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PARTA

SYNOPSIS

1. RESULTS:

The 2:75 Automatic Rocket Launcher T-110-E2B No. 2, equipped with Tube No. 3, her than fired a total of 104 rounds at the Neval Proving Ground to tate, of which 69 were T217 (slugs) and 35 were T132 Tractice Rockets. Cyclic rates have been recorded from 632 rounds per minute to 935 rounds per minute. The average muzzle velocity of the T132 Practice Rockets was 1200 fps, with an average peak of 2850 fps at 1050 feet, and a burnt out velocity of 2500 fps still remaining at 2000 feet. The majority of patterns taken at 1000% from the muzzle using T217 (slug) ammunition showed all shots within 3 mils of the center of impact area, however, patterns taken of T132 practice rockets at 1000%; 2000 and 3000 showed up to 11 mils dispersion.

2. CONCLUSIONS:

On the basis of the limited number of rounds fired in the one 2.75 T-110-E2B Rocket Launcher received by the Naval Proving Ground, it is concluded that:

a. The basic operating principles of this gun are sound.

b. It will perform at its designed rate of 800-900 rounds per minute.

c. The peak velocity of the T132 rocket exceeds 2800 fps at burn out.

d. Its accuracy is not equal to present service aircraft guns when firing T132 Practice Rockets as received. It is, however, when firing T217 slug rounds at 1000".

3. ABCOMMENDATIONS:

In view of the fact that the 2:75 Rocket Leuncher, which weighs only 205 lbs., fires at roughly the same rate and velocity as an in-NO of M: 12 20mm Aircraft Com, but corries a burating charge of 1 pound (7000 grains) compared to a 20mm projectile with .017 pounds (119 grains) it is recommended that:

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a. An additional six launchers be obtained and delivered to the Naval Proving Ground for further development and testing.

At least 1500 rounds each of T132 (Practice Rocket) and T217 (slug) ammunition be provided for these tests.

c. A high priority be assigned to this work.

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d. Certain minor modifications be made to the launcher and ammunition, as contained elsewhere in this report.

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PART B

INTRODUCTION

AUTHORITY: 1.

Task Assignment NPG-Re8b-119-1-52, entitled "Aircraft Rocket Launcher T110, Test and Evaluation of", dated 28 July 1951, requested that the Naval Proving Ground conduct functional and developmental firing tests of the subject weapon in accordance (where applicable) with NAVEXOS P-547, "Aircraft Guns Test and Evaluation Manual".

REFERENCES: 2.

- NAVEXOS P-547 "Aircraft Ouns Test and Evaluation Manual". 8.
- Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology Confidential Instructions for Testing 2.75 Automatic Rocket Launchers T-110-E2A and T-110-E2B. b. Ballistic Research Laboratories ltr APG (3) 471.94/196
- of 12 July 1951 to USNOTS, Inyokern, California, giving C. Trajectory Data for the 2:75 Rocket T131.
- d. Confidential Notes on Development Type Material pertaining to 2:75 Automatic Rocket Launcher T-110-E2B, prepared by Rock Island Arsenal, Ordnance Corps, Department of the Army, of September 1951.

3. BACKGROUND:

a. The 2:75 Automatic Rocket Launcher T-110-E2B was designed by the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology, and manufactured by the Rock Island Arsenal. This launcher is designed to fire the T131 HE Rocket at a rate of 900 rounds per minute with a muzzle velocity of 1100 fps and a peak velocity of 2900 fps after a burning time of .7 seconds.

4. OBJECT OF TEST:

To determine the suitability of the T-110-E2B Rocket Launcher as forward firing aircraft weapon, the following information is required;

- a. Cyclic Rate b. Rockat Velocity
- b. Rospersion
- Recoil Force d.,
- Parts Life 0.
- Reliability 1.

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These six items should be obtained at -70 °P and +165 °F; with the launoher in all attitudes; and under various "G" loadings. The Rocket Velocity should also be obtained at all points from emergence through peak and back to 800 fps after burn out,

PERIOD OF TEST: 5.

	Date of Project Letter	28 July 1951
•	Date Necessary Material Received	16 August 1951
	Date Test Commenced Date Test Completed	30 August 1951 Continuing

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: 6.

