1947 Norfolk Naval Shipyard Captured German V-2 Rocket beings prepared for Launch aboard USS Midway CVB-41. Note the decommissioned battleship in the background.

1947 USS Midway German V-2 Rocket Ready for Launch

September 6, 1947 USS Midway CVB-41 in the Atlantic Launching a V-2 Rocket

USS MIDWAY CVB-41

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OPERATION SANDY

USS Midway CVB-41 was commissioned in September 1945 and became the largest aircraft carrier in the U.S. Fleet. When the war in Europe ended, in the summer of 1945, the United States acquired several German V-2 rockets. Operation Sandy was a test by the U.S. Navy to investigate the concept of launching ballistic missiles from the deck of a ship.

On 6 September 1947, Midway test fired a captured German V-2 rocket from the flight deck. This was the first launch of a ballistic missile from a ship at sea. The test was a success even though the rocket broke up a few miles from the ship. The knowledge gained from Operation Sandy and other subsequent tests led to the development and deployment of guided missiles on U.S. warships in the early 1960s.

http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/ships/carriers/histories/cv41-midway/cv41-midway.html