NL                | NL | 41 | 26 | NL | NL | 82          | 41  | 26 | 26 |    |    |
| 94    | 106            | NL    | NL | 56  | 36  | NL | 25 | NL                | NL | 40 | 25 | NL | NL | 76          | 40  | 25 | 25 |    |    |

**INSTRUCTIONS & NOTES**

This table provides, for four levels of work intensity (see Appendix B), the maximum number of minutes work that can be sustained in a single work period without exceeding a greater than 5% risk of heat casualties. This table was prepared using the prediction capability of the USARIEM Heat Strain Model. Assumptions used in generating this table include: 1) all troops fully hydrated, rested and acclimatized; 2) 50% relative humidity; 3) windspeed=2 meters/sec; 4) no solar load. The guidance should not be used as a substitute for common sense or experience. Individual requirements may vary greatly. The appearance of heat casualties is evidence that the safe limits of work time have been reached.

**KEY TO TABLE**

- WBG T - Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (°F)
  - T<sub>a</sub> - Ambient Temperature (dry bulb - °F)
  - VL - Very Light Work Intensity
  - L - Light Work Intensity
  - M - Moderate Work Intensity
  - H - Heavy Work Intensity
  - BDU - Battle Dress Uniform
  - NL - No Limit to Continuous Work
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**Table F-2: Water Requirements for Maximum Work Times [qt/hr] (Night Operations)**

| WBG T | T <sub>a</sub> | MOPP0 |      |     |     |  | MOPP4 + Underwear |     |     |     |     | MOPP4 + BDU |     |     |     |  |
|-------|----------------|-------|------|-----|-----|--|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|--|
|       |                | VL    | L    | M   | H   |  | VL                | L   | M   | H   |     | VL          | L   | M   | H   |  |
| 60    | 68             | 0.25  | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1.0 |  | 0.25              | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 |     | 0.25        | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 |  |
| 66    | 75             | 0.25  | 0.25 | 1.0 | 1.5 |  | 0.5               | 1.0 | 2.0 |     | 0.5 | 1.0         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| 72    | 82             | 0.25  | 0.5  | 1.0 | 1.5 |  | 0.5               | 1.0 | 2.0 |     | 0.5 | 1.0         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| 78    | 88             | 0.25  | 0.5  | 1.0 | 1.5 |  | 1.0               | 1.5 | 2.0 |     | 1.0 | 1.5         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| 80    | 91             | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.5 | 2.0 |  | 1.0               | 1.5 | 2.0 |     | 1.0 | 1.5         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| 82    | 93             | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.5 | 2.0 |  | 1.0               | 1.5 | 2.0 |     | 1.0 | 1.5         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| 84    | 95             | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.5 | 2.0 |  | 1.0               | 1.5 | 2.0 |     | 1.0 | 1.5         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| 86    | 97             | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.5 | 2.0 |  | 1.0               | 1.5 | 2.0 |     | 1.0 | 1.5         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| 88    | 100            | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.5 | 2.0 |  | 1.0               | 2.0 | 2.0 |     | 1.0 | 2.0         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| 90    | 102            | 1.0   | 1.0  | 2.0 | 2.0 |  | 1.0               | 2.0 | 2.0 |     | 1.0 | 2.0         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| 92    | 104            | 1.0   | 1.5  | 2.0 | 2.0 |  | 1.5               | 2.0 | 2.0 |     | 1.5 | 2.0         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |
| 94    | 106            | 1.0   | 1.5  | 2.0 | 2.0 |  | 1.5               | 2.0 | 2.0 |     | 1.5 | 2.0         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |  |

**KEY TO TABLE**

- WBG T - Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (°F)
  - T<sub>a</sub> - Ambient Temperature (dry bulb - °F)
  - VL - Very Light Work Intensity
  - L - Light Work Intensity
  - M - Moderate Work Intensity
  - H - Heavy Work Intensity
  - BDU - Battle Dress Uniform
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**INSTRUCTIONS & NOTES**

