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Deseret Test Center Final Report TEST 63-2

# AUTUMN GOLD (U)

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- (S) Descret Test Center test 63-2, AUTUAN GOLD (C), was conducted in the vicinity of the Hawaiian Islands during the period 3 May 1963 to 31 May 1963. The purpose of the test was to determine the degree of penetration of representative fleet ships, operating under three different material readiness conditions, by a simulant biological aerosol released from an operational weapon system.
- 2. (S) Authority for conducting the test is contained in:
  - . Letter, Chief of Naval Operations to Commanding General Deseret Test Center -- Subject: <u>Chemical-Biological</u> <u>Extracontinental Test Program, Navy Support for (S)</u>, dated 10 July 1962, SECRET
  - . Document, Deseret Test Center Outline Plans for Testing in FY 1963, Deseret Test Center (U), Fort Douglas 13, Utah, dated 25 May 1962, SECRET
- 3. (\$) The test was designed by the Deseret Test Center, Fort Douglas, Utah. Various units from the Army, Navy, and Marines contributed support to the test program.
- 4. (S) Acknowledgement is made of the technical contribution of the U.S. Navy Department, Bureau of Ships, Final Report, Operation TRANSIT III. This document provided the basic concepts on which the AUTUMN GOLD (U) test was based.

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a. Test Program DTCTP 63-2, AUTUNN COLD (U), was conducted in three phases, consisting of three trials each, or nine trials total.



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#### ACCOMPLISHMENT OF TEST OBJECTIVES

#### 1. (U) INTRODUCTION

This section restates the test objectives as originally presented in the AUTUMN GOLD (U) Test Plan, dated 5 April 1963, and indicates the degree to which each objective was accomplished

- 2. (S) OBJECTIVES
  - "To obtain information on the degree of penetration of naugl phips by simulant biological usrccols then released from an operational type teapon system Unile the ships are operating under different regainess conditions."

a. This objective was accomplished. Data are reported and discussed on pages 18 to 23. Conclusions are presented on page 29.

 "To estimate the magnitude and persistency of simulant viological aerosols retained after conducting air wash. and hose down procedures."

b. This objective was accomplished. Data are reported and discussed on pages 24 to 25. Conclusions are presented on page 29.

s) "To provide information on the performance of the Partichrome Selection Device and its components under the environmental conditions of this test."

c. This objective was accomplished. The results associated with this objective are not included in this report. Douglas Aircraft Company, under contract to Fort Detrick, has analyzed the data and submitted a report on 24 July 1963. Their report number is SM 44553. This final report contains no further information on this objective.

> "To evaluate selected viological with chemical protective equipment."

d This objective was accomplished within the limits of skill of participating personnel in fitting the M-17 and MV masks. Data and discussion are presented on pages 25, D1, and D2.





## SECTION III

#### TEST PROCEDURES

SITE

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All trials of AUTUMN GOLD (U) were conducted in an open sea area approximately 60 miles west-southwest of the island of Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands.

Harbor and the Marine Air Station, Kaneohe, Hawaii.

## 2. BIOLOGICAL TRACER

In all trials an aerosolized slurry of <u>Bacillus globig11</u> (BG) was disseminated.



# 3. WEAPON SYSTEM

a. The weapon system, consisting of an Aero 14B spray tank mounted on a A4B jet aircraft, was employed (see Figure 2) in all trials of AUTUMN GOLD (U) to simulate an actual biological attack on a ship or fleet of ships.



TARGET SHIPS

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a. The four target ships listed below were assigned by the U.S. Navy as typical operational fleet ships. These ships are shown in Figures 4 through 7

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FIGURE 1 (U): Test Area For AUTUMN COLD (U)

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Type	Number	Name
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b. Personnel on each ship were briefed on procedures for pretrial exercises and the need was stressed for attaining the three material readiness conditions during the pretrial training exercises and subsequent trials. Ship personnel conducted these exercises and inspections prior to the AUTUNN GOLD (U) trials to determine each ship's capability to fully attain these readiness conditions under its present condition.

