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## 1. (S) INTRODUCTION

Following a weapons system evaluation in which the United Kingdom's 105-mm TK-X15E8 Gun (20-Pdr) was selected for use in the XM60 tank, tests were conducted to determine the feasibility of manufacturing a translated design using American components. From the results of these tests, it was determined that a translation could be accomplished. The first series of American manufactured shot was produced in April 1959.

The current firing contains shot of a United States production lot assembled with U.S. components. The object of the test is to evaluate the performance of the U.S. shot.

## 2. (S) DESCRIPTION OF MATERIEL

### 2.1 Shot, APDS, 105-mm, T382, Numbers 1 to 50, Lot FA-E-441-1

Shots 1 to 25 were stamped with the letter A and designated for accuracy and metal-parts security at high and low temperature. The assembly of the metal parts for this group was the same as used in the assembly of Lot FA-E-440. All the hemispherical cups on the subprojectile were Type 416 stainless steel annealed to Rp90. Shots 26 to 50 were stamped with the letter P and designated for the plate phase.

Shots 26 to 38: The subprojectile were assembled under 39 tons of pressure. Shots 39 to 50: The component parts of the subprojectile were not pressed together under pressure, but were made with a higher degree of finish on the mating parts to eliminate press form fitting.

The obturators on shots 1 to 50 were compounded to U.S. specifications and the approximate weight of each was 2.2 ounces with a durometer reading of 90.

The sabots on shots 1 to 15 were given a minimum surface treatment, while the sabots on shots 16 to 50 were painted with salt-spray resistance enamel and baked for 150 hours. They were then machined to reduced dimensions to allow paint build-up of approximately 0.004 inch on the threads.

The front sheath had a black anodized instead of enameled finish to give it a harder surface.

### 2.2 Case, Cartridge, 105-mm, Lot FA-E-442

This case was the first U.S. manufactured case and was made with a primer recess for the U.S. primers.

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### 2.3 Primer, Electric, XM80 (Modified)

This primer was assembled with  $860 \pm 20$  grains of Berite strands. The T42E1 electric igniter was used in lieu of the XM59 electric igniter. Lot PA-E-29473.

### 2.4 Shot, APDS, 105-mm, T382, Lot FA-E-441-2.

The shot (25 in number) were assembled from hand-picked subassemblies. The hemispherical cup on the subprojectile was made from Type 416 stainless steel which was annealed to RB70.

## 3. (S) DETAILS OF TEST

### 3.1 Procedure

Prior to assembly of the components, all of shot were reduced in rotating-band diameter by various amounts, as noted in paragraph 3.2, Results.

All shot for the accuracy phase at high and low temperature were assembled with the propellant charge developed in a previous granulation test.

The firing of shot for defeat of armor was conducted in accordance with the test program request (Appendix A). The yaw card used for recording sabot discard was suspended on two upright poles placed parallel to the line of fire.

The last ten rounds in the test consisted of two shot lots which were alternated for round-by-round comparison between the lots.

Smear photographs were obtained on these rounds in two locations.

### 3.2 Results

The first group of shot fired consisted of six shot (Lot FA-E-441-1) which yielded the following results against 4.7-inch RH Armor at  $60^\circ$  obliquity.

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Table I. Results of First Group

<u>Test Round Number</u>	<u>Propelling Charge</u> lb - oz		<u>Corrected Muzzle Velocity,</u> fps	<u>Chamber Pressure,</u> psi/100	<u>Plate Damage</u>
1	11	10	4361	347	P
2	11	14	4471	383	P
3	12	10.5	Lost	439	C
4	12	8	4727	433	C
5	12	4	4566	397	a
6	12	4	Lost	410	P

<sup>a</sup>Subprojectile without sheath struck left plate butt.

P - Partial.                      C - Complete.

The rotating bands of these shot were machined to 4.264-inch diameter.

As the velocity of test round 1 was below the previously established protective ballistic limit, a partial penetration of the plate was expected.

Test round 2 gave evidence of breakup of the subprojectile on the yaw card which was set 10 feet forward of the plate. Test round 3 gave a complete penetration.

Test round 4 penetrated the plate without any evidence of erratic flight. Test round 5 struck the left plate butt holder although the point of aim was to the right center of the plate.

The diameter of the hole made by the core on the yaw card approximated the diameter of the core.

Examination of the tube showed the rifling to be slightly gouged and scored in the forward half. This was believed caused by in-bore failure of the sabot.

Test round 6 gave evidence of breakup on the yaw card, which indicated that the forward sheath had separated from the core and rear sheath. Two fragments of the forward sheath were found approximately 200 feet from the muzzle. This condition indicated the failure occurred in flight. The point of breakage of the sheath showed numerous small cracks in the area which forms the point of contact with the three petals. Numerous small holes were also observed in the yaw card.

The test was suspended to permit an examination of the tube for damage incurred by the breakup of the shot during shot travel. Several gouges and lands cut by the passage of metal were noticed forward of the origin of rifling. It was felt that the damage would not affect projectile launching, and firing was resumed.

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The second group of rounds consisted of four of the shot fired at service charge and one with the charge reduced 2.5 ounces. These shot also had rotating bands of 4.264-inch diameter.

Test rounds 7 and 8 yielded a complete penetration.

It was noted that this penetration of round 7 was superior to the others as there was no evidence of hinged spalls; the exit area on the plate was "clean."

Test rounds 9, 10 and 11 failed to penetrate the plate. Yaw card evidence showed that in each case breakup of the shot occurred during the early stages of shot flight prior to impact upon the plate. On test round 11 the drop in chamber pressure from an average of 44,400 to 34,600 psi supports the belief that breakup of the obturator and sabot coupled with the escape of gas into the sabot cavity caused the breakup of the shot.

The test was then suspended pending evaluation of current results and the arrival of new shot. The new shot, Lot FA-E-441-2 were similar to the shot previously fired except for the hemispherical cup on the carbide core. The cup was made from Type 416 stainless steel which had been annealed. The purpose was to permit better seating of the cup on the core during assembly. The rotating bands were finished to 4.260-inch diameter at Frankford Arsenal.

The five shot were fired alternately with the same shot lot previously fired, as shown in the summary. The rotating bands of these shot were reduced to 4.245-inch diameter. The first two rounds (test rounds 12 and 13) were fired with the standard charge of 12 pounds 10.5 ounces. All other rounds were fired with a charge of 12 pounds 4 ounces. Both shot yielded complete penetration with the shot "showing" no distortion on the yaw card.

Test rounds 14 and 15 yielded complete penetrations, with round 14 showing no evidence of breakup. Round 15 may have had slight yaw, as evidenced by the yaw card.

Test round 16 failed to yield a complete penetration. It was suspected from an examination of the smear photographs that some degree of deformation occurred on the forward sheath of the subprojectile. Erosion was also noted on the rotating band stop. The depth of penetration of this shot was 4.5 inches, which produced a 2-inch bulge on the rear of the plate.

Test round 17 gave a complete penetration on the plate. Heavy engraving was noted on the carrier at the two camera positions near the gun.

Test round 18 broke up completely either on setback or on emergence from the tube. Small fragments of the recovered forward sheath show that the center, between the tip and the threaded portion, was crushed, presumably by the petals on setback.

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Test round 19 produced a complete penetration on the plate which created a bulge first and then "knocked" off the cap of the bulge. The size of the exit hole was the smallest observed in the firing. Test rounds 20 and 21 both yielded partial penetrations, but showed satisfactory flight characteristics prior to impact on the yaw card. Round 20 deviated from the expected trajectory, impacting 4 feet above the point of aim. Approximately three degrees of subprojectile yaw were observed on the yaw card. No yaw was observed from round 21. The bulge on the rear of the plate had a crack around the right side of the bulge 7.75 inches in length. The width of the crack was approximately 0.031 inch in width, maximum.

With the firing of test round 21, the test program request was considered completed, and the test of the translated design shot at high and low temperature was cancelled by the representative of Frankford Arsenal. Except for the one failure noted above (round 18), all rounds apparently launched and performed satisfactorily. The smear camera records obtained in front of the plate showed all subprojectiles to be apparently in true flight. The trajectory of round 20 was above the camera field of view and was not recorded.

3.3 Remarks and Observations

It was noted that the new cartridge cases, Lot FA-E-442 performed satisfactorily. No difficulties were experienced either in loading the case into the chamber or extracting it after the firing. No extrusion of metal was observed either at the mouth or rear. The face of the base remained flat when examined for bulging in the primer recess area following firing.

A summary of round-by-round data is given as Table II.

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Table II. (S) Summary of Round-by-Round Data

Tube Round Number	Test Round Number	Projectile Lot FA-E	Rotating Band Diameter, in.	Corrected Muzzle Velocity, fps	Plate Damage	Propellant Charge	
						lb	oz
77	1	441-1	4.264	4361	P	11	10
78	2	441-1	4.264	4471	P	11	14
79	3	441-1	4.264	4805 <sup>a</sup>	C	12	10.5
80	4	441-1	4.264	4727	C	12	8
81	5	441-1	4.264	4566	b	12	4
82	6	441-1	4.264	4566 <sup>a</sup>	P	12	4
83	7	441-1	4.264	4806	C	12	10.5
84	8	441-1	4.264	4768	C	12	10.5
85	9	441-1	4.264	4798	P	12	10.5
86	10	441-1	4.264	Lost	P	12	10.5
87	11	441-1	4.264	4357	P	11	8
88	12	441-1	4.245	4801	C	12	10.5
89	13	441-2	4.260	4802	C	12	10.5
90	14	441-1	4.245	4574	C	12	4
91	15	441-2	4.260	4600 <sup>a</sup>	C	12	4
92	16	441-1	4.245	4569 <sup>a</sup>	P	12	4
93	17	441-2	4.260	4576 <sup>a</sup>	C	12	4
94	18	441-1	4.245	4571 <sup>a</sup>	P	12	4
95	19	441-2	4.260	4578 <sup>a</sup>	C	12	4
96	20	441-1	4.245	4569 <sup>a</sup>	P	12	4
97	21	441-2	4.260	4585 <sup>a</sup>	P	12	4

<sup>a</sup>Estimated, as coils were hit by sabots and velocities lost.

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P - Partial

C - Complete

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4. (S) CONCLUSIONS

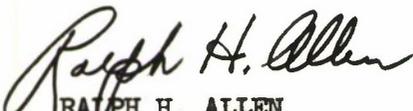
It is concluded that:

- a. The APDS, 105-mm, T382 shot as currently manufactured will not give consistently satisfactory performance because of metal-parts failures.
- b. None of the rounds submitted for test thus far could be considered an exact translation of the UK design shot in either physical properties or over-all performance.

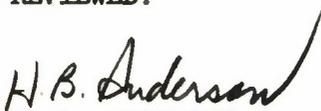
5. (S) RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that additional rounds be submitted for accuracy and plate tests in comparison with UK control rounds. These rounds should incorporate physical and design features equivalent to those of the UK shot.

SUBMITTED:

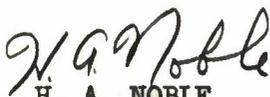
  
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Correspondence

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**FRANKFORD ARSENAL**  
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PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Psyk/smf/3177

22 May 1959

*MR 53-59-1118*

IN REPLY  
REFER TO ORDBA-6151

SUBJECT: Cartridge, APDS-T, 105mm T382 (U)

TO: Commanding General  
Aberdeen Proving Ground  
Aberdeen, Maryland  
ATTN: ORDBG-D&PS, Mr. H. Anderson

Inclosed is Test Program Request FA-IEP-59-6114-1-2 covering testing of subject cartridge. It is requested that this Arsenal be notified in advance of the test in order that a representative may be present.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



1 Incl  
1. TPR-FA-IEP-59-6114-1-2  
(in dupe)

C. W. BROWN  
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1 May 1959

Test Program Request  
# FA-IEP-59-6114-1-2  
Frankford Arsenal, Phila., Pa.

*Doc 114  
59-6114-1-2*

1. Material for Test:

(a) Fifty (50) each cartridge, APDS-T, 105mm, T382 (U.S. metal parts, propellant, primers and cartridge cases).

(b) Twenty (20) each U.K. cartridge APDS-T, 105mm, T382. (These are to be used as control rounds if available.)

(c) U.K. X15E8 gun tube, one half (1/2) to three quarters (3/4) worn.

2. Project Authority:

DSC Log Project No. 517-FY-58 (Ord) A6-86-58-1.

3. Arsenal Expenditure Order:

XO 84525-02

4. Object of Development or Experiment:

To evaluate performance of rounds produced during U.S. production engineering of the translated U.K. design.

5. Historical Sketch:

Refer to TPR #FA-IEP-59-6114-1-1.

6. Improvement or Changes since last Proving Ground Test:

This is the first test to determine plate capabilities and high and low temperature metal parts security of U.S. manufactured U.S. translated U.K. design rounds. These rounds are identical with round Nos. 1 to 25 fired under TPR-FA-IEP-59-6114-1-1.

7. Object of this Test:

To determine ambient penetration characteristics and metal parts security at extreme temperature.

8. Precautions in Handling and Testing:

Normal safety precautions should be employed in the handling and testing of this ammunition.