Amounts listed are required to support maximum work times in Table F-1; drinking should be divided over course of each hour. If water requirement is 2.0, sweat loss is greater than maximum water absorption during an hour, and troops will become increasingly dehydrated regardless of amount drunk; leaders should plan for an extended rest and rehydration period at work completion (see Table E-3). This table was prepared using prediction capability of the USARIEM Heat Strain Model; assumptions used in generating estimates include: 1) troops fully hydrated, rested & acclimatized; 2) 50% relative humidity; 3) windspeed=2 meters/sec; 4) no solar load; 5) heat casualties < 5%. This guidance is not a substitute for common sense or experience; appearance of heat casualties is evidence that safe work limits (<5% casualties) have been exceeded.

**Table F-3: Number of Minutes of Work per Hour in Work/Rest Cycle (Night Operations)**

| WBGT | T <sub>a</sub> | MOPP0 |    |    |    | MOPP4 + Underwear |    |    |    | MOPP4 + BDU |    |    |    |
|------|----------------|-------|----|----|----|-------------------|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|----|
|      |                | VL    | L  | M  | H  | VL                | L  | M  | H  | VL          | L  | M  | H  |
| 60   | 62             | NL    | NL | NL | 40 | NL                | NL | 30 | 20 | NL          | NL | 25 | 15 |
| 66   | 75             | NL    | NL | NL | 40 | NL                | NL | 25 | 15 | NL          | NL | 25 | 15 |
| 72   | 82             | NL    | NL | NL | 35 | NL                | NL | 20 | 15 | NL          | NL | 20 | 10 |
| 78   | 88             | NL    | NL | NL | 30 | NL                | NL | 15 | 10 | NL          | NL | 15 | 10 |
| 80   | 91             | NL    | NL | NL | 25 | NL                | NL | 15 | 5  | NL          | NL | 15 | 5  |
| 82   | 93             | NL    | NL | NL | 25 | NL                | NL | 10 | 5  | NL          | 25 | 10 | 5  |
| 84   | 95             | NL    | NL | 40 | 25 | NL                | 40 | 10 | na | NL          | 20 | 5  | na |
| 86   | 97             | NL    | NL | 35 | 20 | NL                | 35 | 5  | na | NL          | 10 | na | na |
| 88   | 100            | NL    | NL | 30 | 20 | NL                | 30 | na | na | NL          | na | na | na |
| 90   | 102            | NL    | NL | 25 | 15 | NL                | 25 | na | na | NL          | na | na | na |
| 92   | 104            | NL    | NL | 20 | 15 | NL                | 20 | na | na | NL          | na | na | na |
| 94   | 106            | NL    | NL | 15 | 10 | NL                | 15 | na | na | NL          | na | na | na |

**KEY TO TABLE**

- WBGT - Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (°F)
- T<sub>a</sub> - Ambient Temperature (dry bulb - °F)
- VL - Very Light Work Intensity
- L - Light Work Intensity
- M - Moderate Work Intensity
- H - Heavy Work Intensity
- BDU - Battle Dress Uniform
- NL - No Limit (continuous work possible)
- na - Work/rest cycle not feasible (see Maximum Work Time in Table F-1)

**INSTRUCTIONS & NOTES**

This table provides, for 4 levels of work intensity (see Appendix B), the number of minutes work per hour in work-rest schedules tailored to the conditions specified. The remainder of each hour should be spent in rest. This table was prepared using the prediction capability of the USARIEM Heat Strain Model. Assumptions used in generating this table include: 1) troops fully hydrated, rested and acclimatized; 2) 50% relative humidity; 3) windspeed=2 meters/sec; 4) no solar load; 5) heat casualties < 5%. This guidance should not be used as a substitute for common sense or experience; individual requirements may vary greatly. The appearance of heat casualties is evidence that the selected work-rest schedule and/or water consumption guidance (table F-4) is inappropriate for the conditions. USARIEM 1/1081

