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SUMMARY

The research and development effort at the US Army Medical Research Laboratory, Fort Knox, Kentucky, is concerned with studies in sensory psychophysiology, the biological effects of laser radiation, and methodology related to the preservation, transfusion, collecting, processing, and shipment of human blood.

The progress during Fiscal Year 1971 and the current status of the various work units are reported herein.

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FOREWORD

The mission of the laboratory has remained unchanged during the past year. Notable accomplishments toward these goals are outlined.

In the area of blood banking research, trace amounts of methylene blue added to optimal concentrations of inosine and adenine in CPD blood will extend the shelf life of bank blood to 6 weeks; whereas the levels of 2,3-DPG--a measure of hemoglobin function--are maintained very well, ATP levels are not affected significantly. The salivary anti-A and anti-B isoantibody system in group 0 males has been found to be distinct from the serum antibody system and cannot be applied in differentiating the group 0 universal donor with dangerous levels of serum anti-A and anti-B.

An automated procedure applicable to the field study of sickle cell hemoglobin screening in large populations has been developed; the cost per test for reagents averages \$0.03. The first large field study in Vietnam returnees with reference to the incidence of Australian antigen has been completed. The translation series "Selected Contributions to the Literature of Blood Groups and Immunology" (1962 - 1971) and comprising seven parts has been completed.

In the area of psychophysiology, behavioral tasks have been used successfully to differentiate central and peripheral visual phenomena; one involves the use of the Stroop paradigm with bilingual presentations naming words in one language and interfering words in another. In the application of the "dancing arabesque", wherein an achromatizing lens is moved in front of the eye to correct its chromatic aberration producing an effect of dissociative movement, the resulting phenomenon is clearly retinal. Data derived from the growth and recovery functions of temporary threshold shifts (TTS) after 48 hours of continuous noise exposure provides confirmation of an asymptotic TTS; the slow recovery from low values of TTS under these conditions has important implications in understanding the processes producing temporary and permanent threshold shifts.

Progress in laser research continues. In the evaluation of functional visual impairment incident to ruby laser injury, trained rhesus monkeys exposed to relatively large lasing doses may recover as much as 50% of their preexposure acuity; smaller radiation doses result in greater recovery. Q-switched ruby laser radiation induced skin burns using dark-ly pigmented pigs and CO₂ laser burns in white pigs have provided additional data for use in safety standards. Experiments with the Q-switched erbium laser in rhesus and owl monteys affirmed that ocular damage is limited to the cornea. With currently available energy levels, corneal damage threshold data for the gallium arsenide laser has

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been obtained with the diode cooled to 77° K; when operated at room temperature, the energy was inadequate to induce ocular damage. Corneal damage threshold data for the CO₂ laser has been obtained in rabbits, rhesus, and owl monkeys for a 0.1 to 1.0 second exposure. The research activities of the Joint Laser Safety Team are being coordinated with Air Force and Navy programs.

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Since being re-engineered the Model 41 CO₂ laser has performed very satisfactorily. Stable operation at low gas pressure is now possible and the total power output is above quoted specification. At the higher outputs the laser beam is highly peaked, having a measured $1/e^2$ beam diameter of less than 5 mm compared to the manufacturer's specified 10 mm $1/e^2$ diameter. The chiller purchased to control the water supply for the CO₂ laser should become acceptable with a planned modification to include a controlled heating element to precisely regulate the temperature. With current environmental controls and moderate weather, reasonable CO₂ laser output stability has been achieved, and a series of animal experiments performed.

The dual thermocouple scanning device has been modified several times to correct deficiencies. Larger thermocouples are now in use (0.001 inch versus 0.0005 inch) for ease of installation without apparent loss of resolution or sensitivity; the silver chloride window material exhibited transmission changes with time and has been replaced with a slotted metal reflector that shields the device while illuminating the couples; a temperature controlled combined reference junction and heat sink has been installed to minimize environmental effects.

An Eppley thermopile equipped with a 0.05 mm aperture centered over the receiver disc has also been employed as a CO_2 laser beam scanning device. Both this system and the dual thermocouple system are in the process of being calibrated.

A pyro-electric IR detector has been successfully tested for pulse length measurements in the millisecond region. The design and assembly of amplifiers for use with gold-doped germanium detectors for nanosecond pulse length measurements is underway.

The Model 52 Argon laser met the manufacturer's specifications at all wavelengths. Several exchanges with the manufacturer of matched optics (output window and total reflector) were necessary before the Model 52 Krypton laser performed to specifications. Subsequently the Krypton plasma tube failed and was replaced by the manufacturer. Recently a power supply malfunction has reduced outputs to unacceptable levels; corrections are underway.

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A soluble (F1) and insoluble (F2) protein fraction has been isolated from chicken cornea by various extraction procedures. These fractions possess transplantation antinen activity as demonstrated by their ability to induce specific sensitization in rabbits resulting in accelerated rejection of a subsequent corneal graft. F1 and F2 consist of a mixture of proteins which stimulate the production of circulating antibodies capable of engendering a wide variety of immunological reactions in the presence of specific antigens in donor cornea. These studies have been extended to include the isolation and characterization of the individual components which comprise the soluble fraction. At least eleven different protein components exist in F1. They have been separated by column chromatography with DEAE Sephadex. Currently, these fractions are being collected and concentrated and will be analyzed further for identification and to determine their effect on graft rejection.