9. Recommended Test Program:

This program will be fired in two (2) phases. Phase I is to determine plate penetration capabilities of the design and Phase II is to determine metal parts security at extreme temperatures.

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### Phase I - Plate Penetration

- (a) All rounds are to be fired against 4.7 inches of homogeneous armor plate set at an angle of 60 degree obliquity.
- (b) Establish a PBL for the control and test rounds.
- (c) Record chamber pressure and muzzle velocities.
- (d) Take photograph of the plate to reveal the nature of the shot break-up.
- (e) Set up yaw card in front of armor plate to ascertain sabot discard prior to striking armor plate.

### Phase II - Metal Parts Security

- (a) Ten (10) each test rounds fired + 125°F temperatures.
- (b) Ten (10) " " " " - 40°F temperatures.
- (c) Fired 1000 yard target.
- (d) Record muzzle velocity and chamber pressure for each round.
- (e) Record photographically the first sixty-five (65) feet of projectile travel for all test rounds.
- (f) Horizontal and vertical distances between target impacts will be recorded for P.E. to assess accuracy.
- (g) Supplemental information such as meteorological data, test irregularities, etc. is to be recorded as determined significant by the Proof Director.

#### 10. Examination of Rounds Prior to Testing:

- (a) Record projectile weights, and diameters of centering bands, rotating bands and obturators.
- (b) Check breakaway torque of bases of projectiles, if less than 1000 inch-lbs., reseal to a torque of 1000 + 100 inch-lbs., and again record diameter of centering band.

#### 11. References:

- (a) Project Order 80304230-1-19-51751-01-0 dated 20 June 1958.
- (b) AIFO #87170100-99-45250-21.

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APPENDIX B  
Firing Record

DEVELOPMENT AND PROOF SERVICES  
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND  
FIRING RECORD

Test of Cartridge, 105-mm,  
APDS, T382 (U)

Firing Record No.: P-64351  
Dates of Test: 25, 26 June and  
6 July 1959  
Authority: Letter dated 22 May 1959,  
CRDBA With THR FA-IEP-59-  
6114-1-2

Work Order No. 331-919-02

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ITEMS UNDER TEST (S)

Shot, APDS, 105-mm, T382, Numbers 1 to 50, Lot FA-E-441-1  
Shot, APDS, 105-mm, T382, Lot FA-E-441-2.

SUPPORTING FACILITIES AND MATERIALS (S)

Ammunition

Primer, Electric, XM80 (Modified), 860 ± 20 grains Benite strands, with  
T42E1 electric igniter, Lot FA-E-29473.

Case, Cartridge, 105-mm, RLB-83/SA, S1/1800, F1/13870/E, 4/1958 (resized).  
Case, Cartridge, 105-mm, Lot FA-E-442.

Propellant, MP, M17, 0.048-inch web, Lot 62814.

Weapon

Gun, 105-mm, TK-XL5E6 (20-Pdr TK MX), British 2833, and Tube, 105-mm, TK-  
XL5E8, E/2895, mounted on Carriage, 155-mm, M1, No. 150, and Recoil  
Mechanism, 155-mm, M7, No. 2882, with APG Sleigh No. 77.

For Camera Coverage:

35-mm, smear type camera with film speed of 115 feet per second.

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Firing Record No. P-64351

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Velocity Coil Measurements

25 June 1959

Muzzle to 1st Coil	89.89 feet
Between Coils	49.74 feet
2nd Coil to center of plate	157.00 feet
Velocity measured at	114.76 feet

26 June 1959

Muzzle to 1st Coil	89.30 feet
Between Coils	49.50 feet
2nd Coil to center of plate	157.70 feet
Velocity measured at	114.05 feet

6 July 1959

Muzzle to 1st Coil	94.52 feet
Between Coils	50.13 feet
2nd Coil to center of plate	151.00 feet
Velocity measured at	119.59 feet

M3 Pressure Gage Data

All rounds assembled with two M3 Gages.

Type of gage:	Medium Caliber (M3) Copper Cup.
Position of Gage:	In base of case.
Crusher cylinder:	Metal of 1956, Annealed 1956, Lot 9C-56.
Initial compression:	0

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ROUND-BY-ROUND DATA (S)

Round No. Tube Test	Projectile		Rotating Band Diam. in.	Prop Charge, lb-oz	Velocity, fps		Chamber Pressure, psi/100		Plate Damage	Size of Entry, in.	Depth, in.	Size of Exit, in.	Ht of Bulge, in.	Breakup of Subproj Observed on Yaw Card (287 ft)
	Lot No.	Wt. lb			Instr Corrd	Est Muz	Uncorr	Corrd						
Date fired: 26 June 1959														
77	441-1	12.77	26	4.264	11	10	4356	4361	351	347	4x12	4.5	1.25	No
78	441-1	12.73	30	4.264	11	14	4469	4471	386	383	3.75x9.25	3.75	1.0	No
79	441-1	12.72	31	4.264	12	10.5	Lost	---	442	439	3x9.5	---	---	No
80	441-1	12.69	33	4.264	12	8	4728	4727	436	433	3x10.5	3.5 x4	---	No
81	441-1	12.74	34	4.264	12	4	4563	4566	400	397	2.875 x 4	6.0	---	Yes
82	441-1	12.76	35	4.264	12	4	Lost	---	414	410	4.5 x 9	4.0	2.0	Yes
Date fired: 26 June 1959														
83	441-1	12.78	1	4.264	12	10.5	4801	4806	454	449	3 x 10	---	---	No
84	441-1	12.69	2	4.264	12	10.5	4769	4768	446	443	3 x 11	2.75 x4	---	No
85	441-1	12.79	3	4.264	12	10.5	4792	4798	445	440	4 x 10	---	2.0	Yes
86	441-1	12.77	39	4.264	12	10.5	Lost	---	448	444	4 x 9.25	4.0	1.75	Yes
87	441-1	12.70	40	4.264	11	8	4357	4357	348	346	2.75x12	4.0	1.50	Yes
Date fired: 6 July 1959														
88	441-1	12.67	27	4.245	12	10.5	4803	4801	415	412	3.5 x 10	---	---	No
89	441-2	12.71	121	4.260	12	10.5	4801	4802	428	425	4 x 11	4 x 5.75	---	No
90	441-1	12.69	28	4.245	12	4	4574	4574	392	390	4x11.25	3.5x3.75	---	No
91	441-2	12.72	122	4.260	12	4	Lost	---	4600	411	4 x 9	3.5x3.75	---	No
92	441-1	12.73	29	4.245	12	4	4566	4569	415	387	4 x 11	4.5	2.0	No
93	441-2	12.68	123	4.260	12	4	Lost	---	390	391	3.5x10.5	---	---	No
94	441-1	12.71	36	4.245	12	4	Lost	---	4576	389	5.75 x 9	3 x 3.25	---	Yes
95	441-2	12.73	124	4.260	12	4	Lost	---	4571	391	4 x 11	---	---	No
96	441-1	12.69	37	4.245	12	4	N.T. <sup>b</sup>	---	4578	394	3.5x11	4.75	2.25	No
97	441-2	12.73	125	4.260	12	4	N.T.	---	4569	390	4.5x11	4.5c	2.50	No

\* a Subprojectile without sheath impacted on plate butt.

b Velocities not taken on Test Rounds 20 and 21.

c Bulge cracked on right side, length of crack 7.75 inches.

d Velocities corrected to standard projectile weight of 12 lb, 8 oz.

Pressure corrected for presence of 2 - 10 gages.

P = Partial

C = Complete

This firing record forms a part of the Second Report on Project Number  
FA-I-59/21.

SUBMITTED:

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Test Director

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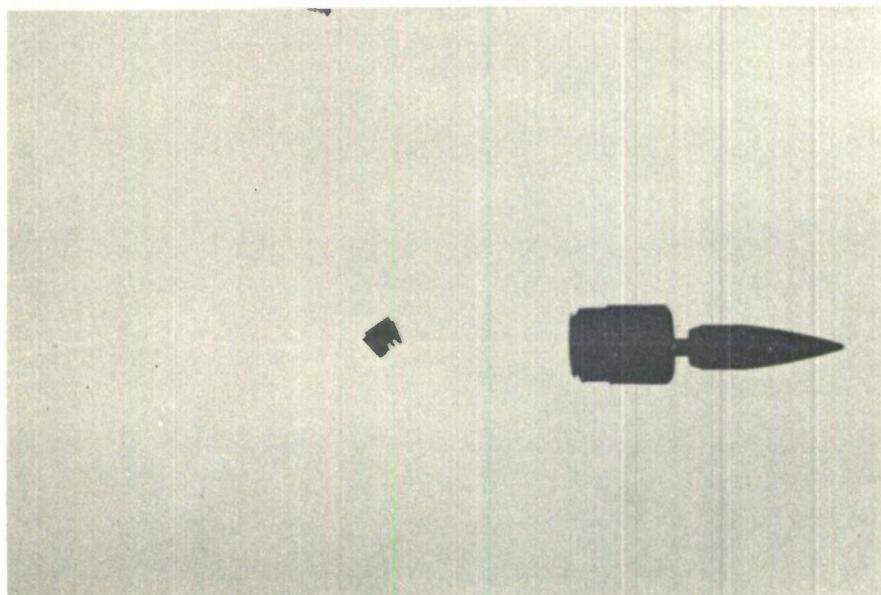
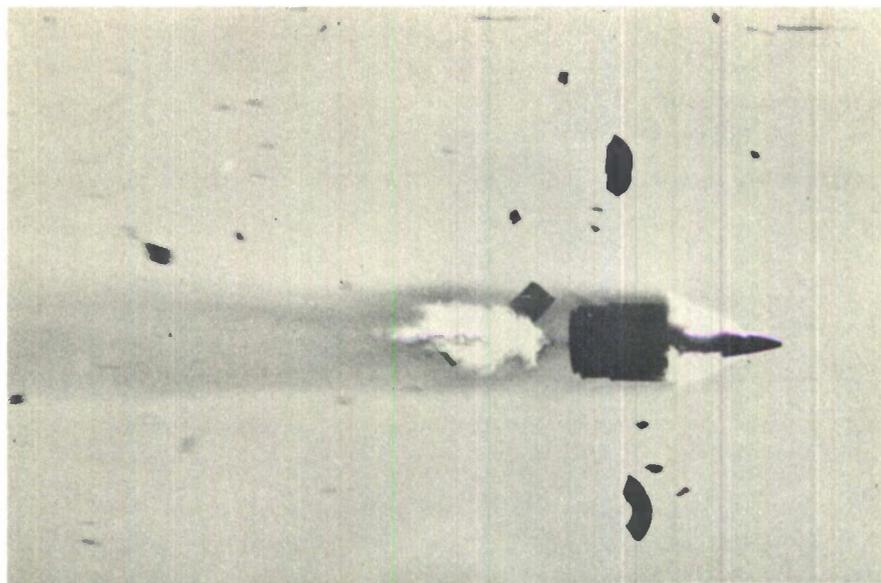
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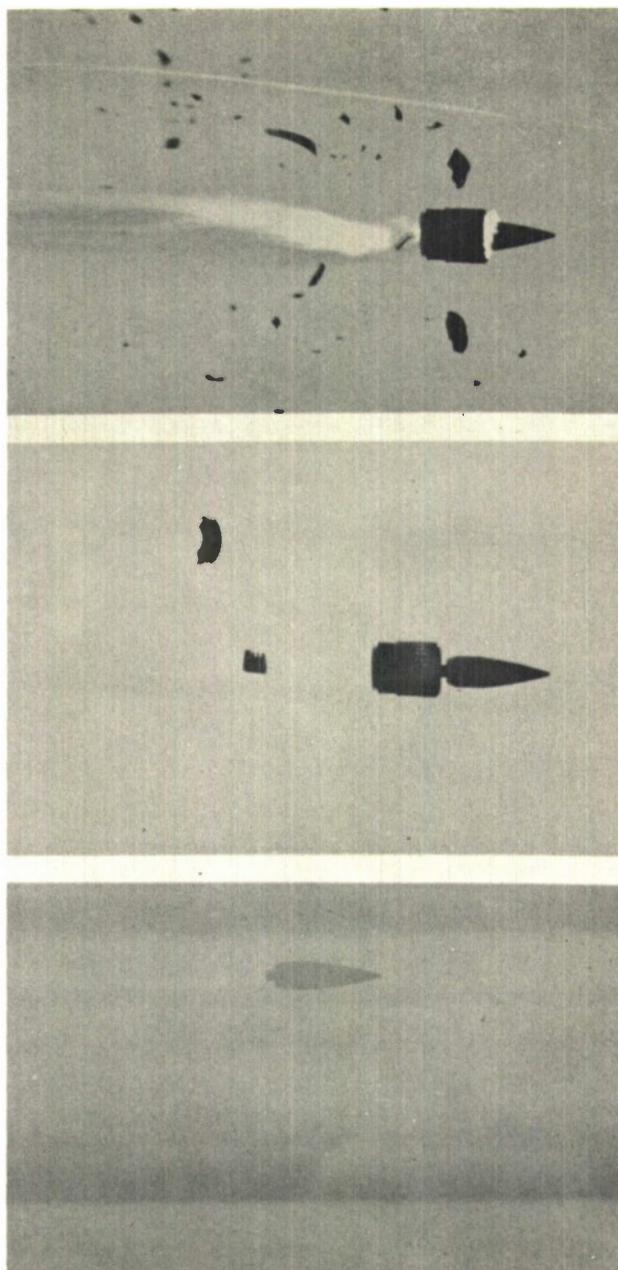


59T2829: Two smear photographs of Test Round 12, taken in flight.  
TOP TO BOTTOM: 15 and 30 feet from Muzzle. Shot Lot FA-E-441-1.  
Propellent Charge 12 lb, 10.5 oz.