**Table F-4: Water Requirements for Work/Rest Cycles [qt/hr] (Night Operations)**

| WBGT | T.  | MOPP0 |      |     |     |     | MOPP4 + Underwear |     |     |     |     | MOPP4 + BDU |     |     |     |  |
|------|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|--|
|      |     | VL    | L    | M   | H   | H   | VL                | L   | M   | H   | H   | VL          | L   | M   | H   |  |
| 60   | 68  | 0.25  | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.25              | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.25        | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  |
| 66   | 75  | 0.25  | 0.25 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5               | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5         | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  |
| 72   | 82  | 0.25  | 0.5  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5               | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5         | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  |
| 78   | 88  | 0.25  | 0.5  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0               | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0         | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  |
| 80   | 91  | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0               | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0         | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  |
| 82   | 93  | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0               | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0         | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  |
| 84   | 95  | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0               | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0         | 1.0 | 1.0 | na  |  |
| 86   | 97  | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0               | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0         | 1.0 | na  | na  |  |
| 88   | 100 | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0               | na  | na  | na  | 1.0 | 1.0         | na  | na  | na  |  |
| 90   | 102 | 1.0   | 1.0  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0               | na  | na  | na  | 1.0 | 1.0         | na  | na  | na  |  |
| 92   | 104 | 1.0   | 1.5  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.5               | na  | na  | na  | 1.5 | na          | na  | na  | na  |  |
| 94   | 106 | 1.0   | 1.5  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.5               | na  | na  | na  | 1.5 | na          | na  | na  | na  |  |

**KEY TO TABLE**

- WBGT - Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (°F)
  - T. - Ambient Temperature (dry bulb - °F)
  - VL - Very Light Work Intensity
  - L - Light Work Intensity
  - M - Moderate Work Intensity
  - H - Heavy Work Intensity
  - BDU - Battle Dress Uniform
  - na - Work-rest cycle not feasible (see water requirements in Table F-2)
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**INSTRUCTIONS & NOTES**

Amounts listed are required to support work/rest schedules in Table F-3; drinking should be divided over course of each hour to replace water as it is lost to sweat. Use Table F-2 to determine water required to support maximum work times shown in Table F-1. The table was prepared using prediction capability of the USARIEM Heat Strain Model; assumptions used in generating estimates include: 1) troops fully hydrated, rested & acclimatized; 2) 50% relative humidity; 3) windspeed=2 meters/sec; 4) no solar load; 5) heat casualties<5%. This guidance is not a substitute for common sense or experience; appearance of heat casualties is evidence that safe work limits (<5% casualties) have been exceeded (i.e., that the selected work-rest cycle and/or water guidance is inappropriate for the conditions).

## APPENDIX G

### RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING HEAT ILLNESSES

Army personnel diagnosed as having signs and symptoms of heat illness should be interviewed by medical personnel in an effort to describe predisposing conditions and the circumstances surrounding development of the illness. Hospitalized heat illness cases, or clusters of cases, must be reported using the Special Telegraphic Report (RCS MED-16 (R4) LAW AR 40-400, 6-2b(39)).

Local medical commands are urged to develop a procedure for tracking environmental illnesses, including those that do not require reporting. A sample climatic illness data collection report form is included in this appendix which can be used to record and analyze climatic illnesses.