Immunodiffusion studies with Fl and antisera specific for purified chicken serum proteins suggest that the cornea contains blood serum proteins. These studies have been supported by the observation that rabbits pre-sensitized with purified chicken serum proteins reject subsequent grafts more violently and at a markedly accelerated rate than unmodified controls. Fl and F2 also elicited Forssman antibody in rabbits. However, even though the presence of Forssman antigen was demonstrated in donor cornea, rabbits with high circulating specific antibody, induced by sensitization with sheep red cells, did not reject corneal grafts in an accelerated manner. These findings imply that in xenogenic keratoplasty the cornea may include transplantation antigens and also other antigens which do not influence the fate of the graft even in the presence of high specific numoral antibody.

An additional implication of these findings is that soluble transplantation antigens diffuse from a graft and are primarily responsible for the sensitization of the host. Meanwhile the insoluble antigens persist within the grafted tissue where they act as targets for sensitized cells or circulating antibodies. The isolation and characterization of the eleven corneal protein components and studies to determine their relationship to the graft rejection phenomenon will add significant information to the meager knowledge available in this area of research.

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Heat flow equations have been developed and the corresponding computer programs completed which describe thermal transients in tissue resulting from exposure to laser beams having a radially symmetrical power distribution. The equations also take into account the absorption characteristics of the laser radiation being considered. The mathematical models are being expanded to include the effects of rapid sequential pulsing of the radiation. Testing of the validity of the equations and the accuracy of the assigned thermal constants with both simple physical models and tissues has been delayed because of the nonavailability of the CO_2 laser.

Data from cutaneous burn studies (Project No. 3A061102B71R 01 103) using the CO₂ laser are now being generated. These data will be analyzed by means of the mathematical models to determine the appropriate thermal inactivation rate functions and constants for skin. The complete model can then be utilized to predict the extent of thermal damage in skin resulting from exposure to a wide variety of laser radiations and exposure conditions as well as other radiations and modes of thermal input to the skin.

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To characterize effectively the injuries which may occur in human tissues, studies with mammalian cells have had first priority during the past year. Monolayer cultures of strain KB cells are now routinely available for study. Development of a system for culture of these cells, initiated during the latter part of FY 1970, was slowed late last summer as a consequence of incubator malfunction at high ambient temperatures Equipment changes, including incubator improvements and room cooling procedures, were made to produce a more appropriate growth facility. Problems of airborne contamination and the lack of sterile transfer areas were resolved with other equipment changes. Attempts to adapt monolayer cultures to a suspension type growth have not yet been successful. This more efficient method of culture would permit continued large harvests of cells under uniform growth and sampling conditions and provide a system highly suited for studies to correlate alterations in ultrastructure with cell processes sensitive to laser radiation.

Along with the ovvelopment and stabilization of a mammalian cell culture system, biochemical and cytological procedures have been standardized for the measurement of cell growth and cell cycle sequences -by nucleic acid and protein assays -- and the use of freeze-etch preparations, as well as thin sections for electron microscopic analyses of injured cells. Because laser radiation injures by the generation of heat, both direct irradiations and heat-shock experiments have been designed. Intracellular mechanisms which lead to cell lethality or repair in tissues exposed to laser radiation probably are initiated immediately upon exposure. A knowledge of these mechanisms and of the nature of laser-induced injury is prerequisite for devising methods to facilitate repair, a matter of increasing significance in military medicine as the use of lasers increases. Experiments with heat shock are underway; injury and repair are being assessed by electron microscopy and by measurements of the transport of essential types of nutrients into the cell.

Though their priority has been reduced to a minimum, some measurements to elucidate changes in yeasts as a result of heat-shock have been made to round out earlier work with these cells. Heat exposures result in altered rates of glycolysis and sugar uptake. These effects appear to be linked to membrane alterations, a type of change important in many cellular responses. Measurements of the uptake of nonmetabolized sugars have indicated an effect by added glucose upon membrane structure separate from the utilization of this sugar as an energy source. Clarification of the details of such a glucose effect would

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A computer program (software) has been developed which will allow digitized electrophysiological vision data to be loaded into a large computer butfer, or core area, from digital magnetic tape. The program follows a system approach incorporating load, digital tape to disc (core) conversion, power spectral analysis, and analysis of variance subroutines. All system control may be made remotely, via a local teletype terminal.

Compatibility between the local digital magnetic tape unit hardware and the large contracted computer facility has been established. The software system necessitated designing-in the capability to convert basic digitized data on the magnetic tape into a format which the computer could accept. Data handling is checked by inputing calibration data before and after the experimental data. Compensatory factors are being included in the software in such a way that two preamplifiers, with differential output may be utilized. The pre-amplifier discrepancies will be accepted or rejected by pre-established criteria for variability. The compensated data is scaled to a calibration record and voltage parameters. Transformation of the scaled data is obtained using a Fast Fourier Transformation (FFT) algorithm. Print-out of the data before and after calibration, before and after scaling, and before and after transformation can be obtained. Transformed data may then be statistically analyzed by calling a completely factorialized, analysis of variance subroutine. Use of analysis of variance allows interpretation of the transformed data (power spectral analysis) in the much more powerful realm of statistics.

In the future, coherence and regression analysis may be incorporated in the software system. In addition to frequency information, carrier frequency and phase information will be incorporated into the computer analysis of the electrophysiological data.

Several specific problems with hardware have been encountered. The digital magnetic tape unit did not accept data to an acceptable tolerance due to skewing of the write and read magnetic tape heads. Parity, the internal check made for correct data input, was also inaccurate, due to the excessive skewing. Acceptable tolerance with the current computer processing of the digital data is much tighter than previously. To achieve the higher tolerance levels the digital tape transport, data electronics, and control unit were returned to a manufacturer's service center for examination and repair. Currently, the interfacing between the local averaging computer-analog-to-digital converter is undergoing a similar upgrading.

