

A photograph of a nuclear explosion's mushroom cloud, showing a bright orange and yellow fireball at the base, rising into a blue and white cloud against a dark sky. The image is framed by a thick cyan border.

*THE VIEWS AND ISSUES
OF
AMERICA'S ATOMIC VETERANS*

N-001

- 1945 -

TRINITY SITE - NEW MEXICO

THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB TEST
JULY 16, 1945

ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED
OVER HIROSHIMA, JAPAN
AUGUST 6, 1945

ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED
OVER NAGASAKI, JAPAN
AUGUST 9, 1945



TRINITY TEST - 07-16-45 - 19 KILOTONS

N-003



HIROSHIMA 2 MILES FROM THE CENTER OF BLAST
08-07-45

N-004



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HIROSHIMA 1.5 MILES FROM THE CENTER OF BLAST
08-07-45

N-005



" FAT MAN " DETONATION OVER CITY OF NAGASAKI
PHOTO TAKEN BY A JAPANESE RAIL LINE SURVEYOR

N-006



NAGASAKI 2.5 MILES FROM CENTER OF BLAST
08-10-45

N-007



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NAGASAKI 1.5 MILES FROM CENTER OF BLAST
08-10-45

N-008

- 1946 -

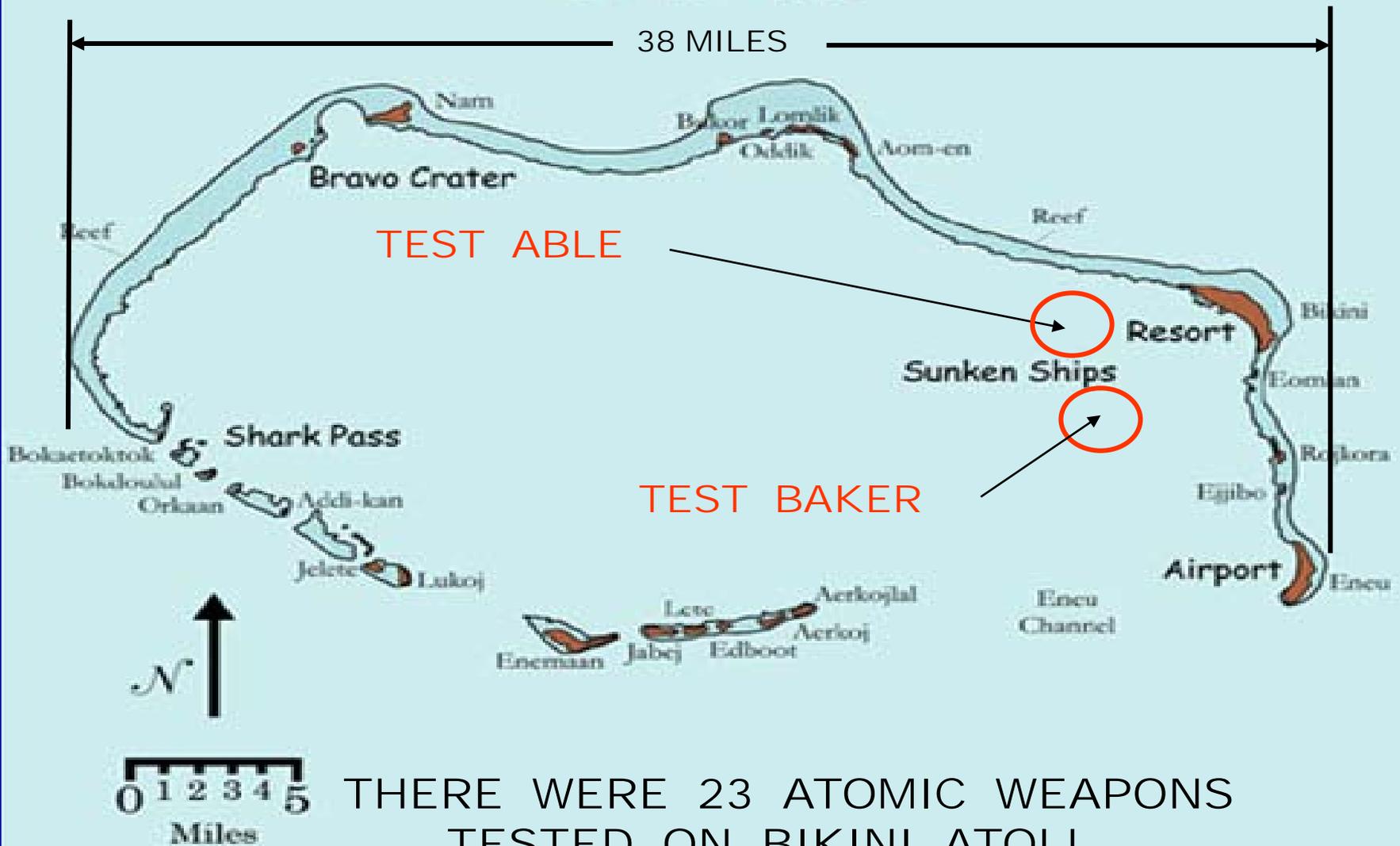
**BIKINI ATOLL
(MARSHALL ISLANDS)**

" CROSSROADS "