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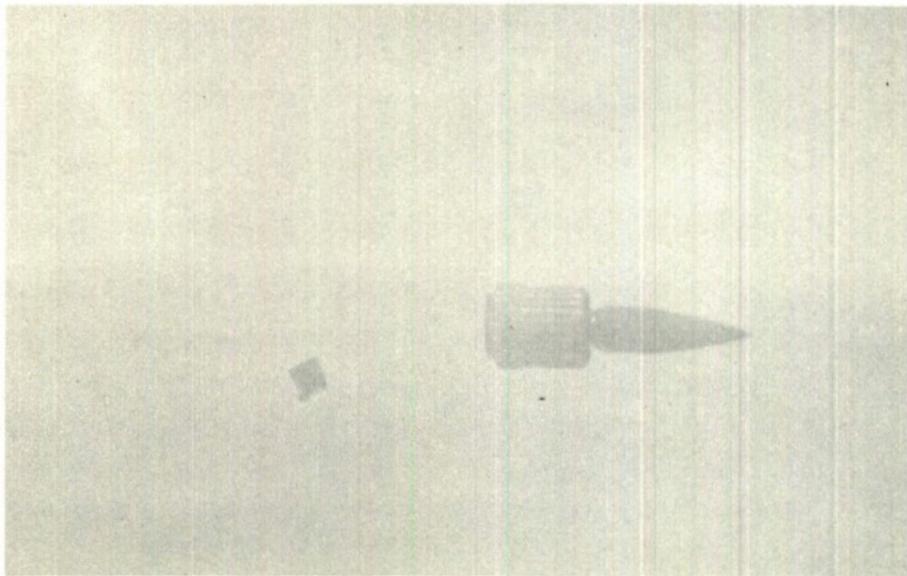
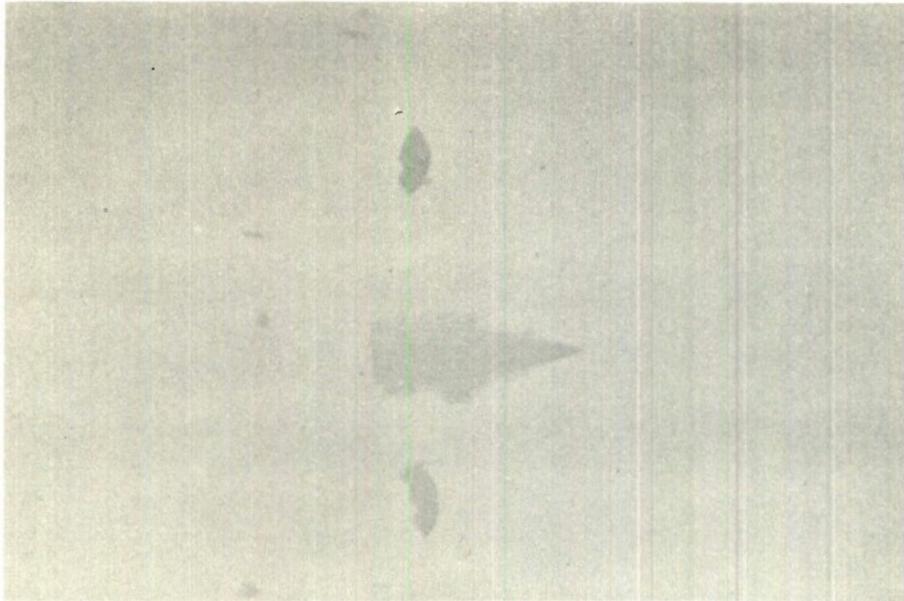


59T2830: Three smear photographs of Test Round 13 taken in flight.  
TOP TO BOTTOM: 15, 30 and 287 feet from Muzzle. Shot, Lot FA-E-441-2.  
Propellent Charge 12 lb, 10.5 oz.

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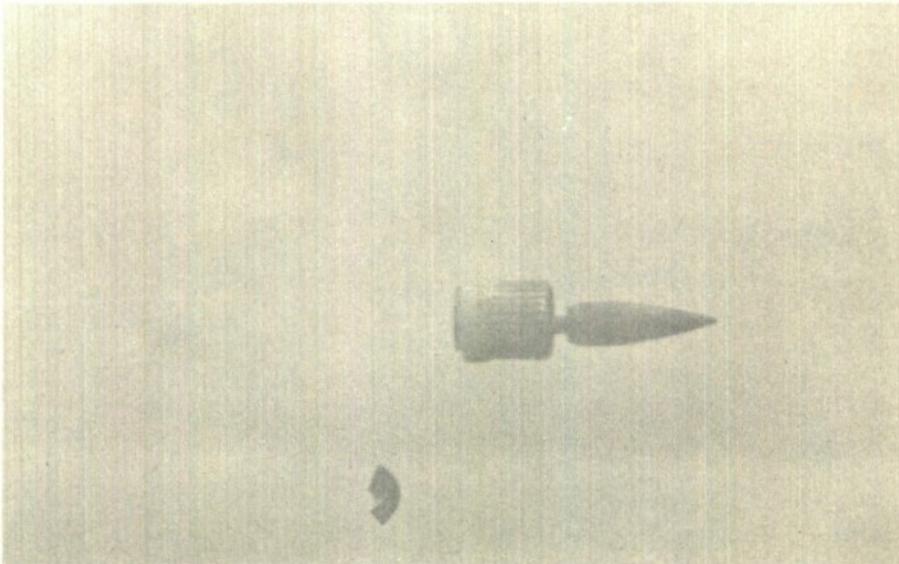
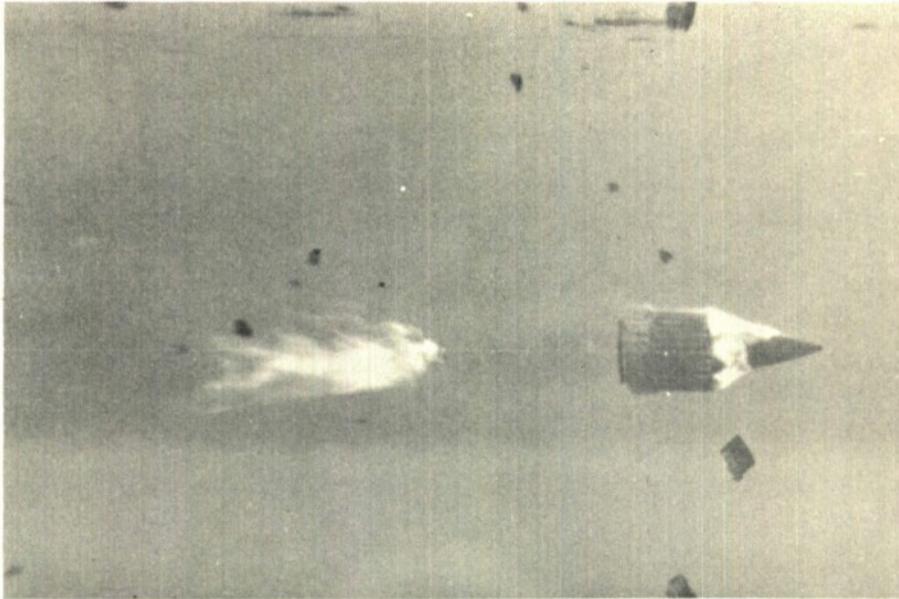


59T2831: Two smear photographs of Test Round 14 taken in flight.  
TOP TO BOTTOM: 15 and 30 feet from Muzzle. Shot, Lot FA-E-441-1.  
Propellant Charge 12 lb, 4 oz.

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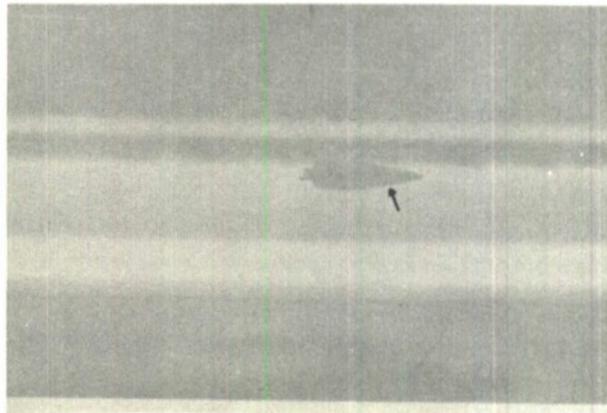
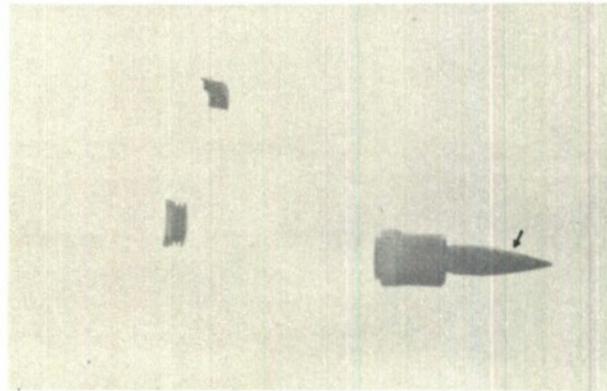
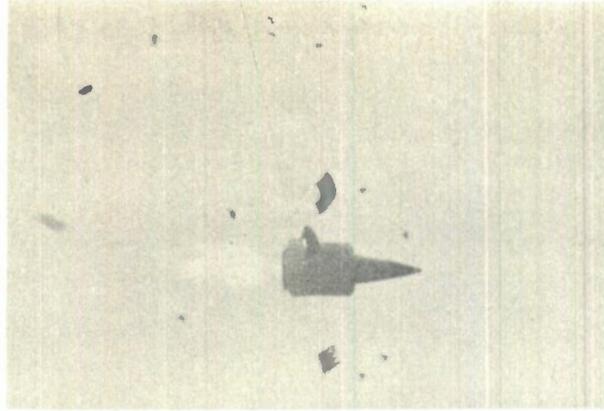


59T2832: Two smear photographs of Test Round 15 taken in flight.  
TOP TO BOTTOM: 15 and 30 feet from Muzzle. Shot, Lot FA-E-441-2.  
Propellent Charge 12 lb, 4 oz.

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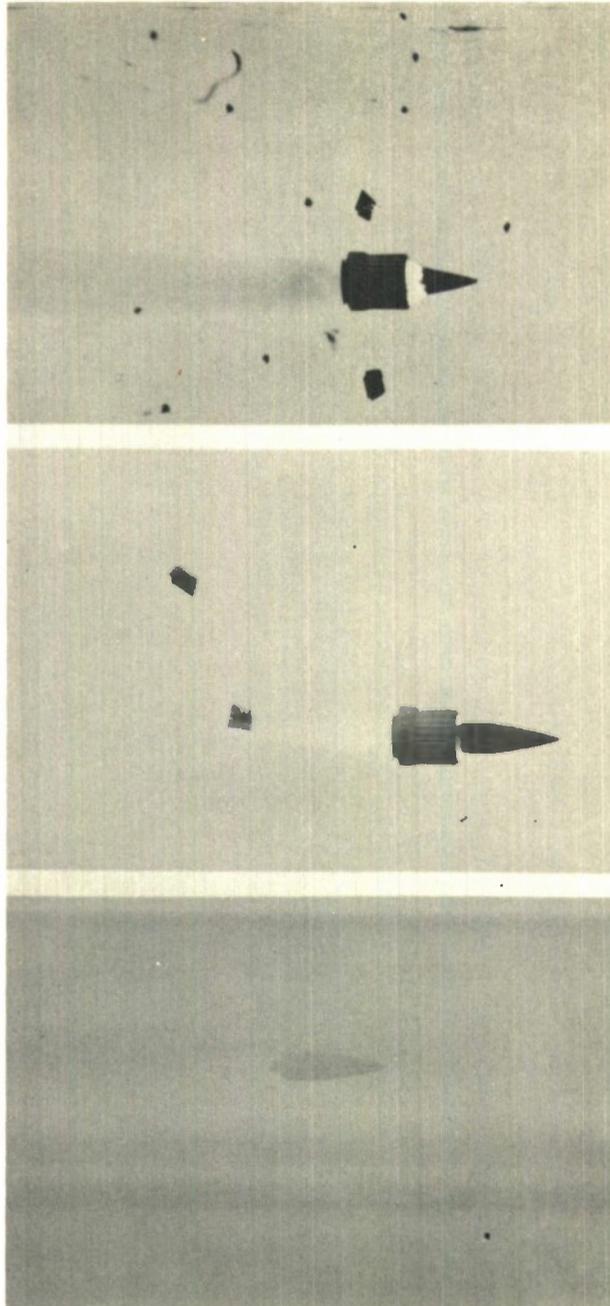


59T2833: Three smear photographs of Test Round 16 taken in flight. TOP TO BOTTOM: 15, 30 and 287 feet from Muzzle. Shot, Lot FA-E-441-1. Propellent Charge 12 lb, 4 oz. Arrow indicated area of deformation of Subprojectile.

