

# **ARMY'S OWN MEN FIRE A REDSTONE**

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., May 16 (AP)—A battery of Army artillery men sent a Redstone medium-range ballistic missile thundering toward space at dusk tonight.

The Army announced it was the first time a large ballistic missile had been fired by United States military personnel.

Conducting the firing was the Army's Fortieth Field Artillery Missile Group (Redstone), which had undergone extensive training at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., for the last year.

The launching was the "graduation" firing for Battery A.

Apparently the Army believes its troops are ready to man the missile in the field. It was learned the weapon might be deployed overseas in as early as two months.

The Redstone, which helped to put two Explorer satellites into orbit, as the first stage of the Jupiter C vehicle, roared off in a perfect launching at 7:05 P. M. It was out of sight in six and one-half minutes.