2 WEAPONS EFFECTS TESTS

INVOLVING 42,000 MILITARY PERSONNEL

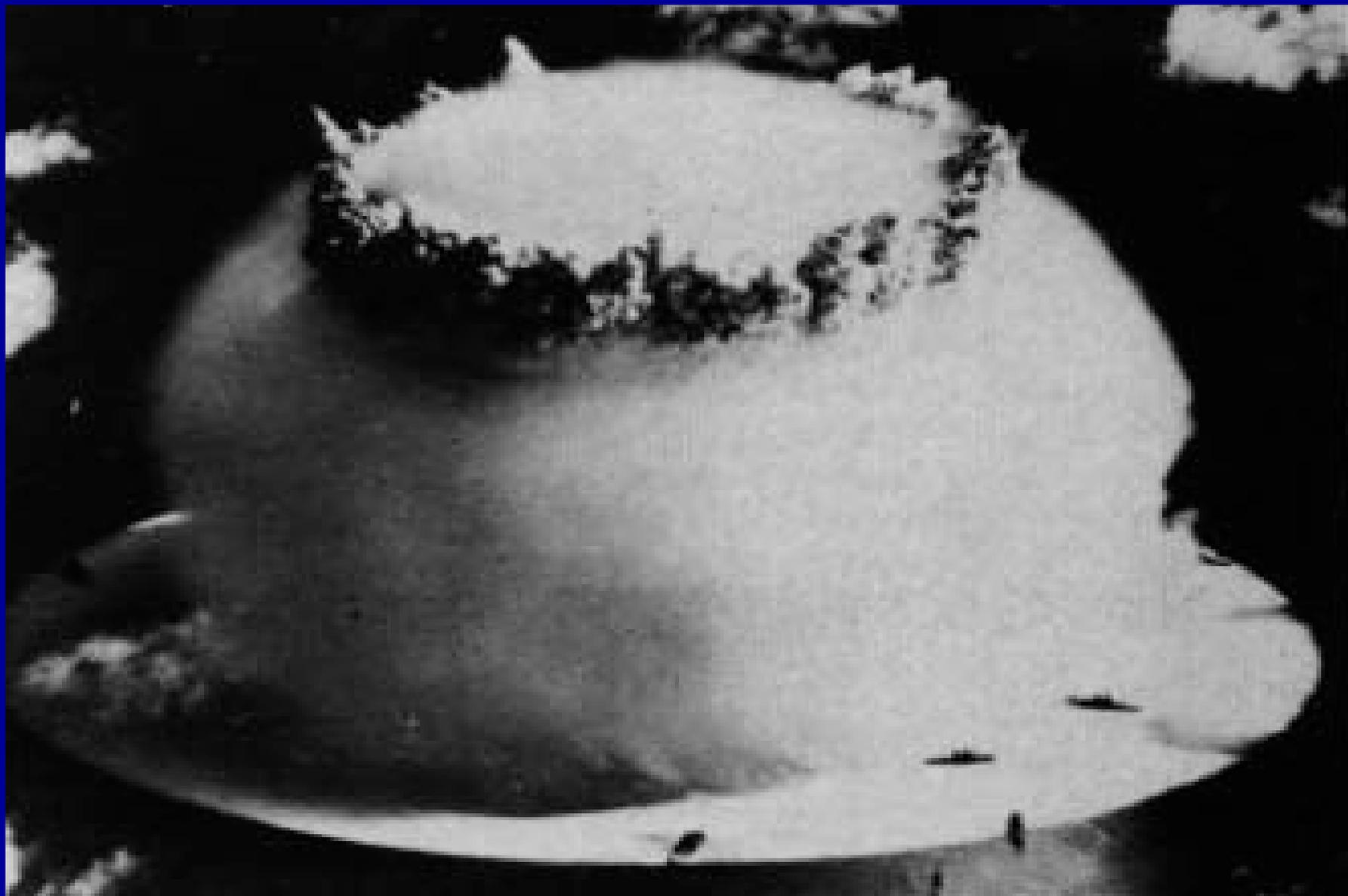