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This reduction and analysis system for visual electrophysiology data has been assembled to handle extremely varied types and amounts of analog data. The investigation of target detection and acquisition, comparing periodic and aperiodic visual stimulation, is now underway. In the future, potential clinical usage of this system will be examined. Such usage would include computerized pattern recognition of visual records under biomedical stress, ophthalmic fatigue, and ophthalmic disease conditions. Three papers describing this hardware and software system are in preparation.

Two studies on visual discrimination learning in con-human primates were completed. In one, the effect of differential overtraining of the positive and negative stimulus on the aversiveness of the negative stimulus was compared. It was found that differential overtraining significantly altered the relative aversiveness of the negative stimuli. In the second study, the effects of two types of pretraining were compared on subsequent learning-set formation. Neither win-stay nor lose-shift pretraining when given alone facilitate such learning although the effects of each are quite different.

The initial study of the Mach-Dvorak phenomenon has been completed. Data taking was finished early in the year. Analysis and writeup progressed slowly with recent completion of the manuscript titled The Mach-Dvorak phenomenon and binocular fusion of moving stimuli." The major conclusions of this research are: 1) Manipulation of exposure duration demonstrated an equivalence of the relative depth perceived due to eye sequence with that predicted by the rule. The short exposure precedes the long exposure in perception time. Conceivably, the neural characteristics operative in determining the effective eye sequence of short and long exposures are also effective in eye sequencing when the exposures are equal; 2) The simultaneous and alternate neutral points, much as their occurrence is concomitant to the cyclic nature of the stimulation, are not conjugate in their response to experimental manipulations . Both neutral points are responsive to exposure duration though to a different degree and in a manner suggestive of the operation of multiple processes: 3) Manipulation of the luminance level viewed by the referent eye; to reverse the direction of the concomitant interocular illumination difference, produced changes both consistent and inconsistent with the conduction latency explanation offered for the Pulfrich phenomenon The physical upper limit of perceived depth with manipulation of exposure duration was consistent with that obtained with Δ log 1 differences alone and evidence no discontinuity as the limit of intermittence was approached; 4) Evidence to: a three-locked fusion contour was not obtained. Rather, the data indicate a complex

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interrelation of several possible experimental manipulations though interocular delay, the primary experimental manipulation, requires a zero referent or "fusion contour" for the generation of positive and negative disparity, the presumed mechanism of its functioning; 5) Nasaltemporal conduction-time differences seem to be clearly evident in the divergent-convergent categorization of the obtained data; 6) Simple additivity of the disparities from interocular illumination difference and intermittence was not demonstrated. Rather, the manipulation of intermittence and ruminance produced interactive effects. Thus, the latency explanation of Pultrich is not directly generalizable to Mach-Dvorak; however, no barrier is aftered by the obtained data to the generalization of an explanation of the Mach-Dvorak to the Pulfrich phenomenon.

A new experimental setup providing for electronic control of stereoscopically presented stimuli has been completed. Pilot work has verified the equivalence of this situation to that used in the initial study.

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The electromyographic analysis of muscle activity during continuous isometric exercises has indicated that this measure has the potential to provide information regarding the normal development of a fatigue state in a muscle as well as influences from various parameters related to the subject's attitude toward the specific task at hand. The development of fatigue results in a pattern change of muscle activity from a normal random pattern to one of motor unit synchronization. The onset of synchronized signals correlated with the onset of muscle tremors which further interferes with skilled responses. Normal synchronization results during later stages of fatigue. The introduction of some stressors has been demonstrated previously to produce an early onset of the synchronization phenomenon.

Physical performance has been proposed to be an aversive condition to a large number of ambulatory psychiatric patients with the hyperventilation syndrome. This condition was studied as a potential stressor which would produce a decrement in physical performance as a result of inefficient muscle utilization produced by early synchronization. The results indicated that hyperventilators respond aversively to physical activity, yet are more efficient in the isometric exercise than control subjects. A new treatment for immediate symptom alleviation was proposed as a potential means to reduce their military ineffectiveness.

If synchronization could be allayed, sustained performance should improve. Subjects who were provided with immediate feedback of their muscle activity did not increase in the endurance of an isometric contraction but demonstrated that the same performance could be conducted with significantly less muscle activity. It was proposed that this reduced activity would result in an efficiency which would be significant in a long performance series.

Studies have been conducted to relate the synchronization of the muscle activity to central origins. The analysis will consist of the relationship of the neuromuscular signals to EEG signals of the cortical motor area in an attempt to obtain more information regarding central and peripheral contributions to the muscle response.

A further analysis is being made on data where men were required to perform a strenuous task for a predetermined period of time. Preliminary results indicate that men voluntarily suppress the synchronization phenomenon and pace their performance in order to successfully complete the task.

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Electromyographic analysis of dynamic work represented by treadmill walking has demonstrated a significant difference in muscle activity when compared to a sustained isometric contraction. The men demonstrated a consistent reduction in muscle activity as they approached a maximum voluntary state of fatigue. Further analyses are required before any definitive statements can be made. Similar preliminary findings were obtained when a phasic isometric task was introduced.

Research on the general question of the similarities and differences in training or transfer phenomena existing when complex psychomotor tasks are compared to the well-documented data on verbal tasks was suspended during the third quarter, FY 1971, due to breakdown of the Modified Mashburn Apparatus. This work will resume when the contact plates can be rebuilt. Work is progressing on three papers: Performance decrement produced by nine hours of driving, a study of the regression hypothesis of skill fatigue involving shifts in ability patterns, and transfer of training as revealed by changes in ability measures from the training to the transfer task. The transfer study which employed the Modified Mashburn Apparatus (SAM Complex Coordinator) is closest to completion.