Navy personnel from each ship were assigned to operate the various sampling equipment on the ship. These men were trained during the week prior to the first trial.

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E. To train personnel in operational procedures in preparation for future trials



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PART I

I. (U) TITLE

Protective Masks M17 and Mark V.

II. 💽 CÉJECTIVES

The objectives of this test are as follows:

A. To obtain data on the leakage of the M17 and Mark V protective masks under operational conditions

B. To obtain data on the two methods of determining mask leakage.

III. PROCEDURES

In each trial of AUTUMN GOLD, 32 test subjects (eight per ship, four at each of two stations per ship) will be positioned at two above deck sampling sites. Sixteen test subjects will don the M17 protective mask and 16 subjects will don the Mark V protective mask at function time and continue wearing the masks until Z+35 minutes. The schedule for test subjects at each station and the types of protective masks for each test subject is given in Table H 1

TABLE H-1 (THE MASKS AT EACH OF TWO STATIONS ON EACH SHIP FOR DICTP 63-2 (C)

TYPE OF MASK				
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All test subjects not wearing the oronasal mask and all test subject controls will provide a gargle sample prior to function time and again immediately after Z+35 minutes. All gargle samples and the oronasal masks will be assayed on the laboratory ship YAG 40. Leakage of the protective masks will be determined by analysis of the data.

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## APPENDIX I

## PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (Confidential)

The type and number of personnel required to conduct this test are listed in Table I-1

TABLE 1-1 (C): TYPE AND NUMBER OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR DTC TP 63-2 (U)

<u> </u>	SOURCE OF PERSONNEL		L	NUMBER REQUIRED		POSITION	T	TIME	
DAC	DPG	DTC	NAVY	BIO	CIV	MIL	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
		X X X X	X##		1 1 1	1 3	Test Director Ass. Test Dir. Admin. Officer Meteorologist Met. Technician	1 Apr 11 11 11 11	30 Jun 11 11 11
	X		X** X** X** X**		1	25 1 1 5	Laboratory Pers. Safety Officer Photographer Dissem. Crev	11 17 73 17	17 51 51
	X X	x	Х#3 Х**		1 5	100 5 1	Dissem. Crew Sampler Crew Sampler Foremen Ch, Sampler Crew Munitions Techn.	11 11 67 91 11	41 95 19 19 19
x	x		X#5 X#5 X#5		1 5 16	2 2 3* <sup>4</sup> 149	Munitions Techn. Pilot, Jet Pilot, Helicop. Aircraft Crew Mobile Lab.	67 31 67 67 69	17 17 17 17

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- \*3 The 100 personnel will be the normal crew aboard the Navy vessels
- (25 men per vessel)

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- (25 men per versel) " The number will depend upon the type of aircraft furnished.
- •5 The jet aircraft, helicopters, pilots, and crews will be supplied and maintained by the 13th. Marine Air Group, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe, Havaii

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BACKGROUND

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2. SCOPE

a. This test consisted of 25 trials, divided into three phases: A, B, and D.

(1) <u>Phase A</u>. This phase consisted of eight trials which were to serve as a preliminary check of all test procedures prior to conducting the pathogenic agent phases and to obtain data to characterize diffusion in a marine environment. These trials involved release of the biological tracer material BG. Details of Phase A are presented in the meteorological section (Part III) and Appendix A.

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(2) <u>Phase B.</u> This phase consisted of 13 trials wherein agent UL and biological tracer BG were simultaneously released in order to obtain data on decay and infectivity.

(3) <u>Phase D</u>. This phase consisted of four trials involving the simultaneous release of agent OU and tracer BG to obtain data on decay.

b. This report is divided into three parts:

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'Part I...pertains to all aspects of Phase-B trials.

Part II ... movers all aspects of Phase-D trials.

Part III...covers all aspects of meteorology, including atmospheric diffusion characteristics and model fitting, as well as aspects of Phase-A trials.