Bikini Atoll





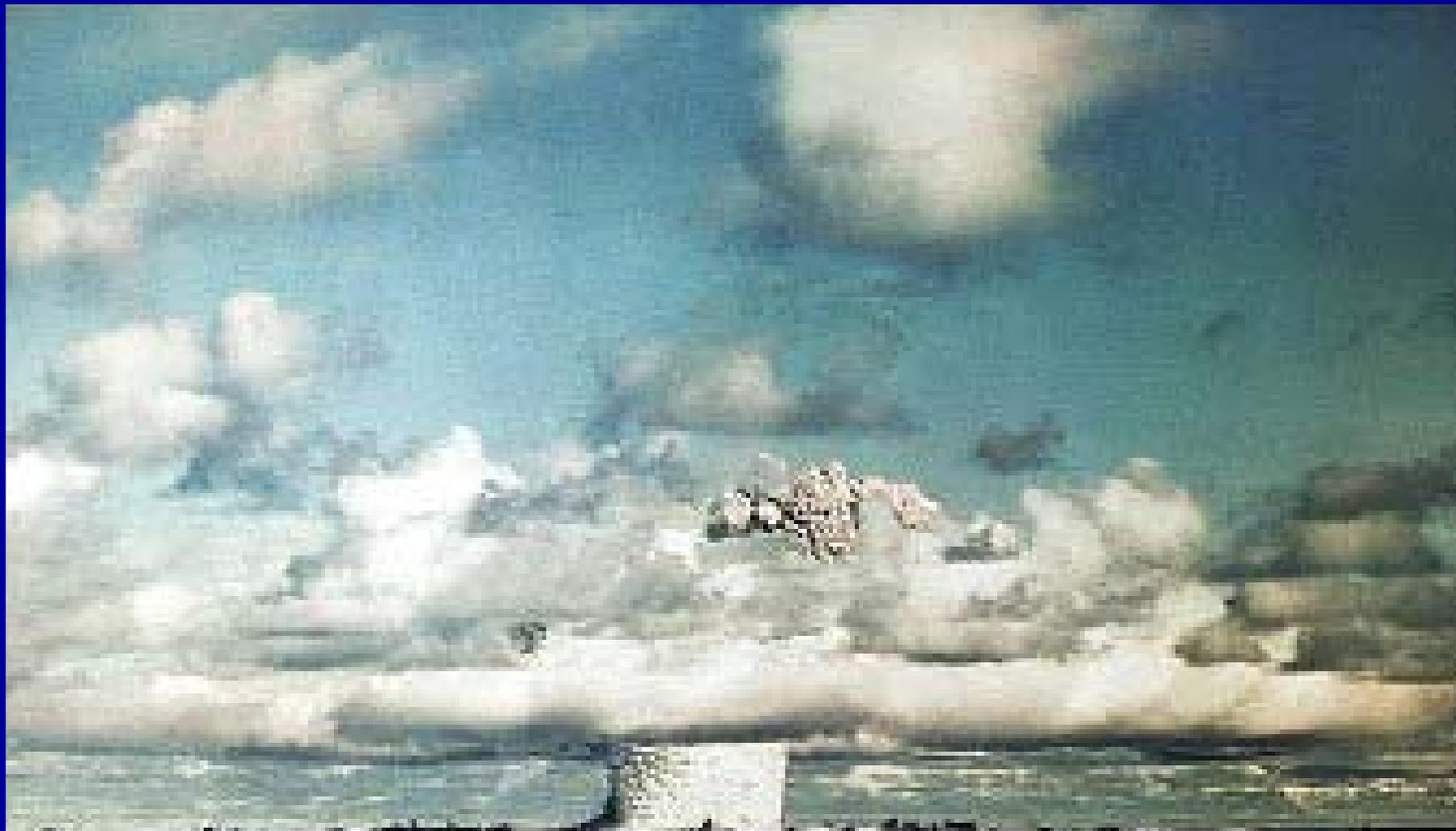
CROSSROADS " ABLE " PHOTO FROM ISLAND CAMERA

