

Aviators Who Dropped First Atomic Bomb Tell Of Large Explosion

GUAM—Here are the eye-witness stories of the men who dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan.

Col. Paul W. Tibbets, Jr., 36, of Miami, pilot of the Superfortress Enola Gay.

"We selected Hiroshima as the target when we made the landfall. There was no opposition, conditions were clear and we dropped the bomb visually at 9:15 a. m."

"Only Captain Parsons, Bombardier Major Thomas W. Ferebee of Mocksville, N. C., and myself knew what dropped. Others only knew it was a special mission."

"We knew immediately that we had to get the hell out of there and make a sharp turn in less than 30 seconds to get broadside to the target."

"Then it was hard to believe what we saw."

"Below us, rising rapidly, was a tremendous black cloud. Nothing was visible where only minutes before the outline of the city with its streets and buildings and water front piers were clearly apparent. 'It happened so fast we couldn't

see anything and could only feel the heat from the flash and the concussion from the blast."

"There were a couple of sharp slaps against the airplane. It felt like close bursts of flak. I yelled a warning to the crewmen, but we were all okay."

Capt. William Parsons, U.S.N., of Santa Fe, N. M., one of the designers of the bomb, who went along as "weaponer repairer" to see that the bomb worked.

"The bomb resting in the bomb bay looked like the first test one we exploded less than a month ago."

July 16, in a remote corner of the Alamogordo, N. M., bombing range.

"I had a very personal interest in the mission. We knew when we started that success could only be measured in the first battle delivery on Japan."

"We knew it was worth a lot in terms of shortening the war. When the bomb fell away, we began to put as much distance between us and the ball of fire which we knew was coming, as quickly as

School For Dairymen Will Be Held Here

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Dr. George H. Hopson, of New York City, a noted veterinarian, will assist Dr. Peterson and will speak on "The Proper Milking Practice." All features of the program will be devoted to information and discussions of Mastitis.

Slides will be shown during the lectures and every effort will be made by the authorities to present the disease in its true light, and possible.

"There was a terrific flash of light—even in the daytime. Visual shock was apparent from several miles."

"That was the first indication I had that the bomb worked. Each man said a 'my God!'"

"What had been Hiroshima was going up in a mountain of smoke."

"First I could see a mushroom of boiling dust, apparently with some debris in it, up to 20,000 feet. The boiling continued three or four minutes as I watched."

"Then a white cloud plumed upwards from the center to some 40,000 feet. An angry dust cloud spread all around the city."

Seaman Wilfred Allen and Bride



SEAMAN FIRST CLASS WILFRED ALLEN AND MRS. ALLEN, whose marriage took place on July 6, in Clayton, Ga. Mrs. Allen is the former Miss Lucile Rathbone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rathbone of this county and Seaman Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arville Allen of Crabtree. They went to the home of the bridegroom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Echo Mathis, following their marriage in Clayton.

The bride holds a position with the American Enka Corporation Seaman Allen after spending a 22 day leave reported back to New York, and expects to be assigned to duty for several months in the Atlantic theatre. He is a graduate of the Crabtree high school and at the time he entered the service was engaged in farming in this county.

Russia Declares War On Japan

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coming out of Washington according to all broadcasts indicated that the declaration of Russia would definitely shorten the war.

Reports from the Pacific theatre revealed that there was much more excitement from the atomic bomb among the American armed forces than the entrance of Russia into the war against Japan.

A survey of reactions among local citizens revealed that most people have become

insensible to shock during the past few years and that they have become so accustomed to startling news that they expect anything. Many expressed their doubts in Russia banished by the announcement and optimism soured as the entrance of Russia in the light seemed to spell early victory in the Pacific.

Russia officially adopted a new national anthem, "Hymn of the Soviet Union" in 1943.

show the dangers that it harbors. All dairymen as well as their milkers are urged to attend the meeting, as the discussion will reveal many pertinent facts about the disease, it was pointed out by Mr. Clapp.

Haywood county is fortunate in having these men outstanding in their fields to be present at the meeting and take part on the program, said Mr. Clapp.

New Construction Firm Here Will Build Power Lines

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lines for REA projects. N. D. Shull is vice president of the firm, and Charles B. McCrary is secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Moore has been manager of the Haywood unit of the REA for the past five years, and Mr. McCrary has been treasurer. Mr. Shull is from Boone, and has been connected with a firm of electrical engineers in this field of work for some years.

Mr. Moore's resignation from REA becomes effective August 15th. The board of directors of REA are expected to name his successor at their meeting on Saturday.

The Haywood unit now has 237 miles of energized lines, over 1,200 members, and an approved project of 238 miles, serving 842 families and 370 prospective customers. This will cost about \$327,000 and require about 140 working days to complete.

Mr. Moore said the new firm would have approximately 140 men on payroll when work started on projects.

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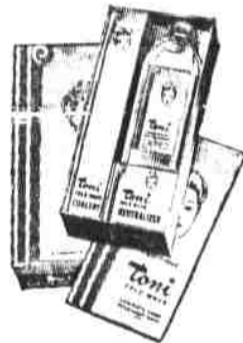
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