> Mr. R. E. Stern, Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology - 27 September 1951

Mr. W. D. Bobco, Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology - 20 November 1951

PART C

DETAILS OF TEST

7. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM UNDER TEST:

The 2175 Automatic Rocket Launcher, (Figures 1, 2 and 3) is a gas operated, sprocket fed mechanism designed to be permanently mounted and have no motion to the rear when fired. It fires the T131 HE Rocket, the T132 Practice Rocket, and the T217 proof (or slug) round. General data follows:

Total Weight of Launcher	203 0001000
Overall Langth	94 invites
Orenall Width	11 1/4 irches
Overall Height	10 5/8 11ches
Longth of Tube	72 inches
Dismeter at Lands	2.750 inches
Diamater at Grooves	2.820 inches
No. of Grooves	24
Prograggive 2.	0 to 1 in 12 calibera

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1200 fps Muzzle Velocity (Designed) 800 rpm Cyclic Rate (Designed) 30,000 pounds Trunnion Reaction (Calculated) 10.60 pounds Weight Complete Round including Case 17.875 inches Length Complete Round including Case 3.80 pounds Weight Rocket Projectile 13.825 inches Length Rocket Projectile 1.02 pounds Weight Bursting Charge .40 pounds Weight Launcher Propellant

The T131 HE Rocket consists of a cartridge case, an electric primer, an igniter tube, a propellant or launcher charge, a shot start device, a rocket Lotor, a head containing a bursting charge, a fuze, and an obturating ring. The T132 Practice Rocket is similar, except that the head is inert loaded and a dummy fuze is used. Figures 4 and 5 show this round. The T217 proof (or slug) rounds omit the entire rocket and head, and substitutes an iron slug of approximately the rame weight (Figures 6 and 7).

Operation of the 2375 Rocket Launcher T-110-E2E is as follows. With a round in place, an electric trigger is depressed which completes the firing circuit and fires the electric primer, This, through the ignitor, sets off the propellant or launcher charge, building up pressure in the cartridge case and against the base of the rocket projectile. When the force against the rocket projectile reaches 500 pounds, the shot start device breaks, permitting the rocket projectile to move forward. This shot start device is a necked down connection between the ignitor tube and the projectile which holds the projectile in place during handling and feeding. As the rocket advances in the cartridge case, its rotating band ingages the copper obturating or gas scaling ring and forces it forward against the rear face of the tube, scaling the slight space between the tube and the mouth of the cartridge case. The complete round passes through the obturating ring and enters the tube, where the rotating band is engraved by the lands, and the projectile commences to rotate. The rocket motor ballistite is ignited through the crifices by the huming of the propellant and begins to help accelerate the passage of the projectile througn the tube. Six inches forward of the rear face of the barrel are

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four 7/32" diameter holes, set 90° apart, which are connected to a gas piston. As the projectile passes these holes, pressure is exerted through them on the gas piston which forces the actualing slide to the rear, compressing the driving springs. No motion of the feed sprocket occurs during this rearward motion, as the cam following rollers are in the straight position of the cam path. A "Fabreeka" buffer stops the slide at the end of its recoil travel, and permits a spring loaded mechanical sear to fall in place and hold it in its most rearward position. If however, another round is in the pickup position, the sear is automatically released, and the driving springs return the slide to its forward position. On the return stroke of the slide, the cam following roller moves along the diagonal camming slot, rotating the sprecket 90° to eject the fired case and bring a new round into firing position. During the rear travel of the actuating slide, a positioning collar which aligns the tube and cartridge case is moved forward by linkage to permit the ejection of the fired case and the positioning of the new round. As the slide continues forward, the collar is forced back over the new round, aligning it and pressing it tightly against the firing pin, to assure contact with the electrical primer in the base of the cartridge case. The electrical circuit to the primer, which has been broken by the movement of the slide, is completed during the final 1/4" of travel, and the cycle repeats itself until ammunition is exhausted or the trigger is released. Forward motion of the actuating slide is cushioned by a hydraulio buffer, and rotation of the feed sprocket by the compression of a set of Belleville washers.