N-011



CROSSROADS " BAKER " PHOTO FROM AIRCRAFT

N-012



CROSSROADS " BAKER " PHOTO FROM ISLAND CAMERA

N-013

- **1948** -

BIKINI ATOLL

" SANDSTONE "

3 TESTS

10,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL

A black and white aerial photograph of a nuclear explosion. A large, bright, billowing mushroom cloud rises from the ocean's surface. The cloud's stem is thick and dark, tapering as it reaches the top where the large, white, billowing head is formed. The surrounding ocean is dark, with some smaller, distant islands visible. The entire scene is captured from a high altitude, looking down at the explosion.

SANDSTONE " X-RAY " - 04-14-48

- BIKINI ATOLL
37 KILOTONS

N-015



B-29 " OVEREXPOSED " AIR CREW BEING CHECKED FOR RADIATION AFTER RETURNING FROM ATOMIC CLOUD SAMPLING MISSION OVER BIKINI ATOLL

- 1951 -

NEVADA TEST SITE

" RANGER " & " BUSTER-JANGLE "
(11 TESTS) 7,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL

ENEWETAK ATOLL

" GREENHOUSE "
(5 TESTS) 7,500 + MILITARY PERSONNEL



CAMP DESERT ROCK MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSEMBLED
FOR ATOMIC WEAPONS TEST BRIEFINGS



GROUND OBSERVATION TROOPS ON WAY TO THEIR ASSIGNED
AREAS AT THE NEVADA ATOMIC TEST RANGE

N-019



MILITARY TROOPS PREPARING TO TAKE POSITIONS PRIOR TO NUCLEAR DETONATION AT NEVADA TEST RANGE

N-020