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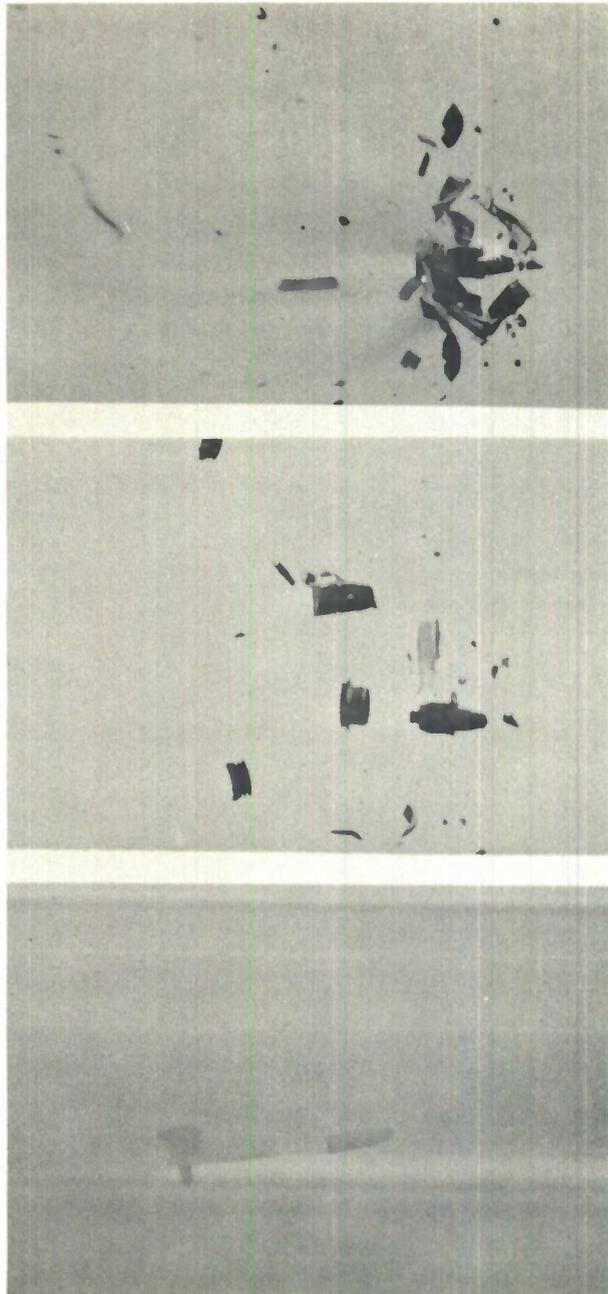
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59T2834: Three smear photographs of Test Round 17 taken in flight.  
TOP TO BOTTOM: 15, 30 and 287 feet from Muzzle. Shot, Lot FA-E-441-2.  
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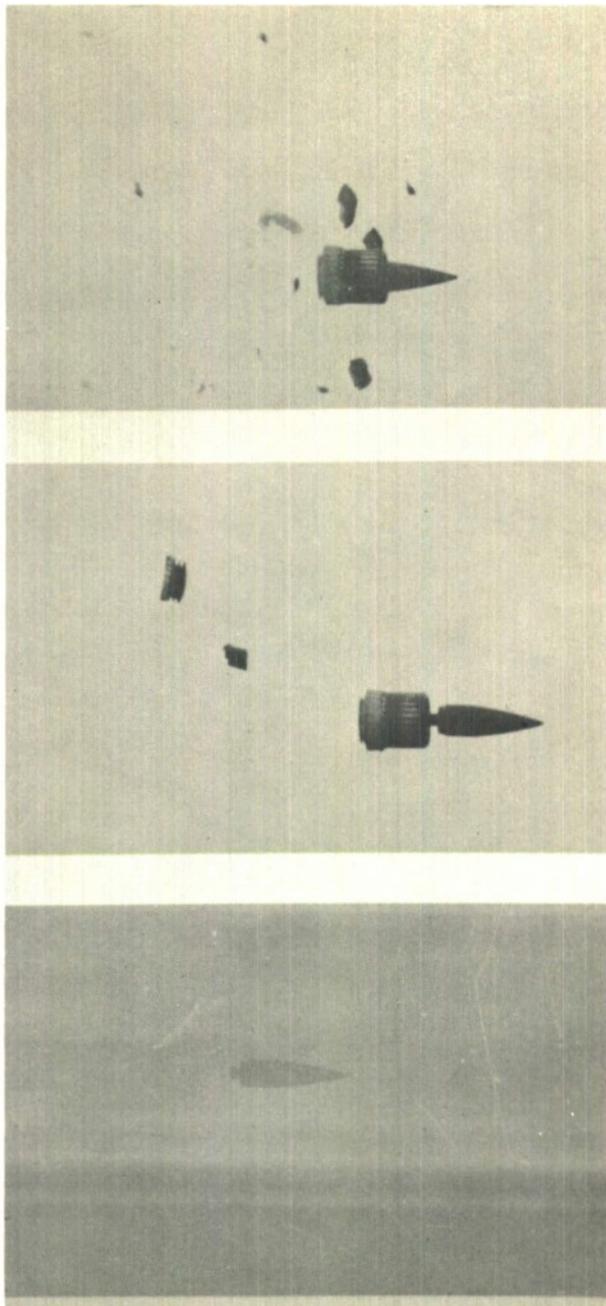
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59T2835: Three smear photographs of Test Round 18 taken in flight, showing breakup of shot. TOP TO BOTTOM: 15, 30 and 287 feet from Muzzle. Shot, Lot FA-E-441-1. Propellent Charge 12 lb, 4 oz.

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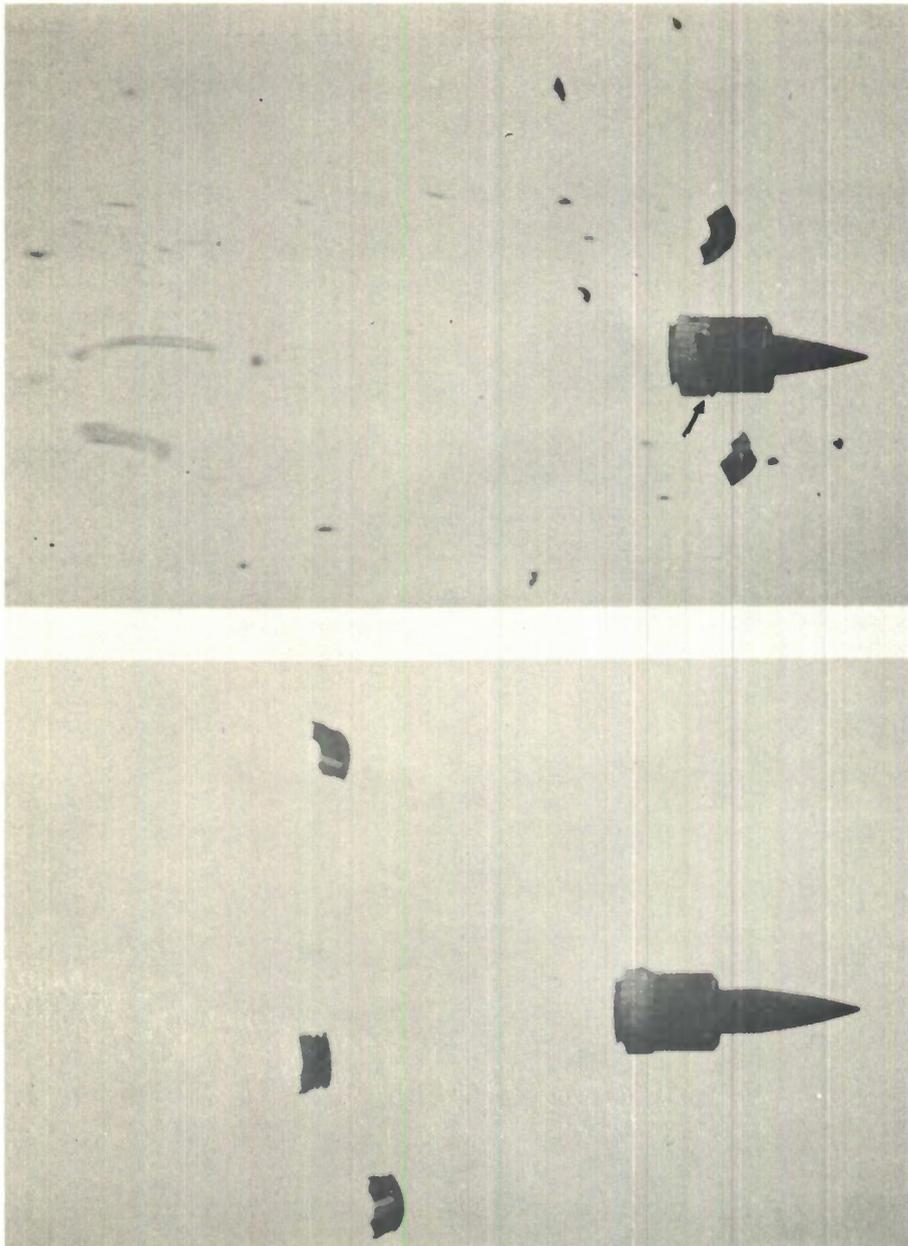


59T2836: Three smear photographs of Test Round 19 taken in flight.  
TOP TO BOTTOM: 15, 30 and 287 feet from Muzzle. Shot, Lot FA-E-441-2.  
Propellent Charge 12 lb, 4 oz.

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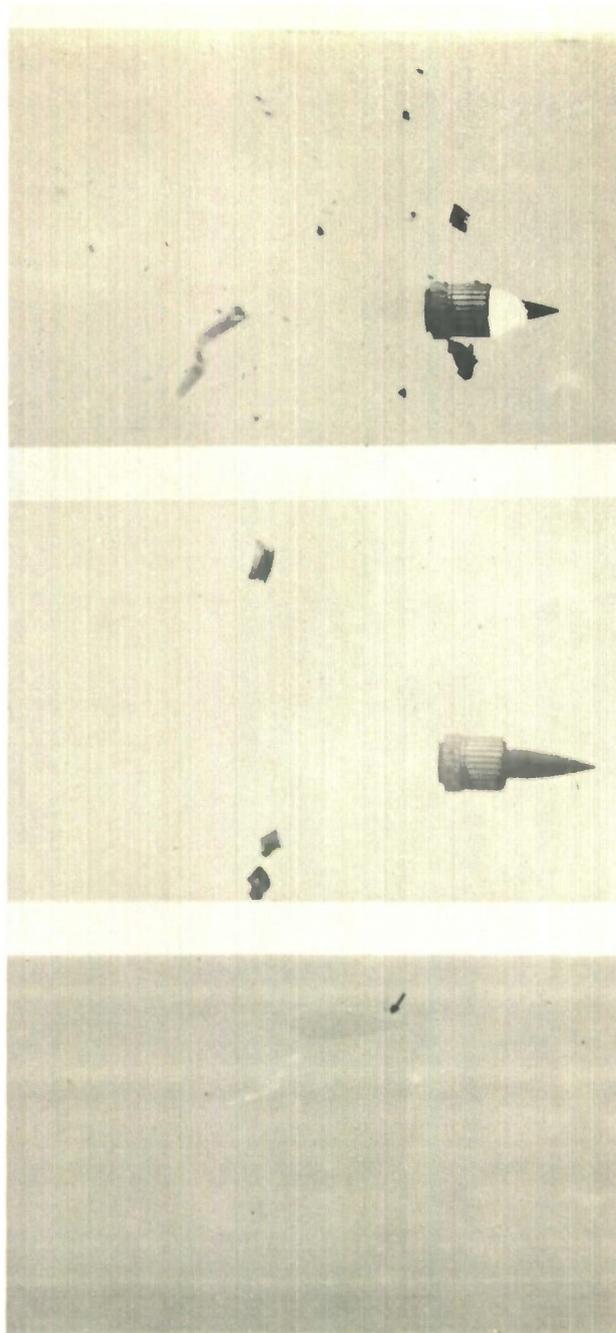


59T2837: Two smear photographs of Test Round 20 taken in flight.  
TOP TO BOTTOM: 15, 30 feet from Muzzle. Shot, Lot FA-E-441-1. Pro-  
pellent Charge 12 lb, 4 oz. Arrow in top photograph indicates petal  
beside carrier.

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59T2838: Three smear photographs of Test Round 21 taken in flight. TOP TO BOTTOM: 15, 30 and 287 feet from Muzzle. Shot, Lot FA-E-441-2. Propellant Charge 12 lb, 4 oz. Arrow in bottom photograph indicates deformation on forward sheath of subprojectile.