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## ABSTRACT

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COPPER HEAD was designed to study ship penetration and downwind cloud diffusion in a frigid marine environment. The biological tracer, Bacillus subtillis var. niger (BG), was disseminated from an Aero 14B spray tank mounted on an A-4 type jet aircraft.

A contractor aircraft attempted congruent releases of fluorescent particles (FP) just after the BG release.







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1. (8) TEST LOCATION

The test location was off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada, in international waters. Area coordinates were 46° to 46° 40'N 54° to 56°W. The base of operations was the U.S. Naval Station, Argentia, Newfoundland. Marine and contractor sircraft support was stationed at Ernest Harmon Air Force Base, Newfoundland. (See Fig 1).

(U) 2. (C) <u>TARGET SHIP</u>

a. The test ship was USS FOWER, DD 839,











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4. TRIAL PROCEDURE

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	ABSTRACT
1,	A test series was conducted to study the effectiveness of selected protective devices in preventing penetration of a naval ship by a biological aerosol.
	A secondary objective of the tests was to compare the efficiency of the M-17 and the Mark V protective masks against a biological aerosol.
2.	The target ship (YAG 39) was exposed to an average dosage of disseminated from a continuous point source installed on a
2.	The target ship (YAG 39) was exposed to an average dosage of the target ship (YAG 39) was exposed to an average dosage of disseminated from a continuous point source installed on a tugboat.

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# TABLE 1 (UNCLASSIFIED): SUDDLRY FEATURES OF TRIALS









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#### ABSTRACT

FLOWER DRUM (U), Phase I, as amended, designates a test designed to find a simulant for agent GB, to assess shipboard vulnerability to an enveloping vapor of toxic agent, and to establish comparative penetration properties for GB simulant and agent. The USS GEORGE EASTMAN (YAG 39), a specially designed and equipped test ship, was subjected to attack by candidate agent GB simulants and agent GB. The ship attack was by envelopement of test agent disseminated from a gas turbine mounted on the bow of the test ship and by simulated envelopment -- direct injection of test agent into the air supply system.



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February thru April and August thru September 1964, off the coast of Hawaii.

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ACCOMPLISHMENT OF TEST OBJECTIVES (U)

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

a. The primary objective of FLOWER DRUM Phase I, as amended, was to obtain comparative information on the penetrability of ships exposed to agent GB and a suitable simulant; this involved finding a simulant for agent GB suitable for ship envelopment and penetration studies, establishing comparative penetration properties for GB simulant and agent GB, and assessing ship penetrability or vulnerability to an enveloping vapor of toxic agent GB. The experiments were to be accomplished under four test conditions; also, they were to include the testing of specific installed protective systems.



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#### SECONDARY OBJECTIVE

a. The secondary objective was to report information applicable to the Navy's Chemical Training Program.



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a. Additional Objectives were:

(1) To obtain information on the performance of the E41 V-G Agent Alarm System and the Hydrogen Flame Emission Detector (HYFED) candidate point sampling alarms (modified for shipboard use) when exposed to a cloud of GB.

(2) To obtain information on the performance of the Passive Long Path Infrared (LOPAIR) advance warning alarm (modified for shipboard use) when exposed to a cloud of GB.









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## SHIPBOARD MATERIAL READINESS CONDITIONS



a. The four material conditions were as follows:

## 1) ZEBRA

This is a material readiness condition set at or near battle; it is designed mainly to facilitate fire and flood control and is a "standard" Navy material readiness condition. Under this condition, the deckhouse ventilation system remained operative and maximum watertight integrity was maintained, with as much compartmentation as possible.

## 2) ZEBRA CIRCLE WILLIAM

This is also a "standard" Navy material readiness condition. Under this condition, all ventilation



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fans were secured, and all CIRCLE WILLIAM fittings were closed; however, there were no improvised closures over the ventilation system intakes or exhausts.