TROOPS WITH HEADS DOWN JUST PRIOR TO TEST
NOT WEARING ANY PROTECTIVE CLOTHING OR HELMETS

N-021



RANGER " BAKER 2 " - 02-02-51 - NEVADA TEST SITE
AIR DROP 8 KILOTONS

N-022



TEST TROOPS IN MIDST OF DUST CLOUD GENERATED
BY THE NUCLEAR WEAPON DETONATION BLAST

N-023



MILITARY TROOPS STROLLING AROUND GROUND ZERO
SHORTLY AFTER A TEST DETONATION

N-024



BUSTER " CHARLIE "
 AIR DROP

10-30-51

FRENCHMAN'S FLAT
 14 KILOTONS

N-025



MILITARY PERSONNEL PREPARED TO WITNESS THE
BUSTER " DOG " NUCLEAR WEAPON DETONATION



BUSTER "DOG"
AIR DROP

11-01-51

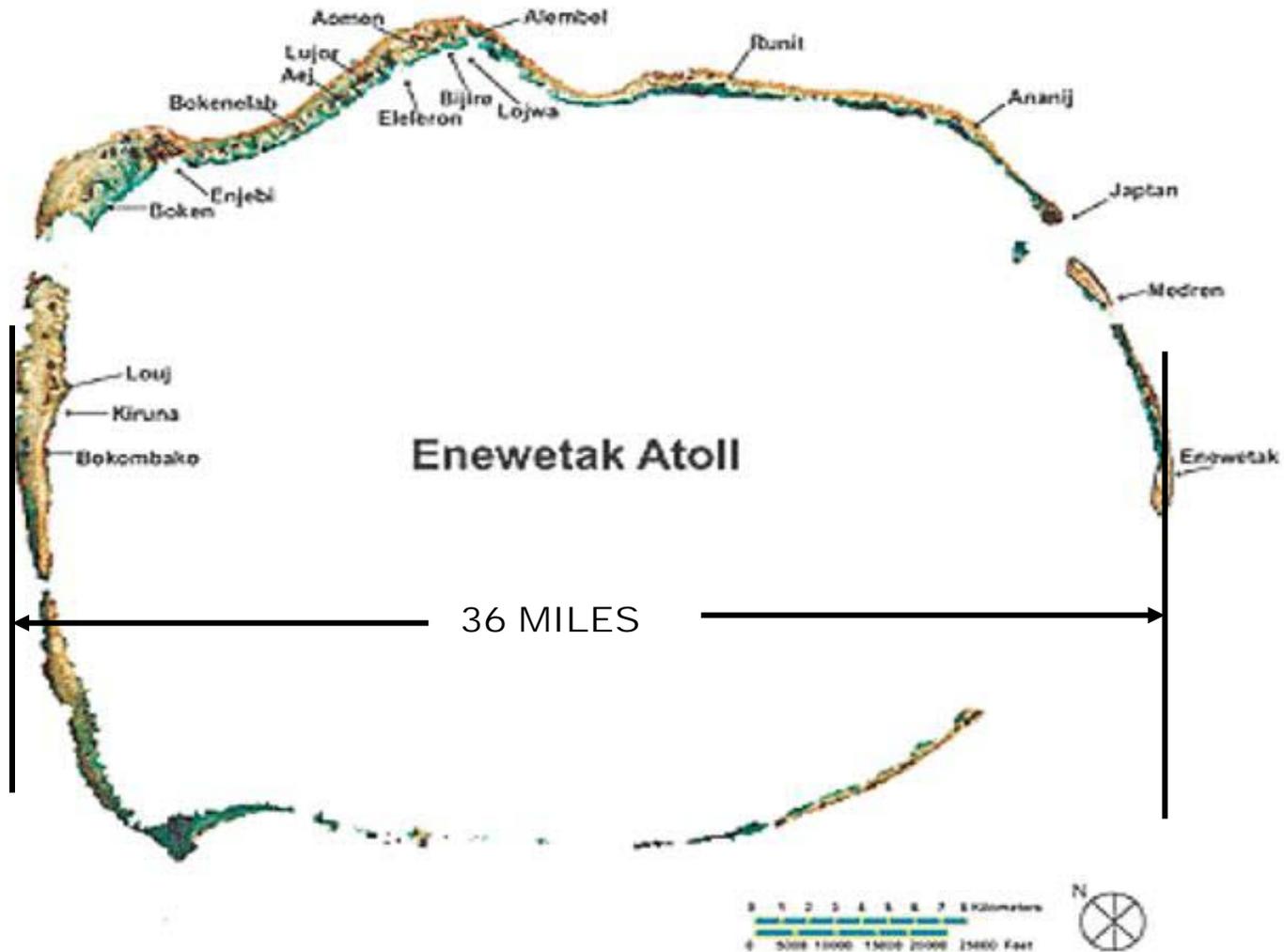
YUCCA FLATS
21 KILOTONS

N-027



LOADING CONTAMINATED TEST ANIMALS INTO SEALED
CONTAINERS FOR LAB STUDIES

N-028



ENEWETAK ATOLL IS 125 MILES SOUTHWEST OF BIKINI ATOLL
 THERE WERE 43 ATOMIC WEAPON TESTS AT ENEWETAK



GREENHOUSE " DOG " - 04-07-51 - ENEWETAK ATOLL
BARGE BURST 81 KILOTONS

N-030



TECHNICIANS ON TEST BARGE PREPARING THERMO-NUKE
DEVICE FOR THE " GEORGE " TEST

N-031



GREENHOUSE " GEORGE " - 05-08-51 - ENEWETAK ATOLL
BARGE BURST 225 KILOTONS

N-032



GREENHOUSE " ITEM " - 05-24-51 - ENEWETAK ATOLL
TOWER SHOT 45.5 KILOTONS

N-033



GREENHOUSE " ITEM " SHIPBOARD OBSERVERS

N-034

- 1952 -

NEVADA TEST SITE

" TUMBLER - SNAPPER "

(8 TESTS) 10,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL

ENEWETAK ATOLL

" IVY "