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**105M/M TUBE** **CHAMBER**

DISTANCE (Inches) FROM				GAUGE MEASUREMENTS INDICATED IN 1/1000 OF AN INCH							
REAR FACE OF BREECH	MUZZLE FACE	REAR FACE OF TUBE	BASIC DIAMETER	ZERO	VERTICAL Y			HORIZONTAL X			
					GAUGE READING	ACTUAL DIAMETER	DIFFERENCE	GAUGE READING	ACTUAL DIAMETER	DIFFERENCE	
33.55	186.50	24.05	4.416	4.400"	+ .021	4.421	+ .005	+ .021	4.421	+ .005	
32.50	187.55	23.00	4.427		.031	4.431	.004	.031	4.431	.004	
31.50	188.55	22.00	4.437		.040	4.440	.003	.040	4.440	.003	
31.35	188.70	21.85	4.438		+ .042	4.442	.004	+ .042	4.442	.004	
27.90	192.15	18.40	4.977	5.000"	- .019	4.981	+ .004	- .019	4.981	+ .004	
27.50	192.55	18.00	4.985		.014	4.986	.001	.014	4.986	.001	
25.50	194.55	16.00	5.025		+ .026	5.026	.001	+ .026	5.026	.001	
23.50	196.55	14.00	5.065		.067	5.067	.002	.067	5.067	.002	
21.50	198.55	12.00	5.105		.106	5.106	.001	.106	5.106	.001	
19.50	200.55	10.00	5.145		.146	5.146	.001	.146	5.146	.001	
17.50	202.55	8.00	5.185		.186	5.186	.001	.186	5.186	.001	
15.50	204.55	6.00	5.225		.227	5.227	.002	.227	5.227	.002	
13.50	206.55	4.00	5.265		.267	5.267	.002	.267	5.267	.002	
11.50	208.55	2.00	5.305		.307	5.307	.002	.307	5.307	.002	
10.50	209.55	1.00	5.325		.327	5.327	.002	.327	5.327	.002	
10.00	210.05	.50	5.335		.339	5.339	.004	.339	5.339	.004	
9.75	210.30	.25	5.340		.344	5.344	.004	.344	5.344	.004	
9.60	210.43	.10	5.343		+ .347	5.347	+ .004	+ .347	5.347	+ .004	

**BORESCOPE REMARKS:** TUBE NOT PLATED. LIGHT SMOOTH EROSION WITH MODERATE TO LIGHT HEAT CHECKING ENCIRCLING ORIGIN AND EXTENDING TO (APPROX) 65.00" FROM REAR FACE OF TUBE. LANDS LIGHTLY ROUNDED IN THIS AREA - LIGHT HEAT CHECKING ENCIRCLING BORE FROM 65.00" TO 96.00" - LIGHT SMOOTH EROSION ON FORWARD EDGES OF BORE EVACUATOR HOLES. SEVERAL LIGHT DAMAGES ON LANDS BETWEEN 2 & 4 O'CLOCK FROM 147.00" TO 160.00" FROM REAR FACE OF TUBE. NUMEROUS DAMAGES ON LANDS FROM 12 TO 6 O'CLOCK BEGINNING 170.00" FROM REAR FACE OF TUBE AND EXTENDING TO MUZZLE FACE. MOST OF THIS DAMAGE CONSISTS OF GOUSES IN LANDS WITH SOME FLATTENING AND TURNING UP OF EDGES ON SOME LANDS - BORE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN AT ORIGIN AT 12.00 AND 6.00 O'CLOCK AND A (GENERAL VIEW). IMPRESSIONS MADE AT ORIGIN AT 12:00 AND 6:00 O'CLOCK

SPECIAL MEASUREMENTS					
	BASIC	ACTUAL		BASIC	ACTUAL
TOTAL LENGTH OF GUN			ROTATION OF TUBE AT BREECH		
TOTAL LENGTH OF TUBE	210.50"		MOVEMENT OF TUBE AT BREECH		
DEPTH OF BREECH RECESS		9.50"	NUMBER OF LANDS AND GROOVES	28	28

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STAMPED	STARGAUGED AND INSPECTED BY	REVIEWED BY
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RECORDER <i>KIRK</i>	PLACE <i>525</i>	GRAPHED BY

MR. ALLEN  
W/O. 331-919-00  
Prof. Ea-9/59/74

TKX 15E8  
TKX 15E6  
AFTER FIRING 97 ROUNDS

10577 Tube # 57040  
10577 Gun # E/2833  
8-July-59



10.5" Tube = 570 TRX 15E8 Chamber

Tube # 57040 TRX 15E8  
Gun # E/2833 TRX 15E6  
30 Tube 1959

DISTANCE (Inches) FROM				GAUGE MEASUREMENTS INDICATED IN 1/1000 OF AN INCH						
REAR FACE OF BREECH	MUZZLE FACE	REAR FACE OF TUBE	BASIC DIAMETER	ZERO	VERTICAL X			HORIZONTAL X		
					GAUGE READING	ACTUAL DIAMETER	DIFFERENCE	GAUGE READING	ACTUAL DIAMETER	DIFFERENCE
33.50				".004"	+0.21	4.421		+0.21	4.421	
32.50					.031	4.431		.031	4.431	
31.50					+0.40	4.440		+0.40	4.440	
27.80				".0005"	-.018	4.982		-.018	4.982	
26.50					+0.007	5.007		+0.007	5.007	
25.50					.027	.027		.027	.027	
24.50					.047	.047		.047	.047	
23.50					.067	.067		.067	.067	
22.50					.087	.087		.087	.087	
21.50					.107	.107		.107	.107	
20.50					.127	.127		.127	.127	
19.50					.147	.147		.147	.147	
18.50					.167	.167		.167	.167	
17.50					.187	.187		.187	.187	
16.50					.207	.207		.207	.207	
15.50					.228	.228		.228	.228	
14.50					.248	.248		.248	.248	
13.50					.269	.269		.269	.269	
12.50				.289	.289		.289	.289		
11.50				.309	.309		.309	.309		
10.50				.329	.329		.329	.329		
10.00				.340	.340		.340	.340		
9.75				+0.346	5.346		+0.346	5.346		

Publinter Meas  
25.10  
25.25  
25.50  
26.00

Vert Horiz  
4.193 4.189  
4.184 4.182  
4.177 4.175  
4.170 4.167

Photographs taken of damage to lands from 147.00" to 160.00", 170.00" to 178.00", 178.00" to 184.00", 184.00" to 190.00", 190.00" to 198.00", and 198.00" to 206.00" from rear face of tube, and of condition at origin, 6 & 12 o'clock and general view.

SPECIAL MEASUREMENTS			
	BASIC	ACTUAL	
TOTAL LENGTH OF GUN			ROTATION OF TUBE AT BREECH
TOTAL LENGTH OF TUBE			MOVEMENT OF TUBE AT BREECH
DEPTH OF BREECH RECESS		9.500"	NUMBER OF LANDS AND GROOVES

Boreoscope Remarks: Tube not plated. Light smooth erosion with moderate to light heat checking encircling origin and extending to approximately 62.00" from rear face of tube. Lands lightly rounded in this area. Light smooth erosion on forward edges of bore evacuator holes. Several light damages on lands between 2 and 4 o'clock from 147.00" to 160.00" from rear face of tube. Numerous damages on lands from 12 to 6 o'clock beginning 170.00" from rear face of tube and extending to muzzle face. Most of this damage consists of gouges in lands, with some flattening and turning up of edges on some lands. Impressions made at origin at 6 and 12 o'clock.

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RODMAN Roope	TIME	COMPILATOR
RECORDER McKay	PLACE 52.5	RECORDED BY

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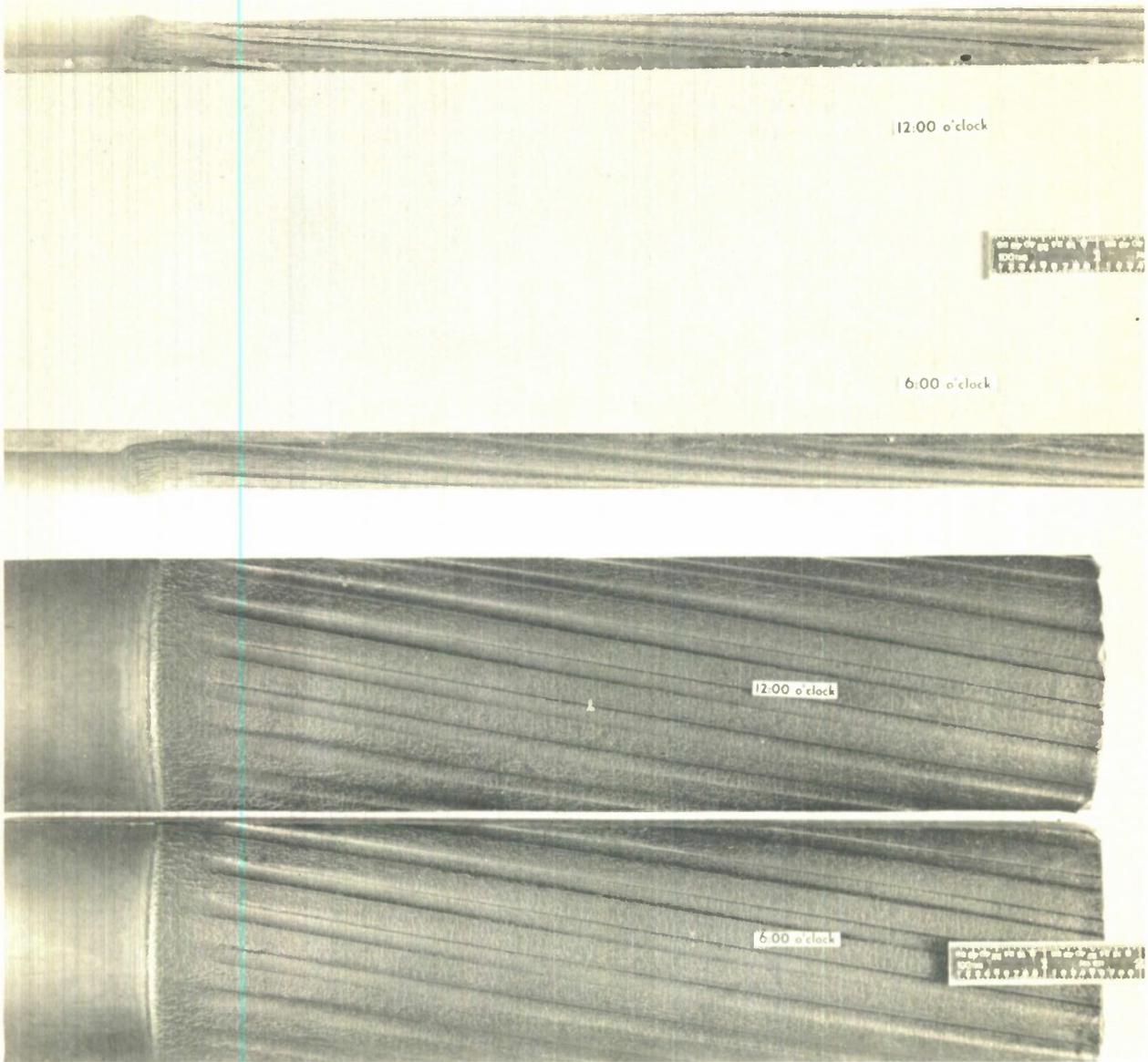
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FOR MR. ALLEN  
NO. 331-919-02  
DRA. FA-1/59/24

