

NOW THE ATOM GUN!

First time filmed, ~~heres~~ the 11-inch gun designed to fire the atomic shell. It's mobile enough to move about the country, but a tight squeeze in a suburban garage. In the Nevada Desert one of the shells was fired; an event to make soldiers revise their estimates of war in the future.

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... The 85-ton, 11-inch gun can fire ^{these} ~~the~~ shells 20 miles - another powerful reason for making sure the much talked-of "next war" is never allowed to happen.

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ATCM GUN FIRST FIRING OF NUCLEAR ARTILLERY

The 280 millimeter mobile gun, shortly to be assigned to Nato in Europe, shown in Defense Department pictures. Driven something like a hook-and-ladder -- it's the largest, probably the most accurate piece of artillery in U.S. Army history. It can fire a conventional shell --about 800 pounds -- or an atomic shell, weight not disclosed; and here, for the first time is the firing of the "280" atomic cannon. Sensational films, from the Nevada desert...(BLAST)

The familiar atomic mushroom forms -- and one can ponder the devastating force of the explosion. Nuclear physicists have concentrated into capsule form what once filled a bomb bay. A shell probably costing several millions of dollars; a cylinder, actually maybe not more than 11 inches in diameter, fired from an 85-ton atomic cannon with pinpoint accuracy another milestone in this age of the atom!