The investigation of fine motor skills had advanced in a continuing series of studies on single motor unit training. The basic technique monitors bioelectric activity of motor units by means of fine-wire intramuscular electrodes and has considerable potential in the area of myoelectrically controlled prosthetic devices. Recent efforts have focused on concurrent control of multiple units. Results indicate that with direct auditory feedback of motor unit activity subjects find learning to control a second motor unit considerably more difficult than learning to control the first. In order to determine the reason for this, followup experiments are in progress to examine transfer and retention of training. The results of these experiments should illuminate possible sources of interference encountered when training two or more units concurrentiv

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24. (U) Factors influencing attention are being studied using simple signals. The listener acts as an information relay detecting and retransmitting signals. Comparisons between the transmitted and retransmitted signal trains yield readily quantifiable measures of performance. Independent variables include stress induced by competition and instructions, signal-masker parameters, and response bias. Auditory perception is being studied with vocal and voice-like signals and maskers. Emphasis is on the identification of complex signal parameters and their relation to auditory communication and binaural unmasking. Response related factors such as reaction and decision times are regularly monitored.

15. (U) 71 01 01 - 71 06 30 Data collection is complete on a study of the effects of mean signal rate, signal to noise ratio, and intersignal interval distribution on the detection of randomly occurring signals; analysis of the data is underway. Studies of binaural unmasking of discrete frequency signals with pulsed and continuous maskers continue. Mosko, J. D. and A. S. House. Binaural unmasking of vocalic signals. J. Acoust. Soc. Amer., 49, No. 4 (Part 2): 1203-1212, 1971.

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Work in the area of attentional processes has resulted in the completion of computer hardware and software comprising a signal generation, experimental control, and data acquisition system. Once calibrated, this system was used to conduct a parametric study of auditory signal detection with random intersignal intervals. The experiment was designed to determine the effects of three variables on detection performance: 1) mean signal rate (two levels), 2) signal to noise ratio (four levels), and 3) intersignal interval probability distribution (two levels: exponential and gamma). The data collected under these 16 treatments are in the form of temporal histograms which in turn are estimates of certain conditional probability distributions related to hits, misses, correct negatives, and false alarms. Analysis is underway. A model of the processes underlying signal detection with random intersignal intervals is under development and is an outgrowth of earlier work (Cronholm, 1968). A paper by Cronholm, "Probability gate statis-tics," describing some general properties of probability gates used in several models (Luce, 1970; Cronholm, 1968) has been published.

Continued effort in the area of perceptual processes has been devoted to the acquisition and development of equipment because of certain interesting inconsistencies discovered in the binaural unmasking data gathered during the previous year. However, a paper with A. S. House from Dr. Mosko's dissertation on the "Binaural unmasking of vocalic signals" has been published. In addition, Dr. Mosko has produced two USAMRL reports evaluating earplugs, one of which has been published in the open literature. In this study it was shown that the Gundefender earplug offers both improved speech intelligibility and protection from temporary threshold shift equivalent to the standard issue Army plug. Work continues on other problems of speech intelligibility. These studies are concerned with the acoustic parameters of speech signals which govern intelligibility in the presence of unwanted noise.

Work in the third area, response processes involved in auditory communication, is exemplified by pilot studies by Dr. Cronholm of response patterning in the signal detection setting without signals. This work was undertaken to explore how false alarm responses are produced as a function of noise level alone. Mean false alarm rates have been obtained at one noise level. In future experiments interresponse time histograms will be obtained at several noise levels.

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Ocular exposure to high levels of unfocused, pulsed ruby laser radiation results in cataract formation in rabbits. Soluble lens extracts from laser induced cataractous and normal rabbit lenses were studied by electrophoresis, column chromatography, and immunological, and carbohydrate analytical methods. The electrophoretic, immunological, and chromatography data provided no evidence for the occurrence of additional or altered specificity of proteins in laser induced cataractous lenses. However, it was shown that proteins from cataracts behave antigenically the same as heat denatured lens protein. The increase in reactivity is probably due to the increase in antigen combining sites brought about by the aggregation of protein molecules. Hexose and polyol concentrations did not differ significantly between normal and cataractous lenses.

The clinical resemblance of laser induced cataracts to the socalled "glassblower's cataract" along with the aforementioned findings strengthens the contention that laser induced cataractogenesis results from heat alone.

A final report is in preparation.

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24. (U) Thermal damage produced in porcine skin by carbon dioxide laser radiation with millisecond and nanosecond exposure times will be determined. Injuries resulting from rapid sequential pulsing of subthreshold exposures will also be investigated. Threshold values in pigmented porcine skin for other laser radiation will be determined.

25. (U) 7: 01 01 - 71 06 30 Two detector systems for scanning the high intensity carbon dioxide laser beam have been completed and tested. The skin of seven pigs has been exposed to 6 millisecond pulses of carbon dioxide laser radiation. The damage ranged from erythema to steam blebs. The data are now being processed to determine threshold doses for the various levels of injury.

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The skin of darkly pigmented pigs was exposed to Q-switched ruby laser radiation with an exposure time of 20 nanoseconds. The resulting damage was evaluated by gross visual observation as well as histological techniques. Depigmentation of the skin at the site of impact of the laser beam was used for visual assessment of damage. Histological evaluation of tissue damage has now been completed by MAJ David K. Hysell, VC, presently on duty at the US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine. The measured absorption of visible and near infrared radiation by this porcine skin closely resembles that of darkly pigmented American Negroes. The measured threshold values for damage induced by ruby laser radiation in dark porcine skin can be considered a "worse case" for military personnel.

Progress in the study of skin damage by CO₂ laser radiation was delayed for several months because of an inoperable laser. Upon the repair and return of the laser by the manufacturer, work was initiated to stabilize both the total power output and beam geometry of the laser. Careful control of the temperature environment of the laser head produced reasonable stability of the laser beam.

