

Combat and Survival Rations

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ABSTRACT

The following is a report on exposure tests made on samples of preserved foods at the second withdrawal (after a period of 6 months exposure). The report begins with a statement of purpose which is contained in the introduction. This is followed by a description of the nature of the samples, the conditions of exposure, and the tests applied to the exposed samples which description is, in turn, followed by tables of results and of meteorological records made at the exposure sites during the exposure period. The tables are followed by a discussion of the results presented in them.

It is stated in the conclusion, which follows the discussion of results, that the packaging of the samples has already been demonstrated to be far from perfect. Most samples appear to be acquiring moisture which will ultimately lead to their decay, some have been attacked by insects and some packets are visibly perforated. However, at the time of this withdrawal, microorganism counts were still low.