

Army Proves Ryan Missile Feasibility

The Army has successfully demonstrated the feasibility of a new target concept for air defense missile firing tests that could result in dramatic cost savings.

In successful tests at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., the Ryan Aeronautical Company "Firebee" jet powered drone missile picked the target from the ground and towed it at maximum speed of 400 knots at altitudes up to 30,000 feet.

No appreciable reduction in the Firebee's normal performance was noted.

Being developed under the technical supervision of the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., the concept called "Towbee" involves towing the actual target behind a standard Army target missile.

RESEMBLES BOMB

The Towbee target used is a cylinder seven feet long and approximately one foot in diameter made of inexpensive composition material and fitted with fins. It resembles a bomb.

Weighing approximately 20 pounds, the Towbee trailed behind the target missile on an 1800 foot nylon line.

The concept is similar to one in use for years in which aerial targets were trailed behind manned aircraft. Safety restrictions preclude extensive use of manned aircraft in guided missile testing.

Obtained from the Air Force, the Towbee target used in the test has internal sheet material reflectors that give the towed target the same radar characteristics as an enemy bomber.

LARGE SAVINGS

ARGMA target missile experts feel large savings could result by using a Towbee as a target in firing of the Army's Nike Hercules and Hawk air defense guided missiles.

The Towbee is positioned several hundred feet in front of the ground launcher used for the Firebee and tow line connection made. As the Firebee takes off it passes over the Towbee, lifting it from the ground and towing it aloft.

The Firebee is controlled in flight from the ground and recovered for re-use by radio commanded parachute drop. The tests are believed to be the first time that a target missile has been used in such a manner.

Edison Company Presents Check To Tax Collector

Southern California Edison Company, one of Los Angeles County's biggest single taxpayers, presented its check for \$14,015,739.23 to Tax Collector Harold J. Ostly Monday as the first installment of local property taxes for 1961-62.

G. L. Blanchard, Edison district manager, said that this check, together with the second installment to be paid April 10, will bring the total of property taxes paid by Edison in this county to \$20,589,637.85.

About half of the money the electric company pays to the county goes directly toward the support of local public schools, Blanchard pointed out.

"The combined property tax payments that Edison will make to 13 counties in central and southern California for 1961-62 will total \$40,056,665.11, he said.

"Taxes paid out to local, state and federal governments remain the Edison Company's largest single item of expense, just as they have for the last 12 consecutive years," Blanchard said.

"Last year, we paid to all levels of government \$81,607,956, amounting to 27 cents of every dollar paid by our customers for their electric service," he said.

RELIGION

Some people's religion is like a wooden leg. There is neither warmth nor life in it; although it helps them hobble along, it never becomes a part of them, but has to be strapped on each morning.

News Of Servicemen

Army PFC Glenn J. Martin Jr., 19, son of Mrs. Alma Cambra, 22701 Enola Ave., Torrance, recently participated with other members of the 8th Infantry Division and supporting units in Exercise Main Barge, a V Corps field training exercise in central Germany.

The exercise, which involved some 28,000 troops, was designed to develop small unit leadership and test combat readiness. Friendly forces, opposed by an "Aggressor" force, and supported by both conventional and atomic-capable artillery, maneuvered in a 187 square mile area during the exercise.

Martin, a rifleman in Company B of the division's 505th Infantry, which is regularly stationed in Mainz, entered the Army in February 1960, completed basic training at Fort Ord, and arrived overseas last March. He attended Gardena High School.

Army Pvt. William J. Rowan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Rowan, 24411 Madison St., Torrance, recently was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's 501st Infantry at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The 82nd, a major Strategic Army Corps (STRAC) unit, constantly maintains an immediate readiness force for airborne deployment to any area of the world.

A cannoner in the infantry's Mortar Battery, Rowan entered the Army last June and completed basic training at Fort Sill, Okla.

The 17-year-old soldier is a 1961 graduate of South High School.

Airman Basic Michael E. Karlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Karlson, 24243 Ocean Ave., Torrance, is being assigned to the

United States Air Force technical training course for communications center specialists at Amarillo AFB, Tex.

Airman Karlson, who has completed his basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex., was selected for the advanced training on the basis of his interests and aptitudes.

The airman is a graduate of South High School and a former student at El Camino College.

Thomas J. Musgrave, construction mechanic, first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom G. Musgrave of 25844 Cypress St., Lomita, is serving with the U.S. Taiwan Defense Command, Taipei, Taiwan.

This command, the senior U.S. military headquarters on Taiwan, is a subordinate unified command established under the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, to conduct in coordination with the armed forces of the Republic of China the defense of Taiwan and the Pescadore Islands against communist aggression.

Musgrave attended Franklin High School in Los Angeles before entering the service.

Army Pvt. Steven H. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Foster, 20917 Madrona Ave., Torrance, is receiving eight weeks of advanced individual training at The Armor Center, Fort Knox, Ky. The training is scheduled to end Dec. 9.

Foster is being instructed in the operation of the 90-millimeter tank gun and

Initial Action In Hoop League Now Underway

Initial action in the 1961-62 Boys' Basketball Competition is under way this week at municipal playgrounds throughout Los Angeles, it was reported yesterday by the City Recreation and Park Department.

Lads are entered in three divisions, midget for cagers 12 years of age and under; junior for those 13 and 14 years old; and senior for "hoop stars of the future" 15, 16, and 17 years of age, according to Ralph Borrelli, supervisor of special events in the City Recreation and Park Department.

Midget division competition will end on February 5, with the selection of playground champions, but junior and senior division play center kingpins, who will be chosen by the same date, will be eligible for district, City-Wide, and Inter-Agency meets, Borrelli said.

District action is slated at eight centrally located playgrounds on February 19, when playground champions will vie for berths in the City-Wide tourney, which is slated February 19 to March 5, Borrelli stated.

City-Wide champions will clash with top teams from the Catholic Youth Organization and the Jewish Community Centers Association in Inter-Agency finals scheduled March 6 and 8. Supervisor of Special Events Borrelli reported.

RULES, REGS

Rules and regulations for Boys' Basketball Competition and details for Inter-Agency finals were evolved by the Inter-Agency Basketball Committee, which is comprised of Alec Shellog, athletic director, Catholic Youth Organization; Bert Gold, executive director, Jewish Community Centers Association; and Borrelli, representing the Recreation and Park Department.

Meanwhile, lads enrolled in 24 of the 27 municipal playgrounds hosting sessions of the 14th annual Basketball School for Boys are participating in windup sessions of the three two-hour classes this week (Dec. 4 to 9), Borrelli reported.

Three playgrounds—North Hollywood, Oakwood, and Slauson—whose classes are conducted on Thursdays, are one week behind the others because of the Thanksgiving holiday, and will not stage their final instruction periods until Thursday, Dec. 14, Borrelli said.

A total of 1,736 boys 11 to 17 years of age, inclusive, attended first-week classes of the 1961 "casaba college," Borrelli said.

the Army's medium tank. He is being familiarized with the duties and responsibilities of each of the four tank crew members; the commander, driver, gunner and loader.

He entered the Army last July and completed basic training at Fort Ord. The 19-year-old soldier is a 1961 graduate of Torrance High School.

Airman Basic William J. Gasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay M. Gasser of 25820 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, is being assigned to the United States Air Force technical training course

for radio and radar maintenance specialists at Keesler AFB, Miss.

Airman Gasser, who has completed his basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex., was selected for the

advanced course on the basis of his interests and aptitudes.

The airman is a graduate of Narbonne High School and a former student at Harbor College.

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