**CLIMATIC INJURY REPORT**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| INSTALLATION: _____   | UNIT: _____ |
| PATIENT NAME: _____   | SSN: _____  |
| RANK/GRADE: _____ AGE: _____ RACE: _____ Hispanic: Y N SEX: M F MOS: _____  |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> CIV TIME ON STATION: _____ PRIOR STATION: _____ |             |

|  |   |
|--|---|
| ONSET (DATE/TIME): _____ DATE/TIME OF EVALUATION: _____  |   |
| DIAGNOSIS: <input type="checkbox"/> SUNBURN - DEGREE: 1 2 3<br><input type="checkbox"/> RHABDOMYOLYSIS<br><input type="checkbox"/> HEAT CRAMPS<br><input type="checkbox"/> HEAT EXHAUSTION/INJURY<br><input type="checkbox"/> HEAT INJURY WITH SYNCOPE<br><input type="checkbox"/> HEAT STROKE | <input type="checkbox"/> IMMERSION FOOT<br><input type="checkbox"/> CHILBLAINS<br><input type="checkbox"/> FROSTBITE - DEGREE: 1 2 3<br><input type="checkbox"/> HYPOTHERMIA<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____                            |
| SYMPTOMS/SIGNS (FIRST HOUR):   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DAZED/SLOW MENTATION<br><input type="checkbox"/> AMNESIA<br><input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED<br><input type="checkbox"/> DISORIENTED<br><input type="checkbox"/> DELIRIOUS/COMBATIVE<br><input type="checkbox"/> OBTUNDED/COMATOSE                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> WEAKNESS<br><input type="checkbox"/> FAINTNESS/LIGHTHEADED<br><input type="checkbox"/> SYNCOPE<br><input type="checkbox"/> VISUAL DISTURBANCES<br><input type="checkbox"/> NAUSEA<br><input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING |
|  | location: _____   |
| RECTAL TEMP: MAX _____ MIN _____ ; PULSE: _____ RESP: _____ BP: _____ HT: _____  |   |
| SWEATING: <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS <input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL <input type="checkbox"/> NONE MOPP LEVEL: 1 2 3 4 WT: _____  |   |
| LAB (PEAK VALUES): Creat _____ BUN _____ CPK _____ SGOT _____ HCT _____ WBC _____  |   |
| OTHER: _____   |   |
| DISPOSITION: <input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITAL <input type="checkbox"/> CLINIC <input type="checkbox"/> QUARTERS _____ days <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHT DUTY _____ days   |   |

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY & ONSET OF SYMPTOMS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CLOTHING (COVER AND WETNESS): \_\_\_\_\_

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| WBGT: _____ °F             | DRYBULB TEMP: _____ °F |
| IN PAST 24 HOURS:          | IN PAST 3 DAYS:        |
| WBGT MAX/MIN: _____        | WBGT MAX/MIN: _____    |
| DRYBULB MAX/MIN: _____     | DRYBULB MAX/MIN: _____ |
| MOPP LEVEL/HRS _____       | MOPP LEVEL/HRS _____   |
| HOURS OF SLEEP _____       | VACCINES: DATE _____   |
| LAST MEAL (TIME/AMT) _____ | TYPES _____            |
| FLUID INTAKE: TODAY _____  | YESTERDAY _____        |

PAST HISTORY OF HEAT/COLD INJURY (DATE/TYPE): \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER RECENT ILLNESS/INJURY: \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICATIONS/ALCOHOL: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

|  |  |
|--|--|
| MEDICAL FACILITY: <input type="checkbox"/> FIELD <input type="checkbox"/> TMC <input type="checkbox"/> ER <input type="checkbox"/> CLINIC<br>NAME: _____ | HEAT/COLD INJURIES FROM THIS UNIT IN PAST 30 DAYS: _____ |
| PREPARER: _____  | DATE: _____  |

## INSTRUCTIONS

### 1st Block:

Enter the patient's name, SSN, unit, and installation at time of injury. Enter rank/grade, age, race (White, Black, Other), Hispanic ethnicity (Yes/No), sex (Male/Female), duty occupation (MOS), military status (active, reserve, civilian), time at this station (include units, i.e., days, weeks, months, years), and prior station (geographic location to assess acclimation).

