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It should be noted that the posture had little or no effect on any of the casualty mechanisms other than the blast translation. Although the total effect curves are for exterior wall failure pressure levels generally held for the specific materials involved, the individual debris effect curves are developed for failure pressures generally below these levels. This takes into account the uncertainty of exterior wall failure pressure levels.

The results indicate that the casualties are most influenced by the blast translation effect and that this effect is in turn subject to the occupant posture within the shelter. The results also indicate that the model for translation in a prone position needs to be further developed; when a person begins to move in this position, there is nothing to retard him other than his frictional resistance. The standing model, on the other hand, usually rotates into the ground and is not allowed to again start moving. Thus, at higher overpressure levels one presently gets the false result that the prone model is more critically affected than the standing model, even though the threshold values of casualty have the correct opposite result. Consequently, it is apparent that proper evasive action within the shelter decreases the number of casualties. Such evasive

action would include the restraint of motion by posture and also by the number of occupants in a given shelter space. This latter action might be accomplished by overcrowding a part of the shelter during the blast phase.

Tables 1 and 2 contain a summary of mortality and injury results.

The following conclusions can be made based on this research program.

- The predominant casualty mechanisms within shelters are blast translation and debris effects at the study overpressure levels. Outside in unsheltered areas debris is replaced by thermal radiation.
- (2) Changing position (i.e. posture) within a shelter or outside of it has little effect upon casualty mechanisms other than blast translation.
- (3) The effect of changing posture has a marked effect upon the thresholds of mortality and injury for the translation mechanism. <u>As-</u> <u>suming a prone posture results in reduction</u> <u>of both injuries and deaths.</u>
- (4) The translation model is seen to give erroneous results at overpressure levels where the prone posture has negative effectiveness in comparison to a standing posture.
- (5) As seen by the outdoor case a change in posture can result in a different casualty mechanism being predominant in the same overpressure regime.

-		Building Type	Effect	% Mortality	7 0	50
	1	Wood frame			psi	psi
		Stugre-scory/two-scory	Total stand	ling	2.5	4.2
			Total prone	•	2.5	4.2
			Translation	n standing	3.0	8.8
			Translation	n prone	4.7	6.0 [8.8]**
			Debris	2.5	(2.0)*	4.2
	2	Load bearing brick wall Three-story residential				
			Total stand	ling	3.5	8.4
			Total prone		6.0	7.2 [8.4]
anna d'a d'a ad a	î	and a second	Translation	n standing	3.5	10.2
			Translation	n prone	6.0	6.9 [10.2]
			Debris	7.0	(5.4)	12.0
	3	Brick load bearing wall				
		Jeven-Story wateriouse	Total stand	ling	4.0	9.2
			Total prone)	7.0	9.0 [9.2]
			Translation	n standing	4.0	11.8
			Translation	n prone	8.0	9.3 [11.8]
			Debris	7.0	(4.0)	12.6
	4	Steel frame curtain wall Six-story commercial				
			Total stand	ling	2.0	7.3
			Total prone	2	4.4	5.2 [7.3]
			Translation	n standing	2.0	8.3
			Translation	n prone	4.4	5.1 [8.3]
			Debris	7.0	(6.0)	14.2
	5	Outside	Total stand	ing	1 0	-
			Total prope		2 0	-
			Tranelation	, standing	1 0	-
			Translation		3 6	-
			Thermal	I PLANE	3.J 2 A	-
			THELMET		2.J	-

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SUMMARY	OF	MORTALITY	RESULTS

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*Number in parentheses indicates debris threshold values for low failure levels of outside walls.

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	Building Type	Effect	% Injury	0	50
1	Wood frame Single-story/two-story			psi	psi
		Total stand	ling	1.0	3.6
		Total pron	2	2.4	3.0 [3.6]**
		Translation	n standing	1.0	3.6
		Translation	n prone	4.0	4.9 [3.6]
		Debris		(1.5)*	-
2	Load bearing brick wall Three-story residential				
	·	Total stand	ling	1.0	4.2
		Total pron	2	4.7	5.9 [4.2]
		Translation	n standing	1.0	4.2
		Translation	n prone	4.7	5.9 [4.2]
		Debris		(3.7)	-
3	Brick load bearing wall				
	Deven-Blory warehouse	Total stand	ling	2.0	5.0
		Total prone	9	6.0	9.0 [5.0]
		Translation	n standing	2.0	5.0
		Translation	n prone	6.0	9.0 [5.0]
		Debris		(4.0)	-
4	Steel frame curtain wall Six-story commercial				
	-	Total stand	ling	1.0	7.3
		Total prone	•	3.5	4.5 [7.3]
		Translation	n standing	1.0	3.2
		Translation	n pro ne	3.5	4.5 [3.2]
		Debris		(6.0)	-
5	Outside	Total stand	ing	1.0	3.0
		Total prone	- !	2.0	3.75 [3.0]
		Translation	n standing	1.0	3.0
		Translation	n prone	3.4	4.6 [3.0]
		Thermal		2.0	-