8. DESCRIPTION OF TEST EQUIPMENT:

a. For Firing

- (1) A test mount of approximately 1,000.000 #/inch rigidity, securely bolted to a concrete base.
- (2) An 8 mf condenser discharge 190 volt D.C. firing circuit.
- (3) Two air bottles charged to 1200 psi, with suitable reducing valves and gages.
- b. For Obtaining Cyclic Rates
 - (1) Blast proof dynamic speakers
 - (2) "Watch Master" Timer
 - (3) Brush Osvillograph

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- c. For Obtaining Velocities
 - (1) Muzzle wire holders
 - (2) Lumiline Screens
 - (3) "Potter" counter chronographs
 - (4) Magnetic Headphones
 - (5) Miller Oscillograph
 - (6) Sperry Radio Doppler Ohronograph
 - (7) Cathode Ray Oscillograph
 - (8) Spiraling Drum Camera
 - (9) Photoelectric Sky Screens
- d. For Projectile Photographs
 - (1) 35mm Fastax Cameras, with 50mm F/2 lenses, operating at 3200 pictures per second.
 - (2) Ballistic Synchro Camera.

9. PROCEDURE:

(For Tabulated Firing Data, see Appendix (B), Table I), The 2.75 Automatic Rocket Launcher T-110-E2B, No. 2, fitted with Tube No. 3, was received disassembled by the Naval Proving Ground on 17 July 1951. According to the Artillery Gun Book accompanying the launcher, it had been fired a total of 7 development rounds at Rock Island Arsenal on 29 June 1951, and had then been stargaged and found to be satisfactory. The stargage readings are given in Appendix (C), Table II.

The gun was thoroughly cleaned and assembled, and was mounted on a gun mount having a rigidity of approximately 1,000,000 #/inch, and laid at an elevation of 2° (Figures 2 and 3). Air bottles were connected to the pneumatic charger and the feeder, and an attempt made to cycle the gun using empty cases. According to verbal instructions given by ReSb. Bureau of Ordnance, the Belleville Washers at the rear of the feed sprocket were precompressed to 2-9/16". However, it was found that the driving springs would not return the slide to battery when the washers were compressed this much. It was determined

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that 2-11/16" was the tightest that the Bellevilles could be compressed to permit the gun to be cycled by air, using the twisted wire driving springs as received with the gun. A calibration of these springs is given as Figures 8 and 9. 100 psi pressure was used on the feeder and 250 psi on the charger during these cycling operations. Several of the empty cases were damaged during these operations by the can following roller on the center sprocket. It was found that the air pressure on the feeder was not sufficient to keep the third round in position against the force of the two spring loaded detents, and this round was hitting the can following roller as it rotated. Increasing the feeder pressure to 250 psi corrected this difficulty.

Ammunition components had been received, and an attempt was made to assemble ten T217 proof rounds, using the following components:

Cartridge Case	Drawing	SJU-J500
Igniter Assembly	Drawing	P-820'70A
Launoher	Drawing	P-82071A
Proof Slug	Drewing	230-50-108
Gas Seal Ring	Drawing	P-82224D

It was found that the shot start devices furnished with the Igniter Assemblies had $3/8^{\circ}$ male threads on the forward end, while the proof slugs were tapped to receive a $1/2^{\circ}$ male thread. Therefore, it was necessary to drill out the slugs, re-tap them, and manufacture an adapter to accommodate the $3/8^{\circ}$ shot start devices. The Bureau of Ordnance was advised of this discrepancy, and Picatinny Arsenal Drawing PX-8-719 dated 10 August 1951 showing a shot start device with a $1/2^{\circ}$ male thread for use with slugs was received shortly after, and 100 of the new shot start devices followed.

Further difficulty was encountered in assembling the rounds, when it was found that the rotating bands on slugs would not enter the cartridge case. A check of the drawings for these parts showed the diameter of the rotating bands should be 2,815 + 5000-5001 while the T.D. of the case should be 2,816 + 5001-5000. Actually, the diameter of the slugs was found to be as much as 2,818, and at least 30% of them measured 2,816 at some point. It was necessary to turn all slugs to the proper dimensions, after which another attempt was made to load the rounds. It was then found that there was a shoulder in each of the cases, 7 1/2" from the mouth beyond which they were not ground, as the rotating band on the T131 or T132 Rockets does not pass beyond this point when the rockets are properly positioned in the cartridge cases.

