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## at the White Sands Missile Range



First official U. S. Army Photo of SERGEANT -ON THE WAY. The thirty-foot SERGEANT is shown here blasting off in a successful test shot at White Sands Missile Range.



### THIS IS WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE

On a 100-mile strip of barren New Mexico soil Uncle Sam has teamed up one of his newest and mightiest weapons—the guided missile with one of science's latest and most advanced electronic wonders—UNIVAC Scientific.





ROCKETRY'S HUB-Landmarks for White Sands Missile Range and its more than \$37.5 million a year payroll are this new, active headquarters building, the 110-foot flagpole fronting it, and the towering Organ Mountains in the background. From the office of the Commanding General come the administrative orders affecting more than 9,000 military and civilian personnel at work at White Sands Missile Range on the various missile projects.

White Sands Missile Range is an Army Ordnance activity, the technical functions of which are under the control of the Chief of Ordnance. It was the first missile testing range available to every branch of the services – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps – and to industry for special testing. The primary mission of the Missile Range is the testing of intermediate range rockets and guided missiles.

The experimental work in guided missiles is carried on in an area of 4,000 square miles extending from about sixty miles north of El Paso, Texas to U. S. Highway 60 which is more than 100 miles further north. It is the most completely instrumented Missile Range in the United States.

UNIVAC Scientific, a high-speed electronic data-processing system plays a vital role in the guided missile testing program. Specifically, UNIVAC Scientific handles the exacting task of computing and analyzing the enormous amounts of data taken from each missile firing, and turning out results fast enough to make modifications for the next firing.

Test missiles are fired from launching stations near the southern end of the Missile Range, and travel to heights of 100 miles or more. The area is studded with testing equipment for many kinds of military devices and observation stations are strategically scattered throughout the area to record the behavior of each missile flight.

The behavior of missiles is sometimes erratic. A ground control crew follows each flight by radar, and if the missile seems to be going out of control, it is exploded in mid-air by a ground control command. It is essential that flight data, including the pitches and yaws of the missile, as well as information obtained from numerous recording instruments be checked and analyzed in order to make adjustments for future flights. Naturally the time lag between gathering flight data and having it computed and analyzed is of prime importance. In many cases UNIVAC Scientific has effectively reduced this time lag from weeks or days to minutes.

As an example, of the almost fantastic computing speeds possible with UNIVAC Scientific, a meteorological problem that would require eight years for one person to compute on a desk calculating machine, can be computed in 25 minutes.





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Corps of Experts carefully study and analyze the vast amount of information gathered from each missile firing.

As chief of Ordnance Mission, Col. John Redmon, seated, builds his missile program around the men with whom he is conferring. Dr. Nicholas Golovin, left, as chief scientist of White Sands Missile Range, heads the scientific and technological program of the Army missile testing project. Lt. Col. Walter Clifford heads Ordnance Mission's Systems Test Division. A. O. Crobaugh, behind Col. Redmon, is director of Electro-Mechanical Laboratories. Maj. Victor Finley is acting chief of Special Weapons Division.



There are approximately 500 measurements required for each flight of a guided missile. Each measurement requires a great many computing processes. The time normally required would be thirty minutes to an hour to compute each measurement – or 250 to 500 hours for each flight. UNIVAC Scientific System can accomplish each work load in about one second, and would be able to handle computations for as many as ten missile firings a day!

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ASKANIA Camera—Here is just one of the many testing instruments used for following missile flights. This camera can take as many as 5,000 frames per second. And this is only a part of the enormous amount of in-flight data which is computed and analyzed by the UNIVAC Scientific System at White Sands Missile Range. Mr. Ben Billups is in charge of the computing aspects of this important testing and development program at White Sands Missile Range.

"While our efforts with the UNIVAC Scientific here at White Sands at present are confined to data reduction and flight simulation, it is quite feasible to extend this to a closed loop on-line control in a *real time* operation. In a real time operation, data would be transmitted through instruments at the observation point from the missile in flight to the computing system, analyzed and then returned... in time to control the same flight."



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One of the most recent additions to the U. S. Army's missile family is *SERGEANT*. Sperry Rand Corporation is the prime contractor of *SERGEANT* responsible for the production of the complete missile system. This medium range, solid fueled supersonic guided missile is soon to be operational – truly a significant achievement.

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