	TA	BLE 2	
SUMMARY	OF	INJURY	RESULTS

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- It is recommended that:
- People within the shelter be instructed to assume a prone position prior to bomb detonation or p flash.
- (2) Refinements to the overall model, and in particular the translation submodel, be made in order to reflect the more detailed data available and the misleading translation results obtained.
- (3) The scope of SEP code should be expanded to include below ground structures.

CASUALTY PREDICTION COMPARISONS

ABTRACT

This study utilized a previously developed computer model, the Shelter Evaluation Program (SEP) code, to investigate the effectiveness of various shelter configurations and occupant postures with regard to resisting the direct effects of a 10 MT surface burst over a range of incident pressure levels. The shelter configurations include wood frame single-story and two-story, load learing brick wall three-story residential, seven-story brick load bearing wall (warehouse), six-story steel frame curtain wall commercial, and no shelter outside cases. Shelter occupants were considered in two postures; standing and prone. Results indicate that there is a significant reduction in casualties when shelter occupants are in a prone state.

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SECTION I

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The following sections present in more detail the data collection, and the results, conclusions and recommendations.

SECTION II

DATA PREPARATION

This section describes how the input data to the SEP code for the four building types and the outside case were developed It also documents these data and the underlying assumptions that were made during preparation The input data for the four building types were developed from existing buildings in Detroit, New Orleans and Providence These data were supplied by a recent study conducted by the Research Triangle Institute² Approximately 60 buildings were surveyed in each of five cities; that is, Providence, New Orleans, Detroit, Albuquerque and San Jose. The data for each building included:

- (1) Number of stories
- (2) Height of building
- (3) Floor area
- (4) Year of construction
- (5) For each wall of the building
 - Distance to adjacent building
 - Substructure data
 - Percent basement exposure
 - Exterior wall data
 - Percent apertures
 - Bay size (for floors and wall)
 - Foundation data
 - Frame data
 - Fireproofing details for steel frames
 - Roof data (slope, deck and covering)
 - Floor data (frame and deck)
 - _nterior partitions data

² Hill, E. L. et al, <u>Structural Characteristics of NFSS Build-ings</u>, Research Triangle Institute Project No OU-237, Contract No. B-81883 (4949A-54)-US, Work Unit 1159C, June 1967.

The data collected on exterior walls, percent apertures, floors and interior partitions were reported separately for the basement, first story, and upper stories.

It is indeed fortunate to have such a fine source of data However, the SEP code was developed with less stringent data requirements than the data which were available. This suggests that in some respects models in the SEP code could be upgraded in complexity to reflect the superior data now available. This would include investigating separate effects for the basement, first story and upper stories instead of the averaging presently done. It would follow that personnel should be assigned to the different parts of the buildings for similar reasons.

Tables 1 through 4 contain the SEP code data for each of the four buildings investigated in this study Comments as to appropriate assumptions and averaging techniques are furnished Ultimately, these are existing buildings and may be referenced further as the need arises in future research efforts The data for the outside case were void of any building characteristics and assumed that debris and shielding were absent

RTI BUILDING NO 8, PROVIDENCE DATA			
L	Height	16 ft	
2	Width	45 ft	
3	Length	68 ft	
4	Wall panel thickness	3 in effective	
5	Wall panel material	Timber studwall	
6	Roof thickness	Assume 3 in.	
7	Roof material	Plywood	
8	Floor thickness	3 in.	
9	Floor material	Plywood	
10	Number of stories	Two	
11	Basement wall thickness	10 in	
12	Basement wall material	Concrete cast in place	
13	Sill height above floor	Assume 2.5 ft	
14	Distance from exterior wall to interior wall	Assume 12 ft	
15	Inner wall length	Assume 12 ft	
16	Percent window opening	11	
	COMMENTS		
	a. The width and length are obtained from the reporte first floor.	idealized dimensions ed plan area of the	
	 b. The reported wall panel thickness was 7 in which was reduced to an effective thickness comprised of material only. Roof and floors were unchanged since the reported numbers most likely did not include any dead space or voids. The 3 in, reported in both cases is very close to our experience in computing roof and floor thickness for similarly constructed buildings. 		