Two detectors for scanning the high intensity CO₂ laser beam have been completed and tested. Absolute calibration of the devices has presented some problems. However, work is continuing and calibration is expected to be completed shortly.

The skin of seven white pigs has been exposed to 6 millisecond pulses of high intensity laser radiation. The gross damage ranged from erythema to explosive steam blebs. The histological evaluation of the lesions is nearly complete. Final analysis of the data to determine the threshold doses for various levels of injury cannot be completed until the absolute calibration of the scanning devices is complete.

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The study of the effects of Q-switched ruby laser radiation on the visual acuity of the rhesus monkey has continued. In addition, studies have been initiated to determine the effects of the wavelength of a flashblinding source upon the recovery time of rhesus monkeys.

Visual acuity - Seven rhesus monkeys were trained to discriminate a Landolt "C" from an "O" of the same size. The task required the animal to depress a lever at the beginning of a trial, characterized by the onset of a light and tone in the test module. The lever activated a projector shutter system which flashed either a "C" or an "O" onto a screen located approximately 50 cm in front of the animal. If a "C" was presented, the animal was trained to release the lever immediately. If an "O" was presented, the animal continued to hold the lever down until the light and noise were shut off. Various sized Landolt rings were presented to each animal. Acuity thresholds were determined by computing the Landolt gap size which yielded a correct response 75% of the time. After initial training periods, binocular and monocular acuity measures were obtained for approximately 4 months or until the visual acuity values for each animal had stabilized. During July and August (1970) three trained animals (RM 46, RM 65, and RM 49) were given single Q-switched laser exposures of 1.11, 0 2, and 0.170 mj in the right eye (1.0 mj represents the energy level as which there is a 100% probability of producing a visible retinal lesion, while 0.72 mj and 0.170 mj represent the 75 and 50% probability points, respectively). Irradiations were made at the USAMRDC-AMC Laser Safety Team laboratories, Frankford Arsenal. Two other animais (RM 99 and RM 100) were similarly exposed to 1.0 mj and 0.170 mj, respectively, in January 1971. Two additional animals trained at the Frankford Arsenal facility (RM 13 and RM 16) were given laser exposures in November 1970 and May 1971

The effects of these laser exposures upon the visual acuity of the animals varied as a function of the dose levels used. RM 46, RM 100, and RM 13 received approximately 1 mj of energy incident at the corneal surface. All three animals showed immediate acuity losses. For 1 (RM 13) to 3 weeks (2046), acuity was not measurable in the exposed eyes, while the left, or control eyes showed normal acuity. Each of the three animals showed gradual improvement in acuity of the exposed eye during the following 6 to 8 weeks. At this time, the acuity in the right are stabilized at between 40 to 60% of preexposure

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acuity levels and remained at this level for 6 to 8 months. Ophthalmoscopic examination showed large uniform lesions in each eye completely encompassing the fovea and central macular area.

Animals receiving approximately 0.170 mj of energy (RM 16 and RM 49) showed no changes in the exposed eye 1 hour later. Ophthalmoscopic examination revealed lesions in each eye completely encompassing the fovea, but of less severity than in animals receiving the highest dose.

An eccentric lesion developed in the right eye of one animal (RM 65). The dose was calculated at 0.720 mj at the cornea and encompassed an estimated 80% of the fovea. An immediate loss of acuity to 33% of the preexposure level was followed by a rapid improvement to a normal level of acuity within 4 weeks.

Animals RM 46, 65, and 49 were exposed again in February 1971, this time in their left eyes. RM 46 received approximately 0.170 mj, and RM 65 and RM 49, approximately 1.0 mj. RM 46 showed an immediate decrement in visual acuity in the exposed eve, followed by an apparent return to normality within 2 weeks. The left eye of RM 65 also showed an immediate decrease in acuity followed by a return to its preexposed acuity within 3 weeks. RM 49 (1 mj exposure) showed a slight decrease in acuity in a return to normal values within 1 week.

A seventh animal, RM 99, died 2 weeks after receiving a 1.0 mj exposure and the data were not considered sufficient to include in the analysis.

Three rhesus monkeys are in the first stages of acuity training and will be exposed to the Q-switched laser within 1 month. The three animals already exposed in one eye will receive a second exposure in the other eye within 2 months. The three animals previously exposed in both eyes will be sacrificed soon and, in cooperation with the Joint Laser Safety Team, electron and light microscopic studies will be made to evaluate the observed pathological changes and relate these to the observed changes in visual acuity. Eventually, all of the animals involved in visual acuity tests will undergo this latter examination.

b. <u>Flashblindness</u> - Research has been initiated to determine the factors influencing the recovery of the visual system following exposure to high intensity flashes of light. Previous research (Randolph, J. Opt. Soc. Amer. 58: 424, 1968) has shown that recovery from flashblindness is closely related to both the wavelength of the B71R 01 280 (cont)

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flashblinding stimulus and the wavelength of the target used to measure recovery. In the present research design one of six wavelengths, each equated for equal power at 1.0×10^{-3} w/cm², will be flashed into the eye of a rhears monkey. Recovery of visual response to one of the six different wavelengths applied at 1.0×10^{-5} w/cm² will then be evaluated by measuring the time required for insilateral and contralateral occipital evoked potentials and the electroretinooram to return to their preflashblinding amplitudes and latencies. Monochromatic light, generated by a krypton laser system, at 468, 520, 530, 570, 643, and 676 nm will be used both for flashblinding and for recovery measurements at each of these wavelengths. Evoked cortical potentials from a number of rabbits and two monkeys at several of these wavelengths have been averaged and are currently being evaluated for variability and relative amplitude and latency differences. When these data have been analyzed, daily fluctuations in both evoked occipital potentials and ergs can be controlled to insure independence of the effects of each wavelength upon the recovery from flashblindness.