# 3) Modified ZEBRA CIRCLE WILLIAM

This is an experimental material readiness condition which, theoretically, could be set on all combatant ships as a CBR protective measure. Under this condition, all ventilation systems were secured; covers for all intakes and exhausts--which on most ships must be improvised--were closed. The intent was to completely seal off interior spaces from external contamination. It is apparent that this condition cannot be rapidly set because of the many ventilation intake and exhaust coverings that have to be jury-rigged; nor can it be maintained indefinitely because of the need for ventilation of the engineering spaces.

#### 4) MAXIMUM CBR SECURITY

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This was an experimental condition in which the air supply to the deckhouse test area was filtered through an M16 gas-particulate filter. Under this condition, all fittings and ventilation exhausts were closed, and the chemically pure supply air created a positive pressure in the deckhouse of 0.5 cm (0.2 in.) of water; the exhaust air flowed outward through leaks and natural vents. This condition caused the deckhouse to be under "collective" protection.

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b. The YAG 39 was enveloped by disseminating the test agent from a modified Model T-45M-2 MARS Portable Gas Turbine which was placed on the helicopter deck at the bow of the ship

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#### TRIAL PROCEDURES

a. During the trials, the target ship (YAG 39) steamed into the wind maintaining a relative windspeed of 10 to 30 knots. The YAG 40 maintained a parallel course forward and starboard of the target ship. When the appropriate material condition was set and all personnel except the disseminator crew were within the Safety Citadel, agent GB or simulant was disseminated for 10 minutes--from the MARS turbine on the bow for envelopment trials or by direct injection into the ventilation system intake; dissemination was effected at a rate which maintained an average concentration of approximately 50 mg/m<sup>3</sup> at the forward deckhouse bulkhead.

b. During GB dissemination, the disseminator crew wore M5 protective ensembles and all other personnel (who were in the Safety Citadel) wore MK5, M7A1, or M17 protective masks. After dissemination ceased, all personnel whose duties required them to leave the Safety Citadel wore protective masks until the ship was cleared of GB. During the dissemination period of

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the simulant trials, all personnel wore protective masks. During test periods, the only entrance to or exit from the Safety Citadel was thru a decontamination tunnel which consisted of a passageway that functioned as an air-sweep tunnel for the decontamination facility and also as one of two primary ventilation exhausts for the Safety Citadel. The passageway was divided into four sections by perforated doors; the doors restricted the rate of airflow and maintained the interior/exterior pressure differential. The decontamination tunnel was outfitted with a gas chamber to be used for a protective mask check, shower facilities (not used during the test of vapor agents), and protective equipment and clothing removal facilities. All personnel worked in teams (of two or more persons) and all teams were checked in and out of the Safety Citadel.

e. Following the termination of sampling, a full aeration of the ship was accomplished. For the GB trials, aeration of the ship was continued until the enzyme ticket test of the M15A1 Detector Kit indicated there was no GB in the exhaust air. When negative results were obtained at the exhaust vents, properly protected personnel confirmed the absence of GB within each area--again using the enzyme ticket test of the M15A1 Detector Kit.

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ABSTRACT The FLOWER DRUM, Phase II, test was conducted at sea in a tropical environment to determine the effectiveness of a shipboard water-washdown-system as a protective and decontaminant measure against simulated aerial delivery of agent VX spray. Also, testing was conducted to provide information for the planning of FEARLESS JOHNNY (U), DTCTP 65-17, another Deseret Test Center shipboard test.





INTRODUCTION (U)

3. (S) TESTING

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(u) - a. Trials were conducted in accordance with the FLOWER DRUM (U) Phase II, Test Plan, DTC 64-2 as amended.



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(w) — b. Three conditions of shipboard water washdown were tested to determine their effectiveness as protective and decontaminant measures against simulated, aerial delivery of agent VX spray. The three conditions were as follows:

> UW = 1) Condition 1 Washdown system was in operation before, during, and after agent dissemination.

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 Condition 2 Agent dissemination occurred soon  
after the washdown system was turned off, but  
while the exposed surfaces were still wet. The  
washdown system was again actuated after agent  
dissemination was completed.













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