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CASE 2/LOAD BEARING WALLS, THREE-STORY RESIDENTIAL. RTI BUILDING NO. 9, DETROIT DATA

1	Height	30 ft
2	Width	52 ft
3	Length	90 ft
4	Wall panel thickness	13 in.
5	Wall panel material	N/R brick
6	Roof thickness	2 in.
7	Roof material	Wood plank
8	Floor thickness	2 in.
9	Floor material	Wood plank
10	Number of stories	Three
11	Basement wall thickness	18 in.
12	Basement wall material	N/R brick
13	Sill height above floor	Assume 2.5 ft
14	Distance from exterior wall to interior wall	12 ft
15	Inner wall length	12 ft
16	Percent window opening	15

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TABLE 3

CASE 3/MULTISTORY LOAD BEARING BRICK, WAREHOUSE RTI BUILDING NO. 29, PROVIDENCE DATA

1	Height	80 ft
2	Width	84 ft
3	Length	115 ft
4	Wall panel thickness	24 in.
5	Wall panel material	N/R brick
6	Roof thickness	2 in.
7	Roof material	Wood plank
8	Floor thickness	4 in.
9	Floor material	Wood plank
10	Number of stories	Seven
11	Basement wall thickness	24 in.
12	Basement wall material	N/R brick
13	Sill height above floor	2.5 ft
14	Distance from exterior wall to interior wall	40 ft
15	Inner wall length	100 ft
16	Percent window opening	10

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TABLE 4

CASE 4/STEEL FRAME CURTAIN WALL, COMMERCIAL RTI BUILDING NO. 23, NEW ORLEANS DATA

1	Height	Al ft
2	Width	90 ft
3	Length	138 ft
4	Wall panel thickness	13 in.
5	Wall panel material	N/R brick
6	Roof thickness	4 in.
7	Roof material	Concrete cast in place
8	Floor thickness	5 in.
9	Floor material	Concrete cast in place
10	Number of stories	Six
11	Basement wall thickness	13 in.
12	Basemant wall material	N/R brick
13	Sill height above floor	2.5 ft
14	Distance from exterior wall to interior wall	24 ft
15	Inner wall length	24 ft
16	Percent window opening	21

SECTION III

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

Personnel in each of the five shelter categories were exposed to overpressures of from 1 to 16 psi The results are displayed in Fig 1 through 25 following Section IV. Each figure represents both injury and mortality for a 10 MT surface burst. With the exception of the no shelter category, all cases revealed that translation and debris casulaty mechanisms were the only significant effects in this overpressure range The outside case also resulted in significant translation but supplanted debris with thermal radiation as the other major mechanism. Tables 5 and 6 are a summary of casualty information from the figures

Perhaps the greatest significance of Table 5 is the effect of personnel posture upon the threshold mortality level due to the blast translation effect; ranging from 57 percent effect in the wood frame building to 120 percent in the seven-story brick By simply changing from a standing position to a prone building. one, a substantial saving of life is possible Also displayed in this table is an undesirable feature of the present translation model; that is, that at 50 percent mortality the standing to prone posture change seems to show negative effectivensss. This is due to the fact that the prone person slides rather than overturning and sliding as the standing person. With sliding, only friction acts to retard acceleration, whereas the standing person is assumed to stop motion by rotating into the ground. Thus, under the long duration loading of a 10 MT surface burst the higher velocity of the sliding model is to be expected and little importance, if any, should be attached to it at those overpressure levels where negative effectiveness is displayed. In Table 5 overpressure values for the 50 percent casualty levels should never be taken lower for the prone posture than for the standing posture.

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It should also be noted that at lower overpressure levels debris effects predominate. In the figures which illustrate the total effect of all the casualty mechanisms, debris effects begin to act when wall failure pressure is reached. In showing individual effects the failure pressure of the walls was set sufficiently low to permit full development of the debris curve regardless of the wall strength. Therefore, if there is any disagreement in the chosen wall failure pressures for each building type, the additional debris effect may be seen at the lower overpressure levels shown for the individual effect.

