

Guided Missile Development is No Secret Now

WASHINGTON, (U.P.) — The armed forces have developed guided missiles to the point where they could play a major role in defending American cities and attacking enemy targets in the near future.

That was apparent today from official announcements and other information available in a field normally secret.

Robot weapons that can fly from the speed of sound 760 miles an hour at sea level up to 1,500 mph and probably faster now are in production for bombing, anti-aircraft and air combat. They will gradually go into units of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Latest of the missiles to be announced was the Navy's "Regulus," a jet-propelled vehicle resembling a fighter plane which evidently could carry atomic explosive in its nose. The Navy said last night the "Regulus" can be launched against land targets from submarines and surface ships, and can be guided either by a mother plane or from the launching site.

At the same time the Navy revealed that its first missile launching combat submarine, the Tunny, has joined the fleet. The Tunny, a World War II sub now equipped with snorkel, has been modified especially to carry "Regulus" missiles.

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