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U.S. TORPEDO BOATS

The first of the American Motor Torpedo boats to be delivered under the United States Navy three million pounds small craft programme, is tried out on the Potomac River near Washington. Part of the so-called Mosquito Fleet, its insignia was designed by Walt Disney. The P.T.9 is designed to do more than 60 mph. Already 23 of an improved design are under construction. Carrying four machine guns in two twin mountings, the motorboats are also armed with four torpedoes, and can perform many of the functions of a destroyer in naval warfare. These Mosquito boats are expected to put a new sting into Uncle Sam's Navy.