### 2nd Block:

Enter date and time of onset of symptoms and of initial medical evaluation. Check best diagnoses (after initial diagnostic evaluation); circle (degree if sunburn or frostbite); specify if other. Rhabdomyolysis may occur with or without fever or heat exposure. Heat stroke means heat injury with delirium, obtundation, or coma. Heat injury includes heat exhaustion with or without milder neurologic problems. Heat exhaustion involves symptoms and signs of fluid and salt loss. Hypothermia includes all patients with core body temperature below 95°F. Check all symptoms occurring during the first hour of injury; list additional symptoms under OTHER. It is important to distinguish between syncope (often with distinct prodrome; duration less than five minutes; rapid recovery; with or without amnesia), seizure (aura; characteristic changes in muscle tone, posture, and movement; incontinence; post-ictal state), and coma (prolonged unresponsiveness). Parade syncope occurs when a person is standing virtually motionless (list under OTHER). For cramps, numbness, anesthesia, give body location; describe skin under OTHER if appropriate. For heat injury or rhabdomyolysis give maximum rectal temperature in first hour after injury, for cold injury give minimum. Enter earliest vital signs obtained at your facility. Enter height in inches and weight in pounds. Check state of sweating and circle MOPP gear level at time of injury. Enter peak laboratory values. Check initial disposition of patient (i.e., hospital inpatient, sent to clinic/ER, confined to quarters, or light duty); enter number of days of quarters or light duty.

### 3rd Block:

Describe the nature and duration of activities associated with the injury; include distance of run/hike, minutes of exercise, level of effort (include load carried), and duration of hot/cold exposure. Describe the chronologic sequence of symptoms and signs. Describe type of clothing worn at time of exposure (e.g., gym suit, sweat suit, T-shirt/trousers, NDU, Class A/B, etc.); include cover of head, arms, legs; type of shoes/boots; whether clothing is dry, damp, or wet. Give environmental temperatures at time of exposure; if WBGT is inappropriate, give alternate measure (list type: e.g., wind chill factor, radiant heat measure). In the 24 hours prior to injury and in the three days prior to injury give items requested. Enter time and amount eaten (light, moderate, heavy) of last meal and amount of fluid intake since waking today, and yesterday.

### 4th Block:

Give patient's prior history of climatic injury; be precise as to date, type, and severity. Give other illnesses or injuries within the past two weeks; be precise as to date, type, severity, and resolution. Give medications and amount of alcohol consumed in past 24 hours. Include additional information or interpretation under REMARKS.

### 5th Block:

Check type of medical facility making this report and give name of facility and of preparer. Include date and total number of heat/cold injuries from this unit in the past 30 days.



## APPENDIX H

### Medications Reported to Increase Heat Illness Risk

anticholinergics  
atropine  
scopolamine

antihistamines

diuretics

tricyclic antidepressants

major tranquilizers

amphetamines

cocaine

alcohol

beta-blockers



**APPENDIX I**  
**A Field Expedient Technique to Regulate Work in the Heat**

The work-rest cycles provided in the preceding Appendices are valid only when the assumptions used in their preparation are true. They apply only to young fit males in optimal condition. The following technique can be helpful when environmental conditions are extreme enough to warrant work management for individuals not meeting the assumed characteristics of the tables.

1. Determine the work-rest cycle from the appropriate table.
2. Determine the individual workers age-adjusted heart rate maximum:

$$220 - (\text{age in years}) = \text{age adjusted heart rate}$$

3. Determine the 75% age adjusted heart rate value:

$$0.75 * \text{age adjusted heart rate} = 75\% \text{ age adjusted heart rate}$$

4. Allow the individual to complete one work period using the table.
5. Immediately after the work period is complete, measure the individual's heart rate. If it exceeds the 75% age adjusted value, the next work period should be 1/3 shorter.
6. The rest period should fill the remainder of the hour.
7. The assessment in 5 is repeated after every work period. Work periods are shortened by 1/3 until the heart rate at the completion of the work period does not exceed the 75% age adjusted rate value.



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