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“CHILLED OUT” AMMUNITION STORE FOR IRAQ

A NEW £1 million project to protect British ammunition from the searing heat of the Iraqi desert has been officially opened in Shaibah.

Six climate controlled stores have been constructed which will save an estimated £10 million a year by increasing the shelf life of ammunition.

Commander of the National Support Element (NSE), Colonel Steve Smith said without refrigerated stores ammunition would become unusable in less than a year.

“The new shelters maintain a steady temperature of 20°C, which means the ammunition will remain effective for many years,” he said. “This allows us to return it safely to the UK if we no longer need it here.

“Without such a store, we would have to destroy it as soon as it went past its shelf life.

“This represents a major step forward for field storage and will provide significant savings in terms of work effort and capital savings.”

The site will be run by soldiers from Ammo Troop, 4 Composite Logistic Support Regiment Royal Logistic Corps.

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