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The rotating band on the slugs is 4.225 from the base, while on the T131 or T132 Rocket, the band is 5.350 from the base. This difference in dimension prevented the slugs from being inserted in the cases far enough to engage the shot start device. To overcome this, seventeen of the cases were sent to the Naval Gun Factory, and ground to a depth of 9-1/2", to accommodate the slugs.

Complete T217 rounds were now assembled and two single rounds were fired and a burst of two rounds, in each case operation was mormal and an empty case used as a dummy was fed into firing position. During this preliminary firing, the gas sealing rings were not fastened to the mouth of the cases, but were only inserted with the shoulder forward, as shown on Ordnance Corps, Department of the Army, Drawing Number P-83111. Six rounds were next loaded into the feeder, and on attempting to fire the burst, the ring on the fourth round moved forward as the round was moving into firing position, jamming against the rear face of the tube and the positioning collar, as shown in Figure 10. The slide was held out of battery, and the round did not fire. It was necessary to remove this round with a wrecking bar. On attempting to fire a three round burst later, the ring on the third round jammed as in the preceding burst, so that firing of rounds with the rings not held in place was discontinued.

A shipment of T132 Practice Rocket rounds, completely assembled, was received on 24 September 1951, and it was noted that the gas scaling rings were cemented in place. A number of these were fired, in bursts up to five rounds, to obtain cyclic rates and velocities. While all rounds fed normally, the rings were being carried forward unevenly and the most forward part was flowing into the barrel on firing, making it necessary for them to be torn loose on ejection (Figures 11 and 12). During the five round burst, one of cam following rollers on the sprocket came off, probably due to excessive strain caused by the obturating rings siezing against the barrel. These rollers are held in place by a wire retaining ring only, which fits in between a groove on the inside of the roller and a groove in the shaft. The roller, which came off, jammed between the feed sprocket and the cover, stopping the actuating slide in its forward motion, and breaking the driving spring rods. (Figure 34). It was noted that these rods had the threaded portion silver soldered to the rod, and they were replaced by one piece Fods supplied by ReSb, Bureau of Ordnance. To prevent a recurrence of this trouble, one piece rollers were manufactured at the Naval Proving Ground (Figure 35), and substituted for the roller and roller pin (Drawing Numbers 22DI-404 and 5). These one piece rollers turned freely, and no further trouble was experienced after they were installed.

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Several misfires were encountered during the early part of the firing, due to the breakdown of the Firing Pin Insulation Cone (Drawing Number 22D2-206) which was made of "005 Fishpaper. To overcome this shorting and arcing, three experimental Firing Pin Seats were made, one each of Nylon, Teflon and Synthane (Figure 35). Of the three, the seat made of Synthane was found to be the best, as both of the others temied to sieze the firing pin and hold it in,

On examining the fired cases, it was found that the entire shot start device on two rounds was still in the ignitor tube. (Figures 13 and 14). Apparently, on assembly by Picatinny Arsenal, the device was not screwed into the rocket projectile for more than 1/4 of a thread, but had screwed down into the ignitor tube. The small portion of the thread had stripped, rather than the necked down section breaking. The Bureau of Ordnance was advised of this condition by telephone, and Picatinny Arsenal was requested to cement or stake the shot start device to the ignitor tube, so that it would screw into the rocket on assembly. All other T132 rounds on hand were broken down and the shot start device properly positioned. Recorded velocities of the rounds where the shot start device remained intact did not vary to any large extent from those rounds on which the device functioned properly.

Further firing of the T132 Rockets was conducted to obtain peak velocity, burning time and burnt out velocities. Velocity vs. Time was recorded for six (6) rounds, and is given in Tables III through VIII, and plotted in Figure 15. From these, Velocity vs. Distance graphs were computed and are given as Figure 16. These measurements were made with a Sperry Radio Doppler Chronograph at intervals of about 75 feet along the trajectory.

To observe rocket stability and burning, high speed photographs of rockets in flight were obtained by two methods, High Speed Fastax Cameras with a frame rate of 3200 pictures per second, and a Ballistio-Synchro Camera. These photographs are given as Figures 17 and 18.