(2 TESTS) 12,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL



TUMBLER-SNAPPER " CHARLIE " 04-22-52 PYUTE MESA
AIR DROP 19 KILOTONS

N-036



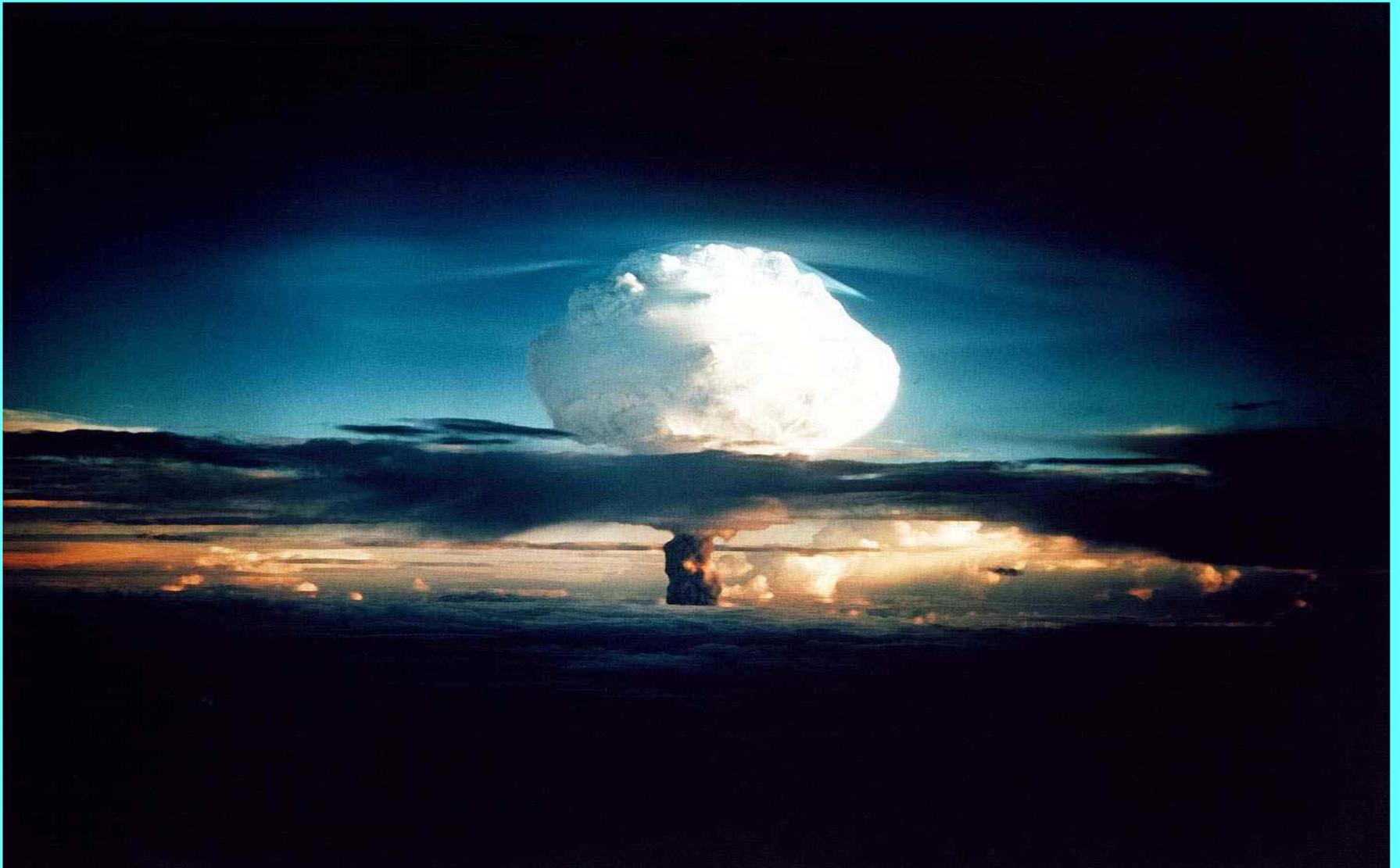
TUMBLER-SNAPPER " HOW "
TOWER SHOT

06-05-52

YUCCA FLATS

14 KILOTONS

