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TROOPS IN HOT BOX

How much heat soldiers can stand is being put to the test in a scientific way, with volunteers from the Royal Sussex Regiment as the guinea-pigs. In Kuwait last year many troops collapsed with severe heat stroke. Mouth thermometer readings are recorded before the men go into the hot box. After daily treatment for two or three weeks the men could be flown out to furnace like Middle East places and not get heat stroke. All tests having been taken so far, the men go to the Sauna, which they call the Hot Box, and again connect the thermometers to the apparatus by which their temperatures will be noted outside.

And is it hot in there - about 110, with steam to make it humid.

Now into their plastic suits. The heat is imprisoned and evaporation's impossible. Are their brains still alert? Experiments soon find out that they are.

When it's over the rest of the day's their own. Not in burning Kuwait, but in London, where for the last month it's been like the North Pole.