

Atomic Bomb Mushroom Cloud with Enola Gay Crew Signatures



Description

Photograph of the mushroom cloud that appeared after the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. Photograph was signed by four crew members of the Enola Gay military aircraft which dropped the bomb. The prominent inscription in blue says, "Tom Ferebee - Bombardier, 6 Aug 1945 - Enola Gay." An inscription in yellow is barely visible in the uppermost part of the cloud which reads, "Paul Tibbets - Pilot - B-29 Enola Gay - 6 Aug 1945." Another inscription in yellow is barely visible on the left under the blue writing that says, "Dutch Van Kirk - Navigator." Another inscription which is not visible except the impression it left is on the right in the clouds that says, "R.H. Nelson - Radio - Enola Gay." Photo donated by Ralph George Bittelari and Rocco Paul Bittelari; originally owned by their grandfather and WWII veteran, George Paul Simard, USNR.

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