N-037



IVY " MIKE "
FIRST HYDROGEN BOMB TEST

10-31-52

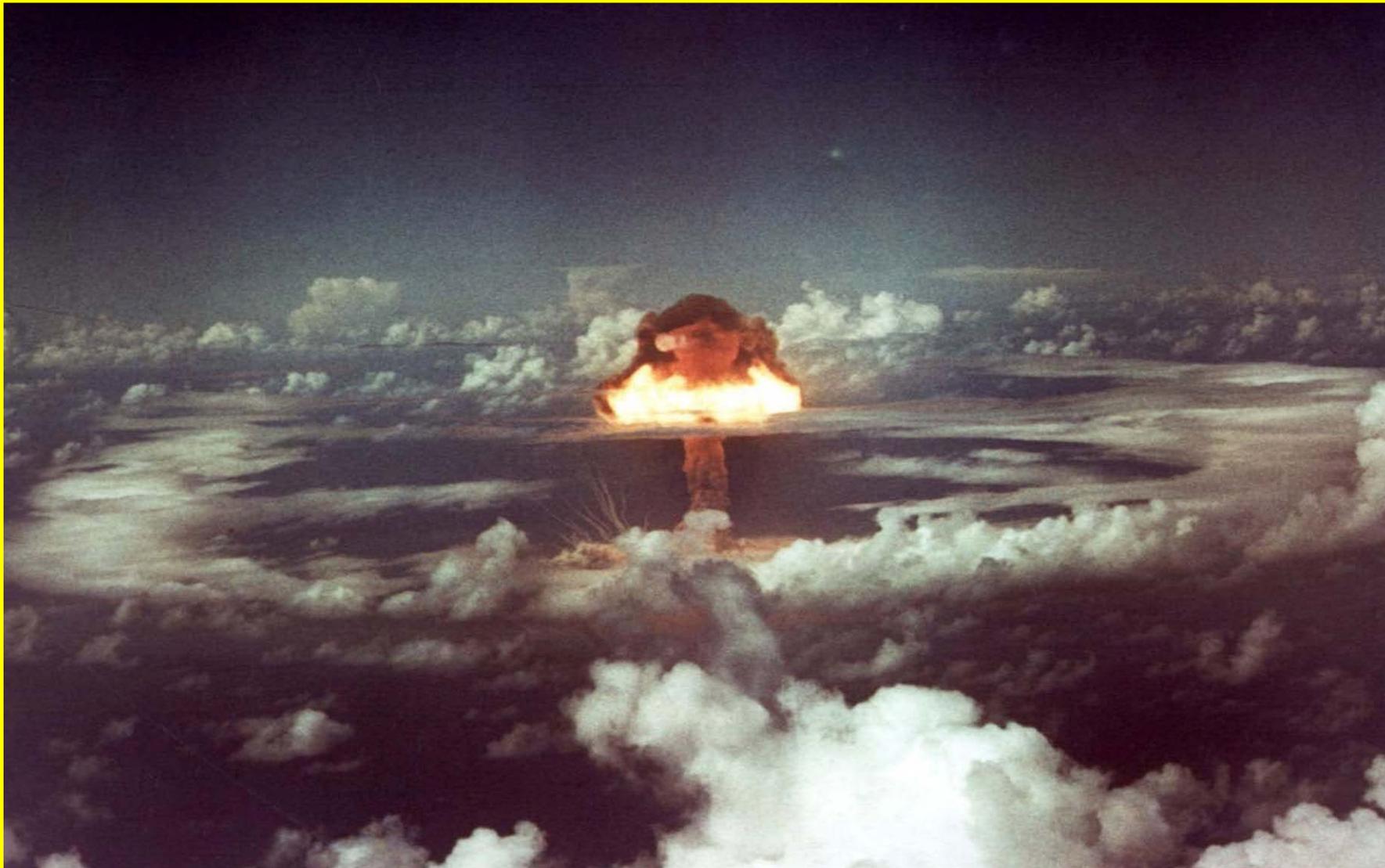
ENEWETAK ATOLL
10.4 MEGATONS

N-038



IVY " MIKE " PHOTO FROM SEA LEVEL CAMERA

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IVY " KING "
AIR DROP