Firing of T217 proof (slug) rounds was resumed in an effort to determine the best method of holding the copper gas sealing rings in place, so as to permit high speed burst firing of the launcher without unnecessary strain on the slide, cam following rollers, and driving spring rods. Rounds were assembled with the rings held in by several different methods. which were as follows:

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Scotch Tape Only Miracle Cement Only 12 Stakes in Normal Case 4 Stakes in Normal Case 2 Stakes in Normal Case 12 Stakes in Case with Special 1/8" Diamoter Groove Turned in Mouth 2 Stakes in Case as Above Gas Sealing Ring Inverted, Scotch Tape Gas Sealing Ring Inverted, 2 Stakes in Normal Case

It was found that by inverting the ring, i.e., placing it in the mouth of the case with the thin section forward, and by either staking the thick section lightly or using Scotch Tape, excellent sealing and operation was obtained. Photographs of the device used to stake the rings are shown in Figures 19 and 20. If staking was too deep, it was found that the ring was weakened, and, in one instance, a part of it was completely carried away, (Figure 21).

Five rounds of T217 ammunition were assembled with the shot start broken prior to assembly. These were fired in a velocity series with five standard rounds having the shot start device intact, to determine whether or not this connector increased the velocity. Average velocities were only slightly higher with the device in place,

At this point 1° spacers were made and installed at the ends of the driving springs to preload them approximately an additional 40# to facilitate loading. These are shown in Figure 22, On attempting a five round burst to determine whether this additional spring loading affected cyclic rate, a part of the obturating ring in the fourth round carried away, as mentioned above, jamming the sprocket.

Further work on the launcher was stopped when the Bureau of Ordnance requested that it be shipped to the Naval Gun Factory on 30 November 1951 for comparison with the drawings, This was accomplished on BOSO #395376 on 30 November 1951.

10. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

The results obtained from the tests of the 2:75 Rocket Launcher T-110-E2B conducted to date indicate the following.

a. The performance of the obturating or gas sealing ring seriously affects gun operation. If the ring is not held securely in place, it will move forward on feed and jam against the side of the barrel as a round is being moved into firing position. This is

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a particularly dangerous malfunction, as a failure of one of the cam following rollers on the sprocket at this time will permit the slide to return to battery and fire a round when 15 is not aligned with the barrel. Three methods of holding the ring in place in the mouth of the case were tried, 1.e., cementing, staking, and scotch taping, and all were satisfactory up to the time the round fired. However, on firing, considerable difficulty was encountered with the rings being upset and flowing into the barrel (see Figure 10). This prevents the empty case from being moved out of the firing position, and usually results in the cam following roller which is engaged jumping out of the slide camming slots, with damage to both the slide and roller. On the greater part of the rounds which had the rings cemented in place, it was found that the rings did not move forward uniformly. One side would flow into the barrel, while the other would not move at all and permit gas to escape. The rings staked or sootch taped usually moved forward uniformly, but when seizing did occur, it was greater than when the rings were cemented. By trial and error, it was determined that the best and only satisfactory performance was obtained with the rings placed in the mouth of the cartridge case in an inverted position, 1.e., with the thick section toward the rear of the case. Bither two pieces of sootch tape or two light stakes were used to hold the rings in place on feeding, and permitted them to move forward uniformly on firing. Only one ring failure occurred when the rings were inverted, that being caused by part of the ring being carried away. (Figure 21). Apparently this was caused by too heavy staking, as a number of single rounds were fired with perfect results with the rings inverted and not held in place.

b. The performance of the shot start device, except as a means of holding the rocket or slug in place during handling and feeding, does not seem to be critical. Firing of the three T132 inert rockets on which the shot start device was not screwed in place gave velocities at 62-1/2 feet of 1361, 1370 and 1301 fps for an average of 1344 fps, which may be compared to the velocities of three rounds where the device functioned properly, which were 1354, 1342 and 1349 for an average of 1348 fps. Additional tests, using T217 slug rounds, due to the shortage of rocket rounds, gave the following results:

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Velocity at 62-1/2 feet,	Velocity at 62-1/2 feet
Shot Start Levice Broker.	Shot Start Device
Prior to Firing	Normal
1128	1165
1113	1160
1030	1102
1060	1116
1113	1175
1085	1135
1088 Average fps	1142 Average fps

Although the average velocity with the shot start device in place was 54 fps greater than without it, no definite conclusions may be drawn as there was a difference of 73 fps in velocities obtained using the shot start device. Also, no record of the condition of the barrel prior to each shot was kept at this tize, as the information given in paragraph (c) below had not transpired.