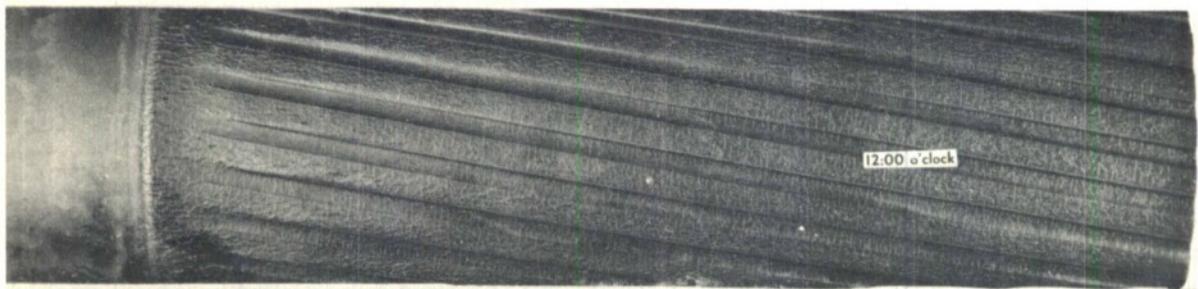
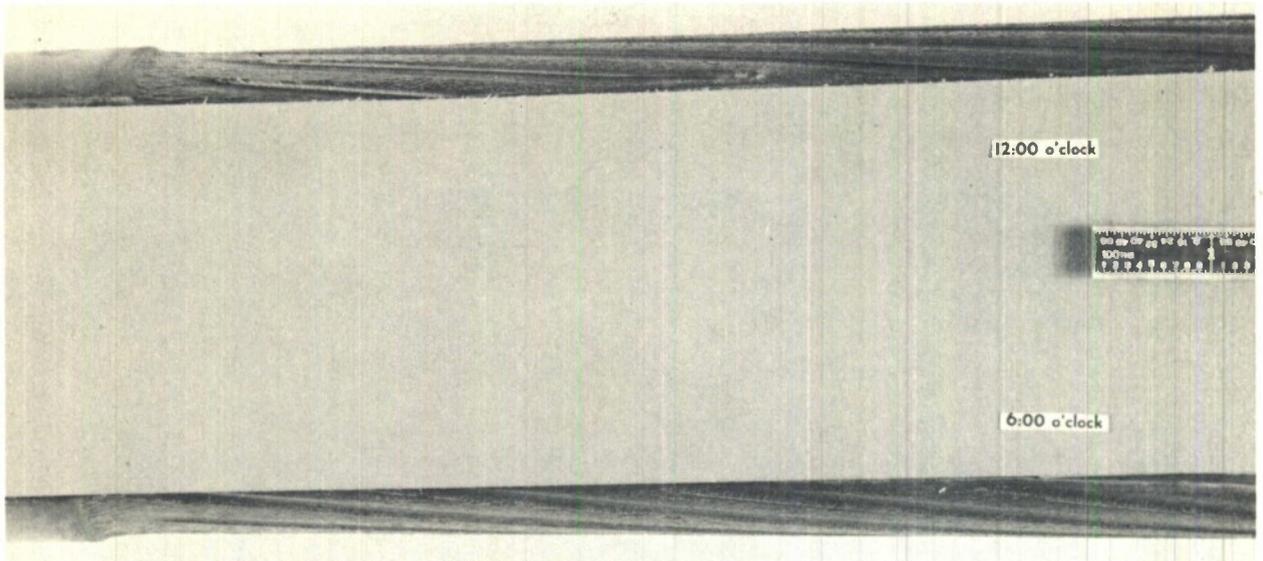
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NUMBER		MODEL	MANUFACTURER	CASTING NUMBER
British 105 M/M Tube		TKX 15E8		
E/2895				
DATE OF GAUGING 26 June 59		NUMBER OF ROUNDS 82	PROOF OFFICER Mr. Allen	V.O. 331-919-01.
FIRING STATUS (Check One)		Borescoped; Remarks. Light smooth erosion with moderate to light heat checking encircling origin and extending forward to (approx) 57.00" from rear face of tube. Very light smooth erosion on the forward edge of bore evacuator holes. Eight (8) light damaged areas on four (4) lands between 2:00 and 4:00 O'clock from 147.00" to 160.00" and twelve (12) light damaged areas on the lands between 12:00 and 6:00 O'clock 170.00" to 202.00" from rear face of tube. These damages consist of light gouges on lands, flattened and gouged lands and turned up edges on some of the lands.		
BEFORE				
AFTER		By Edwards Roops		

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59T2432 Impressions Showing Condition of Rifling at Origin at 6 and 12:00 O'Clock, after Firing 87 Rounds.

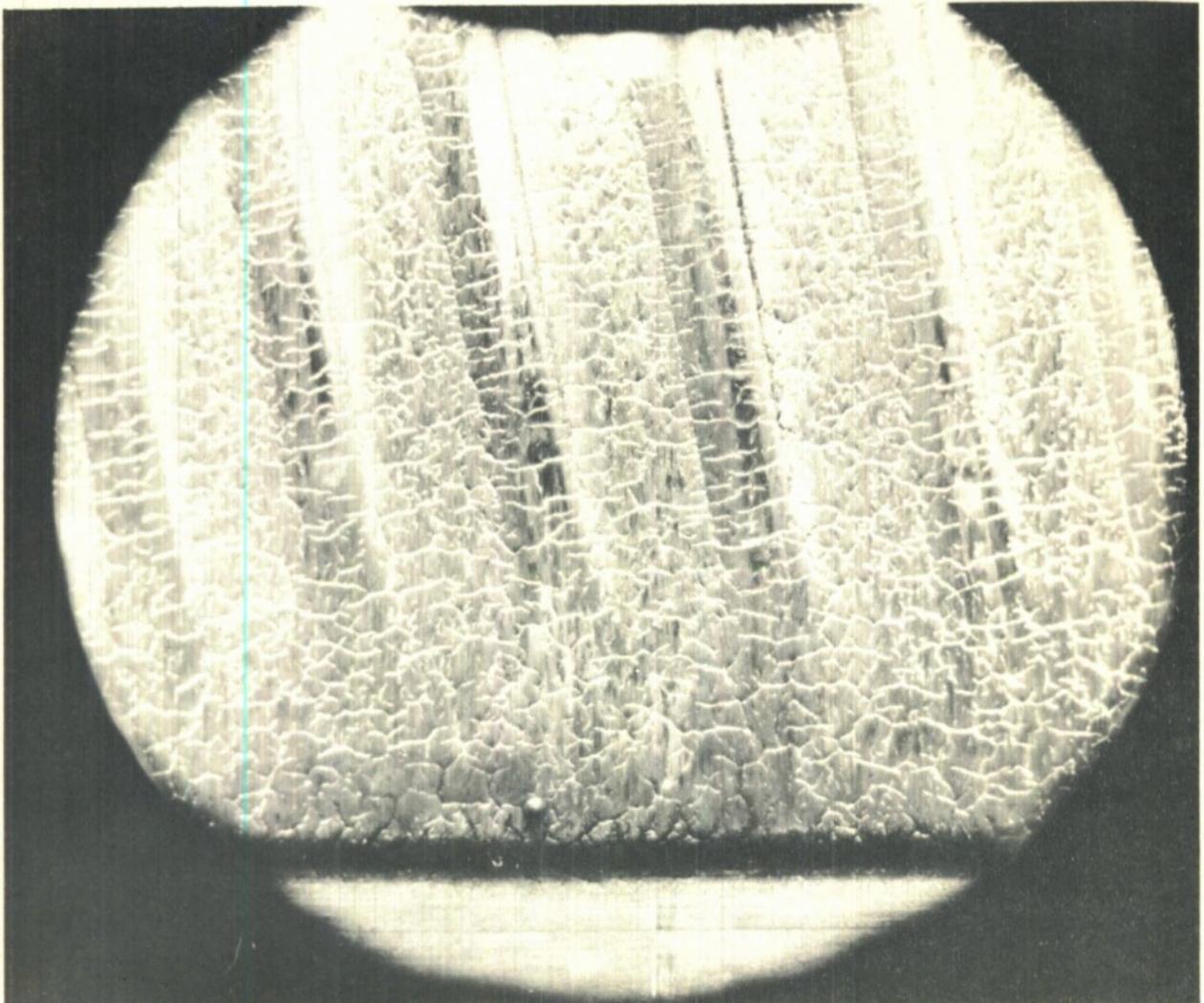


59T2433 Impressions Showing Condition of Rifling at Origin at 12:00 and 6:00 O'Clock, after Firing 97 Rounds.

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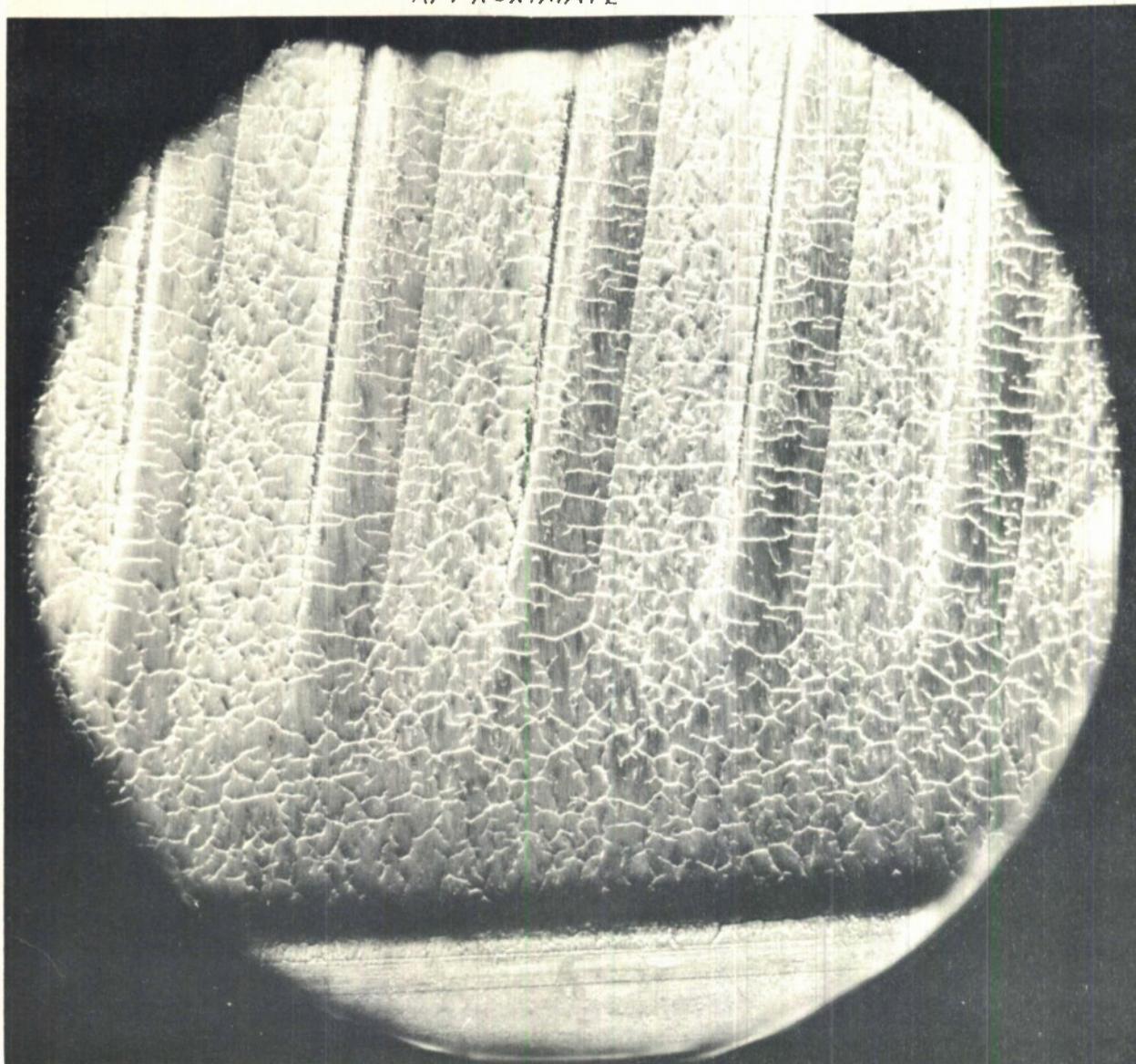
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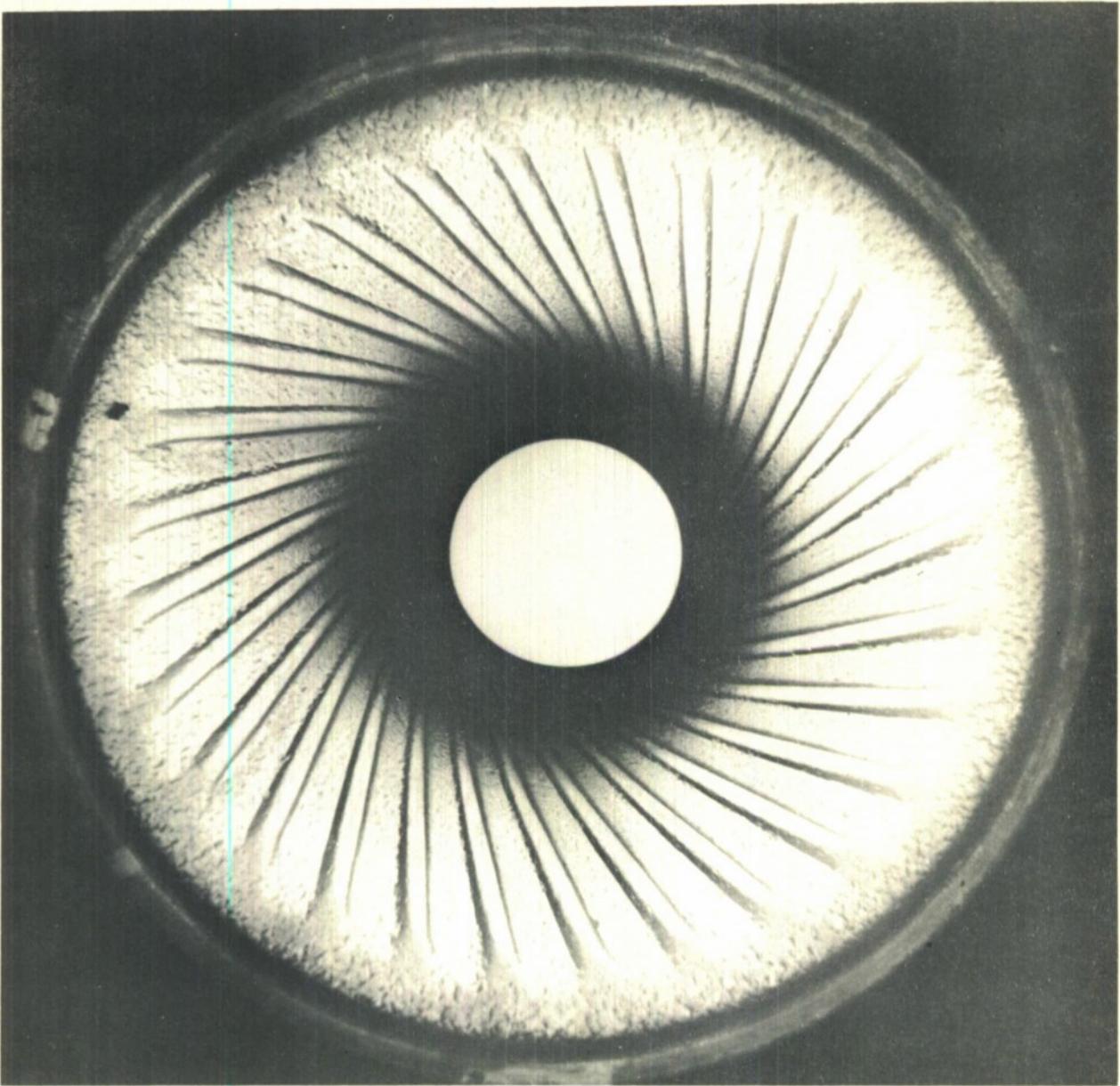