The outdoor free-field case, exhibits how the major effect may change with posture. Translation predominates in the standing case here; however, when the posture is changed to prone, thermal radiation becomes primary.

It is also to be noted that there is a slight thermal radiation effect which begins to appear in the total effect curves at the 50 percent mortality range. This accounts for the total effect being lower than either the translation or debris effect for type 2, 3 and 4 buildings in Table 1.

-	Building Type	Effect	% Mortalit	y 0	50
1	Wood frame Single-story/two-story			psi	.psi
	Single-story/two-story	Total standi	ng	2.5	4.2
		Total prone	-	2.5	4.2
		Translation	standing	3.0	8.8
		Translation	prone	4.7	6.0 [8.8]**
		Debris	2.5	(2.0)*	4.2
2	Load bearing brick wall Three-story residential				
		Total standi	ng	3.5	8.4
		Total prone		6.0	7.2 [8.4]
		Translation	standing	3.5	10.2
		Translation	prone	6.0	6.9[10.2]
_		Debris	7.0	(5.4)	12.0
3	Brick load bearing wall				
	Seven-BLOLY watehouse	Total standi	ng	4.0	9.2
		Total prone		7.0	9.0 [9.2]
		Translation	standing	4.0	11.8
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		Debris	7.0	(4.0)	12.6
4	Steel frame curtain wall Six-story commercial				
		Total standi	ng	2.0	7.3
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		Translation a	standing	2.0	8.3
		Translation g	orone	4.4	5.1 [8.3]
		Debris	7.0	(6.0)	14.2
5	Outside	Total standir	B	1.0	-
		Total prone	-	2.0	-
		Translation a	tanding	1.0	-
		Translation p	rone	3.5	-
		Thermal		2.0	-

TABLE 5 SUMMARY OF MORTALITY RESULTS

*Number in parentheses indicates debris threshold values for low failure levels of outside walls.

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-	Building Type	Effect	% Injury	0	50
1	Wood frame			psi	psi
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				2.4	3.0 [3.6]**
				1.0	3.6
		Translati	on prone	4.0	4.9 [3.6]
		Debris	-	(1.5)*	-
2	Load bearing brick wall Three-story residential				
	-	Total sta	nding	1.0	4.2
		Total pro	ne	4.7	5.9 [4.2]
		Translati	on standing	1.0	4.2
		Translati	on prone	4.7	5.9 [4.2]
		Debris		(3.7)	-
3	Brick load bearing wall				
	Seven-story warehouse	Total sta	nding	2.0	5.0
		Total pro	ne	6.0	9.0 [5.0]
		Translati	on standing	2.0	5.0
		Translati	on prone	6.0	9.0 [5.0]
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		Total prop	ne	3.5	4.5 [7.3]
		Translati	on standing	1.0	3.2
		Translati	on prone	3.5	4.5 [3.2]
		Debris		(6.0)	-
5	Outside	Total sta	adlag	1 0	3.0
		Total sta	naruk	2.0	3 75 53 01
		Turnelati	ie on standing	2.0	3.0
			on scanding	1.U 2 /	7. C L 3 U 1
			on prone	J.4 2 A	4.0[3.0]
		Inermal		2.0	•

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SECTION IV

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following conclusions can be made based on this research program.

- The predominant casualty mechanisms within shelters are blast translation and lebris effects at the study overpressure levels. Outside in unsheltered areas debris is replaced by thermal radiation.
- (2) Changing position (i.e. posture) within a shelter or outside of it has little effect upon casualty mechanisms other than blast translation.
- (3) The effect of changing posture has a marked effect upon the thresholds of mortality and injury for the translation mechanism. <u>As-</u> <u>suming a prone posture results in reduction</u> of both injuries and deaths.
- (4) The translation model is seen to give erroneous results at overpressure levels where the prone posture has negative effectiveness in comparison to a standing posture.
- (5) As seen by the outdoor case a change in posture can result in a different casualty mechanism being predominant in the same overpressure regime.
- It is recommended that:
- People within the shelter be instructed to assume a prone position prior to bomb detonation or at flash.

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- (2) Refinements to the overall model, and in particular the translation submodel, be made in order to reflect the more detailed data available and the misleading translation results obtained.
- (3) The scope of SEP code should be expanded to include below ground structures.



















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