In firing a two round series at each temperature in a cold Ca ammunition test, it was noted that the first round fired had a velocity considerably greater than the second round. There were no changes in the gun or ammunition, except that the barrel had been cleaned and oiled prior to firing the first round, but not the second. To determine whether or not the lubricated barrel affected velocities, six (6) additional rounds were fired at 0 °P without lubricating the barrel, and none reached the velocity of the first round, when the barrel was oiled. Apparently the increasing twist rifling in the tube, with its resulting "X" engraving (Figure 23) of the rotating band will give greater velocities when lubricated.

d. The small amount of cold temperature work completed shows that the gun will cycle successfully at 0 % with an average velocity at 62-1/2 feet of 959 fps, when firing T217 (slug) rounds.

e. Velocities taken with the Sperry Radio Doppler Chronograph show the peak velocity occurring at from .5153 to .5742 seconds after primer ignition. These times are slightly longer than the actual burning time of the ballistite. Peak velocities were from 2822 to 2916 fps and velocities at 2000 feet (calculated) were from 2475 to 2600 fps. While the rocket could not be tracked for more than one second, the deceleration from the peak velocity to the extreme point recorded is uniform,

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f. The accuracy of the T217 proof round at 1000" is much better than that of the T132 Rocket Round. (Figures 24 through 30). Apparently the ballistite does not burn uniformly and a different amount of gas is fore-3d from each orifice, although this cannot be detected in the high speed photographs (Figures 17 and 18). Figures 28, 29 and 30 are a series of patterns obtained at 1000", 2000" and 3000" from one firing sequence, and from them it may be seen that the rockets are not traveling in a straight line. Variations in peak velocity and burning time as shown in Figure 15 may be due to uneven burning. It is possible that, due to the loose fit of the launcher propellant bag in the cartridge case, the position of the rocket orifices on firing may affect the ignition and burning of the ballistite. If they were in a vertical plane, the lower orifice would be directly against the launcher propellant, while the upper one would not, probably causing uneven ignition.

g. In order to reuse the cartridge cases, the Naval Proving Ground was advised by the Bureau of Ordnance to test them hydrostatically at 7500 psi before reloading. To accomplish this, a piston was made with a nylon cup type washer, Figures 31 and 32, that fitted snugly inside the case. This was put under a hydraulic press, and forced downward into a case filled with oil, until the desired pressure was obtained. It was noted that oil was flowing past the nylon washer and it was impossible to maintain pressure. To overcome this, several discs, 2:75 diameter, were cut from 1/2" gasket rubber. It was found that if one was placed on top of the oil in the case, and one placed inside the nylon cup, pressure could be maintained for an indefinite period. The Naval Gun Factory later manufactured an enclosed type of tester, shown in Figure 33 which was superior to the piston type, as a case could be tested in 5 minutes using it, compared to 15 minutes using the piston. During the testing of approximately 50 cases, some of which were fired as many as six times, only one showed a leak. This particular defective case had been fired only mee, and the leak was between the base and the cylinder.

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PART D

CONCLUSIONS

11. On the basis of the limited number of rounds fired in the one 2.75 T-110-E2B Rocket Launcher receiver by the Naval Proving Ground, it is concluded that:

a. The basic operating principles of this gun are sound.

b. It will perform at its designed rate of 800-900 rounds per minute.

c. The peak velocity of the T132 rocket exceeds 2800 fps at burn out.

d. Its accuracy is not equal to present service aircraft guns when firing T132 Practice Rockets as received. It is, however, when firing T217 slug rounds at 1000".