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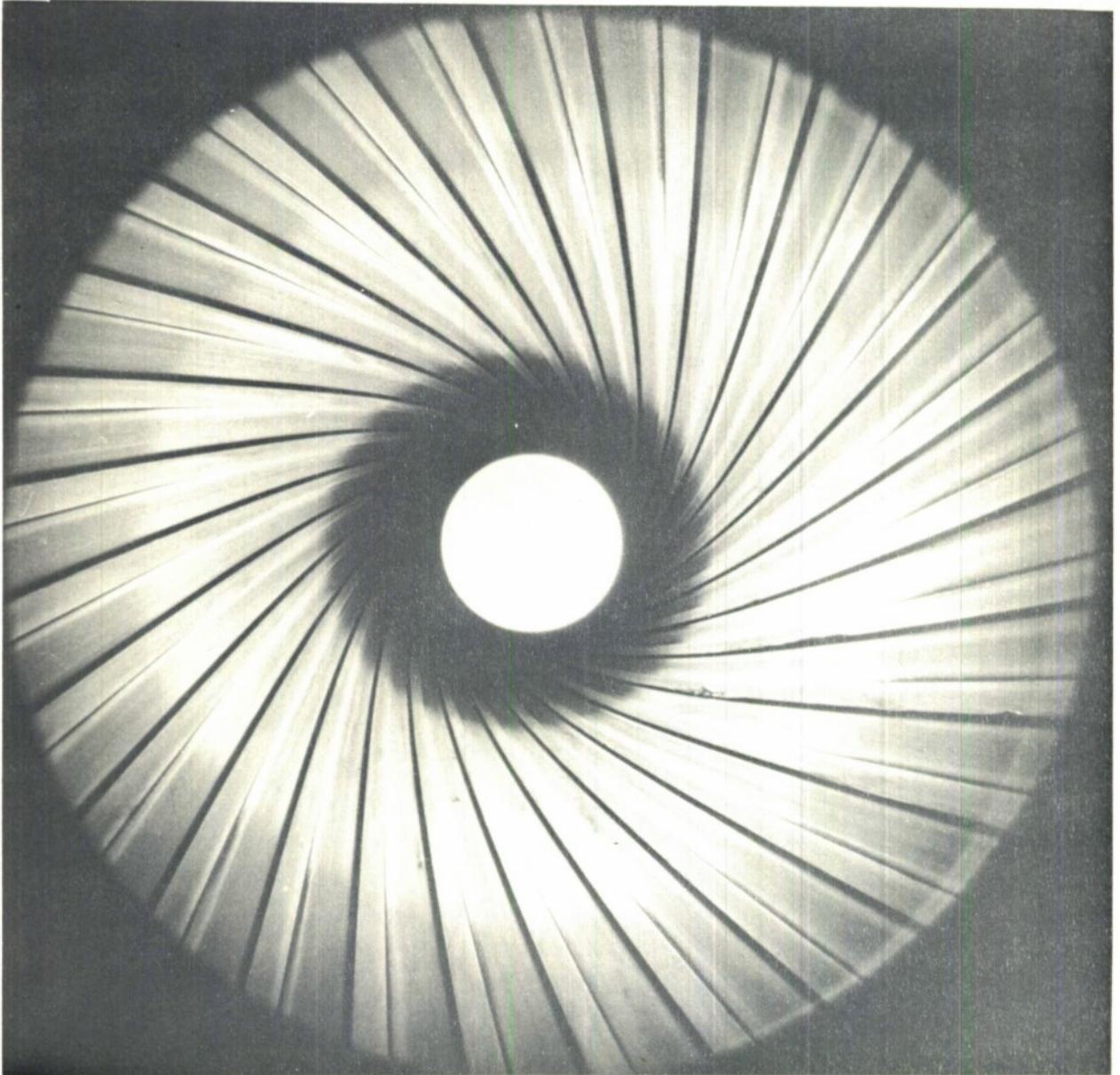
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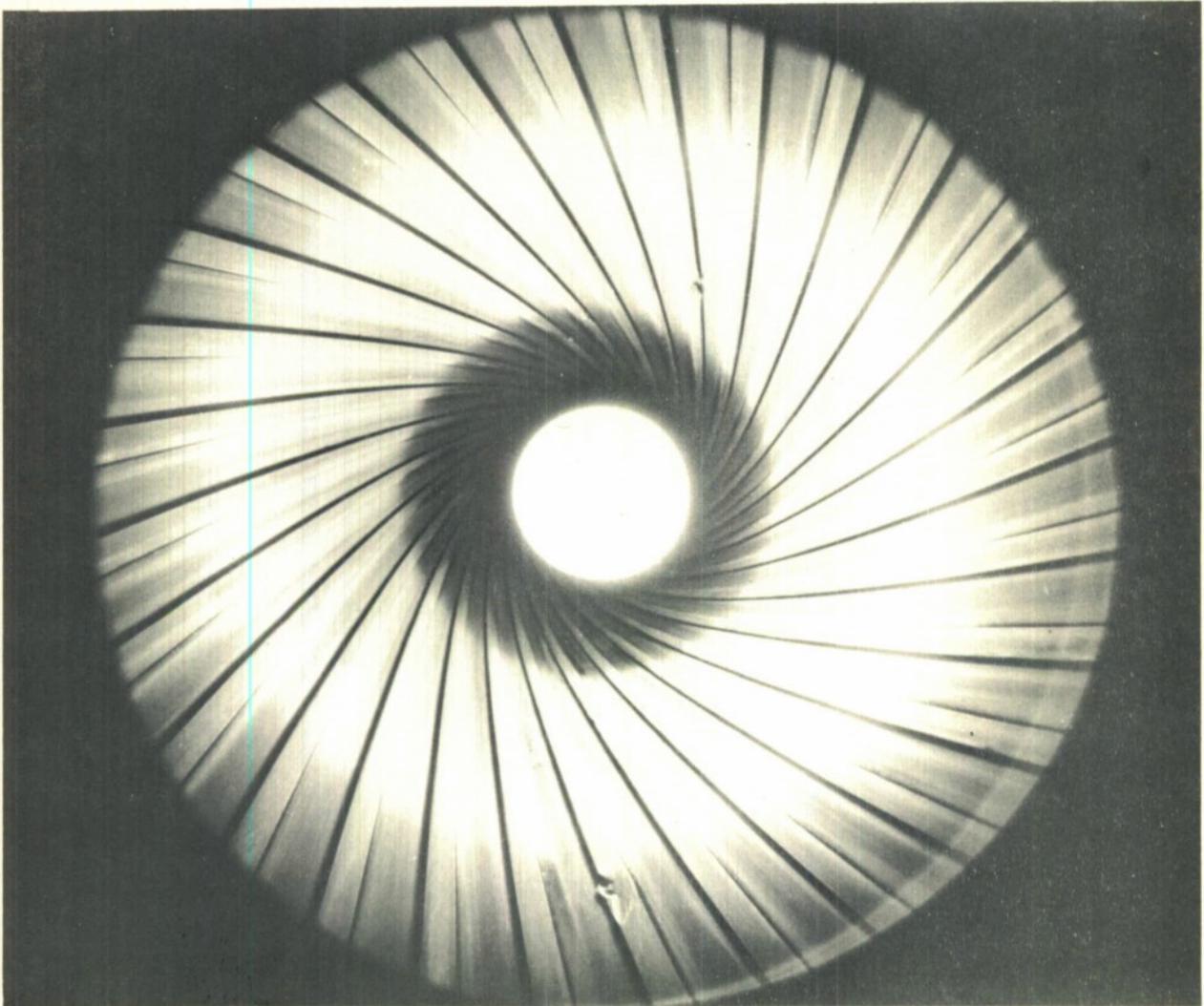
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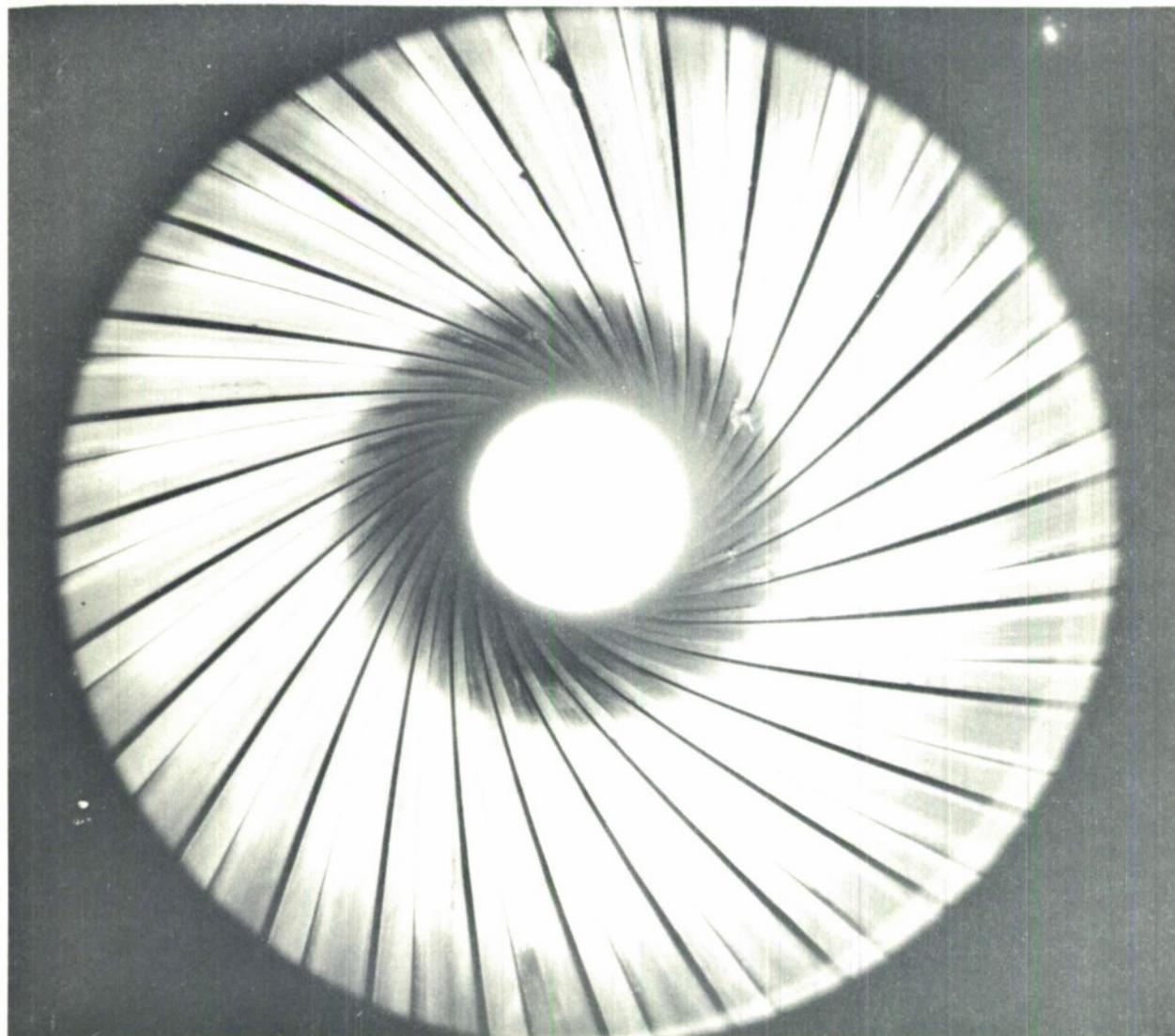
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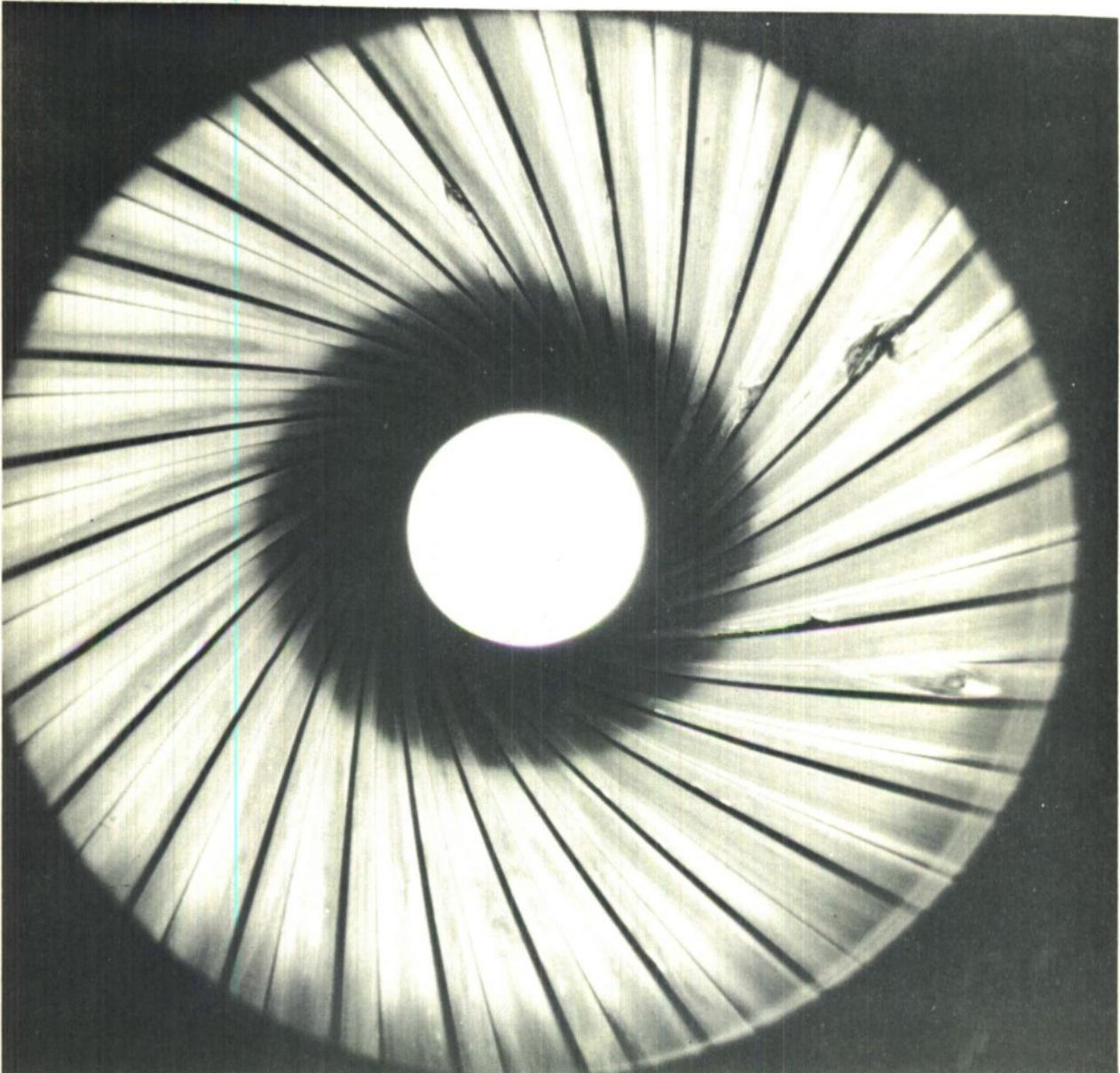
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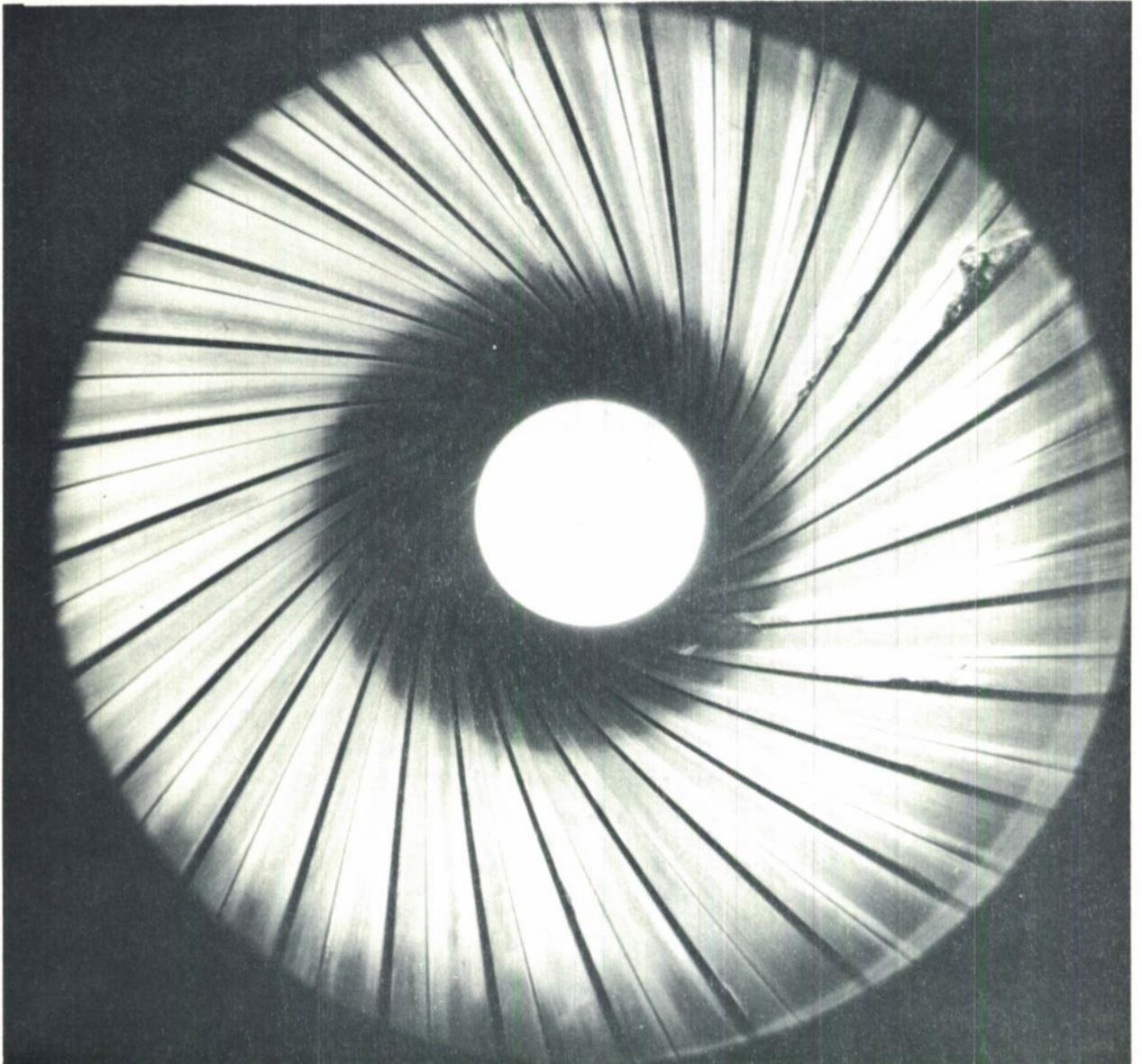
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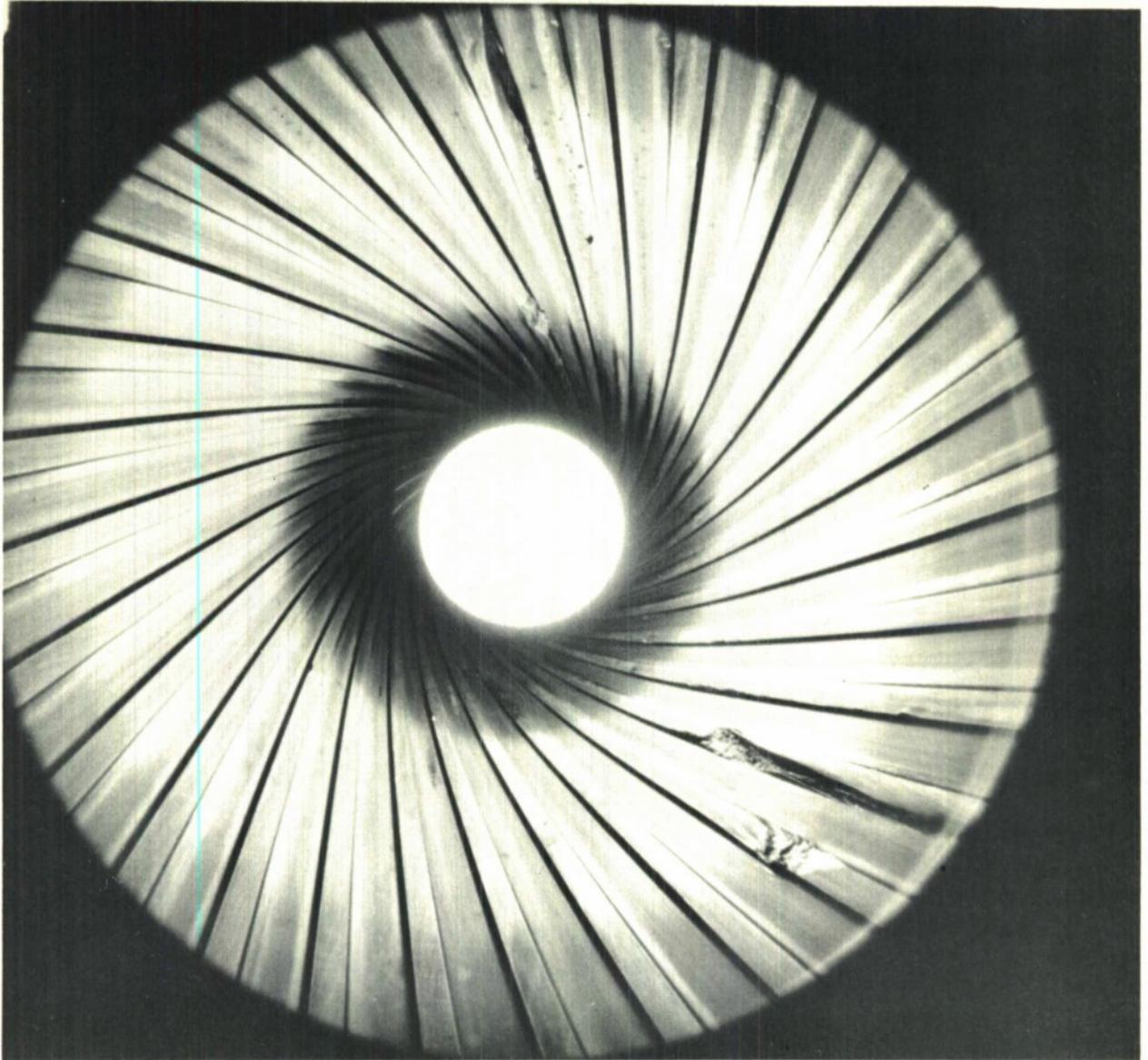
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59T2327 Bore Photograph Showing Condition of Rifling from 198.00 in. to 206.00 in. from Rear Face of Tube, after Firing 87 Rounds.