Unile the electroretinogram and the evoked cortical potentials are reliable measures of flashblindness recovery, direct measures of the temporary effects of flashblindness would be more directly related to military problems. To accomplish this, rhesus monkeys are being trained to discriminate between various wavelengths of light generated by the Krypton laser. Following this training, each animal will have electrodes implanted in the occipital cortex. Flashblindness effects upon the perception of color and the relationship of this perception to the evoked cortical potentials will then be directly evaluated. Recommendations for flashblindness protective devices can then be nade based upon perceptual and electrophysiological criteria.

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In one study (also mentioned in last year's report), no relationship could be found between TTS and PTS in a group of monkeys exposed to impulse noise (USAMRL Report No. 928, Apr 1971). Other relationships did emerge. This study suggested--but did not prove--that a small amount of PTS at one audio frequency may produce an increased sensitive and increased resistance to TTS at some other frequency. Thus, this study confirmed a similar observation for tank crew men, whose low frequency hearing appeared to improve during the course of 20 years service, a period during which their high frequency hearing drops by 40 dB (Paparella and Melnick). The study also supported the clinical concept that high frequency PTS is a more sensitive index of damage to hearing than is low frequency PTS.

At the end of the study, the monkeys were turned over to Drs. Jordan, Pinheiro, Jiminez, and Chiba of the Inner Ear Research Program at Case-Western Reserve University Medical School. These investigators provided USAMRL with cochleograms of the monkey ears. (A cochleogram is a graph of the percentage of sensory cells present in the cochlea as a function of distance within the cochlea.) The results of the eleven analyses were so impressive that it was decided to build the potential for the same type of histology (i.e., the "surface preparation") within the Experimental Psychology Division. The necessary equipment is being purchased and Mr. Carl Guthrie was trained in this technique by Dr. David Lipscomb, Director of the University of Tennessee Noise Study Laboratory.

The surface preparation of histology allows one to make a comparison between the patterns of hair cell damage induced by different types of noise. Thus, it can provide one kind of index of hazardous noise. Although it is a relatively new technique, it is already being used to index the hazard of different kinds of impulse noise. For example, Hamernik et al (1971) have shown how the extent of hair cell damage changes as the number of impulse exposures is increased and how the pattern of damage differs between two different shapes of impulse. A parameter not yet explored which is within the immediate research capacity of USAMRL is the effect of impulse width on the pattern of damage, an experiment which is easily programmed with the variable width impulse generator, developed several years ago through an SGO contract to R. Benson and Associates.

The development of a still more versatile impulse generator was begun in the past year. From the digital to analog converter of the

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PDP-8 computer, a short transient voltage is fed into a powerful amplifier. The amplifier drives a public address system driver which is closely coupled to the ear. In initial tests, this system produced impulses with peak levels of greater than 150 dB SPL. Although the level of these impulses cannot match those produced by the variable width impulse generator, they can be shaped in rather precise ways, a feature not present in the other system. For example, one can change the shape of the impulse while keeping the total energy of the impulse constant.

Although the development of the capacity for inner ear histology is important, it would be naive to suppose that an adequate index of hazardous noise could be produced from this technique. There are many cases in which hearing loss does not correlate with the loss of hair cells. An obvious example is any hearing loss connected with changes in the ossicles of the middle ear. Even within the category of what is conventionally termed "sensorineural loss', there is often a lack of correlation between audiometric and histological measures. For example, Bredberg, in an important study of the surface preparation histology of human ears, found cases of histological loss without comparable audiometric loss and cases of audiometric loss without comparable histological loss. Assuming that neither the histologist nor the audiologist made a mistake, such cases would suggest that there are more factors underlying sensorineural loss than the loss of hair cells. During the past year, the research program at ${\sf USAMRL}$ has obtained data that would suggest this is so. When the patterns of PTS in the noisedamaged monkeys were compared with the respective cochleograms, it was apparent that large amounts of hair cell loss can be sustained with only small shifts in thresho'd sensitivity. More than 90% of the outer hair cells had to be destroyed at some point in the cochlea before the monkeys showed a corresponding dip in their pure tone audiogram. These results corresponded to those of a similar study carried out with chinchillas at the Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis. On the other side of the coin, a study in which chinchillas were exposed to the same impulses as the monkeys (USAMRL Report No. 921, Mar 1971) yielded small but consistent losses of pure tone sensitivity with insignificant losses of hair cells. This analysis was provided by Dr. Lipscomb and also by our own laboratory.

Conceivably, the chinchillas suffered a displacement of the ossicular chain. On the other hand, there could have been permanent changes in the input impedance of the inner ear. Such changes of impedance within the inner ear have been suggested by several investigators (Beagley, Khanna, and Tonndorf). The possibility of a

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model of impulse noise induced TTS published this year in collaboration with Lr. David Hodge of HEL, Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Since the model is speculative (as is the concept of reversible changes in inner ear impedance), effort has been devoted this year to exploring the "5-type" of TIS postulated in the model. Two questions were asked: (1) Can the S-type of TIS be demonstrated in species other than i an and monkey? (2) Is the S-type TIS merely an artifact of behavioral audiometry or does it show up in physiological measures of the auditory system? To answer these questions, evoked potential audiometry was carried out on chinchillas. Most of the year has been devoted to the development of a suitable system for evoked response audiometry. As yet, there is too little data available for any conclusion.