PART E

RECOMPENDATIONS

12. In view of the fact that the 2.75 Rocket Launcher, which weighs only 205 lbs, fires at roughly the same rate and velocity as an AN-M3 or Mark 12 20mm Aircraft Gun, but carries a bursting charge of 1 pound (7000 grains) compared to a 20mm projectile with .017 pounds (119 grains) it is recommended that:

a. An additional six launchers be obtained and delivered to the Naval Proving Ground for further development and testing.

b. At least 1500 rounds each of T132 (Practice Rocket) and T217 (slug) ammunition be provided for these tests.

c. A high priority be assigned to this work.

Certain minor modifications be made to the launcher and ammunition, as contained elsewhere in this report.

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PART F

DISPOSITION OF MATERIAL

13. The 2075 Automatic Rocket Launcher T-110-E2B, No. 2 with Tube No. 3, was shipped to the Naval Gun Factory 30 November 1951 on BOSO #395376 for inspection and check. Empty fired cartridge cases were tested and retained at the Naval Proving Ground for reloading.

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TABLE II

2.75 T-110-E2B AUTOMATIC ROCKET LAUNCHER NO. 3, EQUIPPED WITH TUBE NO. 2

Stargage Readings Taken by Rock Island Arsenal after 7 Rounds

Distance from Muzzle

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Stargage Readings Taken by Naval Proving Ground after 20 T217 (Slug) Rounds and 14 T132 (Practice Rocket) Rounds

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TABLE III

VELOCITY MEASUREMENT DATA FROM SPERAY RADIO DOPPLER CHRONOGRAPH FOR 2,75 INCH ROCKET GUN T-110

Round	2,	5	November	1951,	Ambient	Temperature	
Time	18					Velocity Ft/Sec.	
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TABLE IV

VELOCITY MEASUREMENT DATA FROM SPERRY RADIO DOPPLER CHRONOGRAPH FOR 2.75 INCH ROCKET GUN T-110

Round 3, 5 November 1951, Ambient Temperature

Time Seconds	Velocity Ft/Sec.
.0284 .0833 .1338 .1799 .2225 .2626 .3004 .3362 .3702 .4026 .4335 .4631 .4916 .5190 .5459 .5727 .5996 .6268 .6268 .6543 .6820 .7101 .7385 .7671 .7961 .8254 .8552	1331 1426 1525 1720 1839 1941 2061 2369 2501 2610 2718 2801 2830 2819 2793 2793 2766 2737 2708 2680 2652 2652 2652 2652 2652 2594 2566 2505
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VELOCITY MASUREMENT DATA FROM SPERRY RADIO DOPPLER CHRONOGRAPH FOR 2.75 INCH ROCKET GUN T-120

Round 1,	15	November	1951,	Ambient	Temperature	
Time Seconds					Velocity Ft/Sec.	
.0285 .0832 .1325 .1770 .2185 .2573 .2939 .3286 .3616 .3929 .4229 .4516 .4792 .5058 .5318 .5578 .5839 .6103 .6369 .6638 .6910 .7184 .7401 .7742 .8025 .8311 .8600 .8896 .9205					1325 1444 1634 1765 1888 2003 2123 2237 2355 2468 2579 2690 2799 2883 2916 2906 2880 2853 2825 2797 2769 2741 2713 2685 2657 2629 2591 2521 2377	
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TABLE VI

VELOCITY MEASUREMENT DATA FROM SPERRY RADIO DOPPLER CHRONOGRAPH FOR 2,75 IFCH ROCKET GUN T-110

Round 2, 15 November 1951, Ambient Temperature

Time	Velocity
Seconds	Ft/Sec.
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.1815	1704
.2244	1822
.2647	1937
.3027	2050
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TABLE VII

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Round 3, 15 November 1951, Ambient Temperature Velocity Time Ft/Sec Seconds 1315 1454 1624 .0287 .0835 .1328 1744 1856 1961 .1777 .2199 .2594 2062 .2970 .3328 .3669 2166 2271 2370 1470 1762 3995 .4884 Distance Reference .0520 (73.5 Feet from

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TABLE VIII

VELOCITY MEASUREMENT DATA FROM SPERRY RADIO DOPPLER CHRONOGRAPH FOR 2.75 INCH ROCKE; GUN T-110

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