

FIRST PICTURES: GUIDED MISSILE

Official report from U.S. research station, New Mexico, marks a new era in air war, new hope for defenders. A guided missile, fire-engine following as precaution, was set for use. Before test a booster was fixed, helping the take-off and enabling the rocket to reach super-sonic *speed* in a matter of seconds. Fuelled with a secret mixture the fantastic weapon was fixed to the launching platform. This is a guided rocket, steered by radar and elaborate devices to the target, a raiding bomber. Last minute

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*78 → adjustments; the final one, withdrawal of the safety pin. A red-smoke signal warns in view a very light warns traffic - in*

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~~A warning smoke signal warns all within sight.~~ For this moment Scientists and governments have waited years. Over the range roads are cleared. Radar spots the target, warns the computer, brain/centre of the experiment. Time now to switch on the apparatus that will launch the rocket. If this experiment succeeds it may consign bombing as we know it to the museum, along with the bow and arrow....

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The path of the raiding bomber is now known. If the theory is right, if the rocket works properly, ~~that bomber is doomed.~~ that bomber is doomed.