Faced with the lack of correlation between hair cell loss and PTS, many auditory researchers have begun to search for more sensitive measures of auditory sensitivity. During the past year, efforts have been made to find auditory discriminations that are more sensitive to noise than is the detection of pure tones. A program that tests the ability of human ears to discriminate between transients having identical energy spectra (but differing shapes in time) has been adapted for use with the PDP-8 This program runs three subjects simultaneously and performs preliminary analyses of the data. The PDP-8 has also been programmed to test auditory discrimination in the chinchilla. In this program, sounds are presented at regular intervals (e.g., once every 15 seconds). Whenever there is a change in a parameter of the sound, the subject is required to respond. Although this program will eventually be used to study noise damage in the chinchilla, the initial experiments have been directed to answer some basic questions about the nature of this paradiqm.

Another problem common to noisy environments is the effect of noise or other sense modalities. Instrumentation is being constructed to study directional hearing in humans exposed to noise environments and audio-kinetic hystagnus.

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Since the human eye has considerable axial chromatic aberration, it is necessary when studying the sensitivity or resolution of small chromatic stimuli to correct this aberration with the use of an "achromatizing" lens. This lens, when moved laterally in front of the eye while viewing an intricate multicolored pattern, produces an interesting visual effect which has been termed the "dancing arabesque." This consists of a relative change in the spatial position of areas of different color. An explanation of this effect is based on the measured refractive power of the lens as a function of wavelength; below 500 nm the lens is progressively negative while above 500 nm it is progressively positive. Secondary visual effects are an illusion of depth, and the production of a border in the absence of one, or the exaggeration and minimization of borders when present.

Instrumentation, both optical and electronic, has been completed for the study of wavelength effects in visual latency. Whereas prior studies addressel to this question have confounded a luminance change with the onset of the chromatic stimulus, and since there is good electrophysiological evidence that luminance information is carried by separate fiber systems and has precedence at the cortex, the present research system was designed to effect a change from a maximally desaturated stimulus to one of maximum saturation with no change in total luminance.

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Studies of miscular output in serial isometric contractions have shown that with a wide variety of work-rest ratios the shape of the fatigue function tended to remain constant. The effect of shortening the work period on lengthening the rest period was simply to increase the mean level of output. Also, successive fatigue functions tended to be quite similar and the primary effect of repeating the performance with inadequate rest periods was to reduce the mean output. For all conditions on work and rest the adjustment to the work schedule occurred early in the series of trials with the principal decrement evident by the second trial. The results of these studies suggest that with a short sample of performance under a given condition of work and rest times one can predict the decrement which would be produced by lengthy performance at that specific work-rest ratio since the rate of reduction in output tends to remain constant after one or two sessions,

Several investigators have reported that strong subjects incur more tatigue than do weaker ones performing under the same conditions. Recent studies in this laboratory have shown that there is an appreciable correlation between the strength of an individual and the absolute reduction in output produced by a period of maximal muscular output but that the relative (percentage-of-maximum) loss is unrelated to strength. Thus, we have not found, as some contend, that strong muscles are less efficient than weak ones. Also, in a study of the fatigue functions of strong and weak muscle groups in the same subjects the relative decrements were found to be quite similar. It has been repeatedly observed that the relative decrement produced by a sustained contraction is wincipally determined by the relative starting point. That is, those subjects who begin near their previously determined maximum output levels have a greater absolute and relative decrement than those who start at lower levels, and the relative starting points are unnilated to strength.

In a recent study muscular strength and endurance were measured at 4-hour intervals during two 12-hour working days followed by a 36-hour period of continuous activity and then two final 12-hour working days. Except when being tested for strength and endurance, the subjects were engaged in primarily sedentary tasks. There was no appreciable reduction in output during the sustained performance phase of the study but this was apparently caused by a reduction in output level in anticipation of the period of maximum stress. The results of this study suggest that even with instructions to work as hard as possible at all times

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there is a general tendency to maintain a performance reserve in anticipation of future requirements. If this is true, the decrement functions for lengthy work session should not show the initial rabid reduction in output typical of brief work sessions, and the starting points for long sessions should be lower than for brief ones. This interpretation is not supported by the work-rest ratio mata, but there was a limited range of trial durations employed in the e-studies. Data are now being collected to answer the question of whether trial duration influences the form of the decrement function. In this study durations ranging from 30 to 120 seconds are being employed

Studies of the influence isocial factors on physical performance have shown that prior performance produces strong context effects which may obscure the subtle influences of social variables on performance. In one study audience effects, treadmill speed, and the effects of previous experience on treadmill performance were examined. Audience effects were not significant thus suggesting that this effect is more subtle than presumed by some investigators. The significant sequence effect indicates that one must use repeated measurements designs with caution when manipulating social variables. In the same study it was found that variables may operate in an interactive manner either simultaneously or sequentially and that few, if any, variables are effective under all conditions

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The effect of storage on the oxygen transport system of the red cell has been under study (also see Work Unit No. 164, A821).

The ability of adenine to maintain good red cell posttransfusion survival after 35-42 days of storage has not been accompanied by improved oxygen transport capability. In contrast, inosine is associated with improved oxygen transport function. Combinations of these additives are under evaluation.

Fresh blood collected into various anticoagulants was filtered through 4 and 6 mm plastic tubing containing glass beads, with a 90% reduction in platelet count. Reductions in white blood cell counts have also been observed but this finding is inconsistent and requires confirmation. Work in this area continues.

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An automated screening test for the detection of hemoglobin S has been developed and field tested on 8,000 military personnel at Fort kno. The test costs .03 per sample and 100% reliability has been demonstrated by electrophoresis.

Collaborative studies concerning detection methodology for Australian antigen are continuing with the National Research Council and the laboratories of Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg. Technics under study include agar gel diffusion, immuno-osmo-electrophoresis and complementfixation. Search continues for better antigenic and antibody sources. A study just concluded reveals a significant increase of Au(1) and anti-Au(1) on Vietnam returnees.

