

GUIDED MISSILE - SHOOTING A LINE.

Howard Surtees, Vickers chief designer of guided weapons, demonstrated the Vigilant, the almost miraculous anti-tank weapon. It's a rocket which trails a wire, by which it is guided on to the target. For what it does, the Vigilant is astonishingly light (only 45 pounds) and easy to control. By means of the wire it can be accurate up to a mile range. And the beauty of the thing is that it can be operated by a soldier after one day's instruction. The conception and effectiveness of the new weapon are a great tribute to the designers. As the complete equipment can be carried by one man, every soldier so armed is potentially a tank destroyer.

The diagram now shows three more rockets fired.

The Vigilant can be fired from a helicopter when the target can't be seen from the ground. Now a live demonstration.

Once the Vigilant is on its way the tank can do little if anything, to evade it.

Who'd have thought years ago we'd ever have a rocket that could be aimed at the front door, change its mind and go in at the back.