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27th June 1961.

Dear Sir,

A live demonstration of the Vickers Vigilant anti-tank guided missile is to be held at the School of Infantry, Warminster, Wiltshire, on July 7.

This will be the first time the Vigilant has been shown in public. The missile has been developed during the past three years as a straightforward infantryman's weapon and has recently undergone assessment trials with the British Army. Several N.A.T.O. armies are particularly interested in it and at a recent demonstration in Italy it created a considerable sensation by scoring 11 hits out of 13 shots against moving targets, including one at the incredibly short range of 200 yards.

It is hoped to make arrangements for photographers to visit the firing range a day or so before the demonstration. If you will kindly complete the attached form and return it to me, details of the programme for photographers will be sent to you.

Yours sincerely,

*A.C. Brothers*

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Press Officer.

July 6

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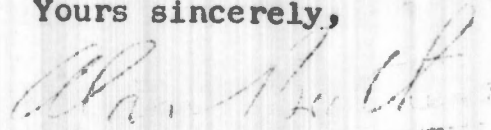
Dear Sir,

Arrangements have now been made for your photographer to see the Vickers Vigilant anti-tank missile in action before the first public demonstration of the weapon which is to be given by us on July 7.

A dress rehearsal will be held on Salisbury Plain on Thursday July 6 from 9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. Immediately afterwards soldiers and missiles will be available for photographing.

Will you please arrange for your photographer to meet me at the Bath Arms Hotel, in the centre of Warminster, Wiltshire by 8.30 a.m. on July 6 ? I shall be delighted if he can join me for breakfast at the hotel at 8. a.m.

Yours sincerely,



A.C. Brothers  
Press Officer.

VIGILANT DEMONSTRATION

*Correspondent's*  
PROGRAMME

- 9.30 a.m. Depart Paddington (Breakfast served on train).
- 11.13 a.m. Arrive Westbury.
- 11.50 a.m. Arrive Horningsham.
- 11.50 - 12.15. Short lecture on the Vickers Vigilant by Colonel H. Lacy.
- 12.30 - 2 p.m. Lunch at Bath Arms Hotel, Horningsham.
- 2.15 p.m. Depart Bath Arms, Horningsham, for rangehead.
3. - 3.30 p.m. Vickers Vigilant demonstration.
- 3.30 p.m. Depart rangehead for a hotel in Warminster. Tea served. Telephones available.
- 4.45 p.m. Depart Hotel for Westbury station.
- 5.30 p.m. Depart Westbury station by train for Paddington.
- 7.10 p.m. Arrive Paddington.
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