Study during the past year has resulted in resolution of the varnous requirements necessary to achieve a fully automated military blood grouping and typing system that would interface with the currently available AutoAnalyzer blood grouping system. This system would provide sample identification, automatic interpretation, and collation of results. Field testing will be accomplished in early 1972 at USAMRL, Fort Knox.

Progress on establishing a frozen blood bank for military exigencies, research, and related areas of development include the decision, resulting from several years of system comparisons, that the Linde liquid mitrogen-low glycerol system is most feasible and economical. One 24 unit retrigerator is planned for installation in late 1971.

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In the investigation of cells of different age groups in human blood it has been found that young (low density) and old (high density) cells, prepared from fresh blood, demonstrate differences in osmotic fragility, spontaneous hemolysis, activity of enzymes, and levels of ATP. When membrane preparations obtained from young and old cells are subjected to fractionation by disc electrophoresis they present electrophoretic patterns which are qualitatively and quantitatively different for the cells in the two age groups; this suggests the possibility that specific membrane proteins are related to particular structural and functional aspects of the red cells. A correlation has been established between the increase in specific gravity and the decrease in osmotic resistance of human red blood cells under blood banking conditions when storage is extended to 42 days.

In the evaluation of the effect of various additives, units of blood have been stored for 42 days under different conditions: 1) packed red cells with addition of progesterone, testosterone, or androsterone, 2) erythrocytes suspended in buffer with addition of adenine or progesterone plus adenine, 3) whole male blood with addition of progesterone. By the criteria of *in vitro* determinations, progesterone, in physiological concentrations, is effective in protecting the red cells during storage by minimizing the spontaneous lysis, changes in osmotic resistance, and loss of ATP. The greatest effect in this respect was obtained by addition of progesterone plus adenine to erythrocytes suspended in buffer.

The investigation of the biochemical and biophysical parameters involved in the structural integrity of the red cell membrane has shown that some of these parameters, such as blood relative viscosity, seem to be directly correlated to cell deformability; that is, the ability of the red cell to change configuration and survive repeated passages through the microcirculation. From the results obtained it is becoming evident that some of the additives to the blood act as ligands and interact with components of the red cell membrane minimizing the deterioration of the cell permeability during storage of blood under blood banking conditions.

The new procedure, electrophocusing, has been established for the isolation of protein fractions of the cell membrane in quantities necessary for several biochemical analyses.

The influence of blood components (platelets and plasma proteins) on red cells preservation has been studied; the results have shown that

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whereas platelets may have a positive effect, several plasma protein fractions are detrimental to the survival of cells after prolonged storage. The implication of these findings is to be explored.

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Comparison of inhibition or activation by cysterne and a variety of metal ions on extraits of membrane preparations obtained by slightly different procedures produced ratios of proteolytic to esterolytic activities that indicated the possible presence of more than one proteinase in the membrane extracts. Chromatography on DEAE-cellulose effected some further purification of the proteolytic activity, but did not remove entirely the contaminating hemoglobin nor did it appear to give any separation of the possible two or more proteinases

Ultracentrifuge studies on stroma protein preparations and on proteinase extracts subjected to solubilization by sodium dodecyl sulfate or Triton λ -100 indicated a potential dissociation, at least in the presence of Triton λ -100, a surfactant which showed no significant effect on the proteolytic activity using Azocoll as the substrate.

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One unit of blood was transfused for every four units crossmatched in the blood banks of the various hospital pathology services, representing 20,000 transfusions actually used of the 80,000 units crossmatched for serologic compatibility. Remaining time of the 21-day shelf life of whole blood allowed many of the blood units to be recrossmatched for other patients. On the other hand, blood continually committed to patients by crossmatch and not used resulted in outdating and loss of the blood.

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Several techniques were developed to measure the catabolic stress of cold storage on red cell membranes. These include fluorescent probe and turbidity techniques as well as several specific assay procedures. Membrane changes in stored red cells were analyzed in three situations:

a. The storage of whole blood reveals that during storage the membrane is reduced in hydrophobicity and undergoes changes is shape at a molecular level. In addition, lipid, sialic acid, and free nelphydryl groups are lost, as well as the ability of the proteins to maintain a state of molecular flexibility.

b. An examination of progesterone-treated red cells indicated that the progesterone does stabilize the red cell membrane for at least 28 days after causing an initial change in the membrane analogous to "locking it in" a modified conformation. By 42 days of storage the progesterone effect seems to "wear off". This study also indicated the high sensitivity of the techniques being used.

c. Red cells were stored with multiple additions of adeninginosine to maintain hemoglobin function as reflected by high levels of 2,3-DPG. Membrane studies of these cells indicate that catabolism continues at a rate analogous to controls indicating that preservation of the membrane is independent from maintenance of hemoglobin function, and with the advent of the adenine-inosine procedure may be the limiting factor in the length of red cell storage time.

Initial studies were carried out on the effect of platelets and platelet breakdown products on the storage properties of red cells.

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An experimental transfusion reaction model has been established in primates using hyperimmune plasma fractions Infusions of IgG directed against recipient red cells produce dose related intravascular hemolysis and disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC). Autopsy studies show fibrin thombi in glomerular tufts.

This work has characterized and greatly refined knowledge of the transfusion reaction with respect to antibody species responsible and pathophysiology. It has also made available a model which has a predictable outcome and can be used to evaluate the hemolytic potential of pooled plasma products and fractions used commercially.

Pre-treatment of experimental animals with heparin has not been wholly effective in preventing DIC; other specific therapy should be studied, such as mannitol, to augment urinary blood flow, hexadimethrine to inhibit Hageman factor activation, and dipyridamole to inhibit platelet aggregation.

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