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APPENDIX E

ARMY-P.A. DOVER, N.J.  
ORDER FORM 43 7-26-56

Quatrochi **EXPERIMENTAL AMMUNITION DATA CARD** No. 91190

F. P. R. NO.	KIND				AMM. LOT NO.
SPEC. NO.	Primer Electric, XM80 (Modified)				PA-E-29473
DRG. NO.	DRG. DATE OR REV.	ALLOT. ADVICE	PROJECT NO.	RAD OR EPO NO.	QUANTITY IN SHIPMENT
DXP-108327	30 April 1959				100
P. A. X. O.	PROP. CHARGE	EXPECTED M. V.	EXPECTED PRESSURE	ASSEMBLED BY	DATE OF ASSEMBLY
6171-31				PA	June, 1959

REMARKS: Packed: 15 Primers/cardboard carton; 4 cartons/wood box.  
Ammunition lot released based upon satisfactory local line inspection. T42E1, Electric Igniter used in lieu of XM59 Electric Igniter. Primer marked with rubber type in lieu of Steel Type. *PA-E-29408*  
*By ENE.*

COMPONENT	Body and	Igniter	Benite	Plug	Liner		
KIND	Head	Electric	Strands	Closing	Paper		
	Assembly	T42E1			Foil		
DRG. NO.	DXP-108329	P-85509	Spec. X	XP-97295	XP-108330		
DRG. DATE OR REV.	4-30-59	7-26-58	PA-PD-1741	unk	4-30-59		
MFG'D BY	<i>Drc</i>	PA	PA	unk	PA		
DATE	1959	1959	<i>1959</i>	unk	1959		
LOT NO.	<i>Drc - 1-1</i>	PA-E-28928	PA-E-29408	none	None		

PREPARED BY G. Bromley CERTIFIED TO BY: *MG Knapp* INSPECTOR  
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