11-15-52

ENEWETAK ATOLL
500 KILOTONS

N-040

- 1953 -

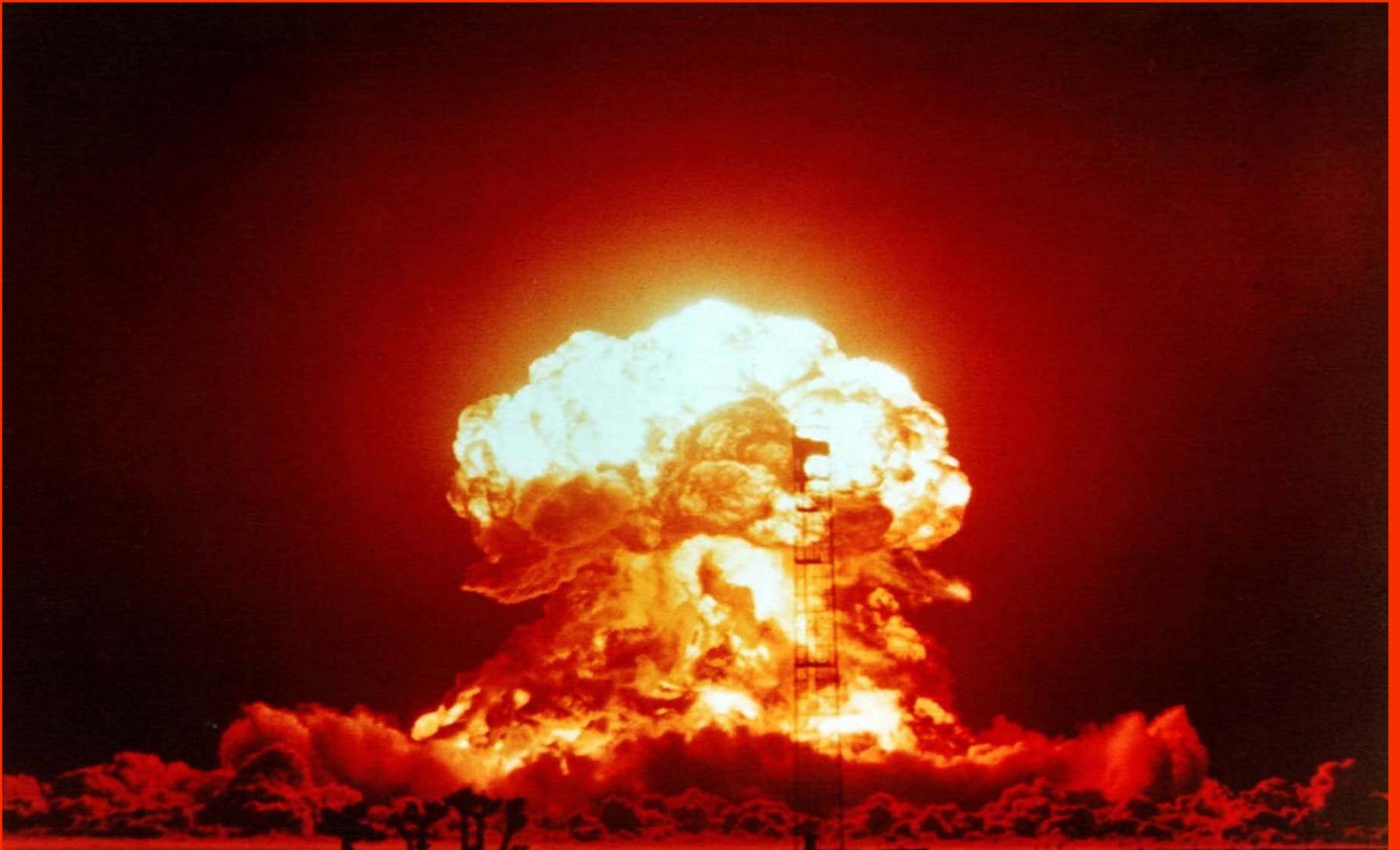
NEVADA TEST SITE

" UPSHOT - KNOTHOLE "

(11 TESTS) 21,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL

FIRST (LIVE NUKE) TEST OF THE MK-65

280 MM ATOMIC CANNON

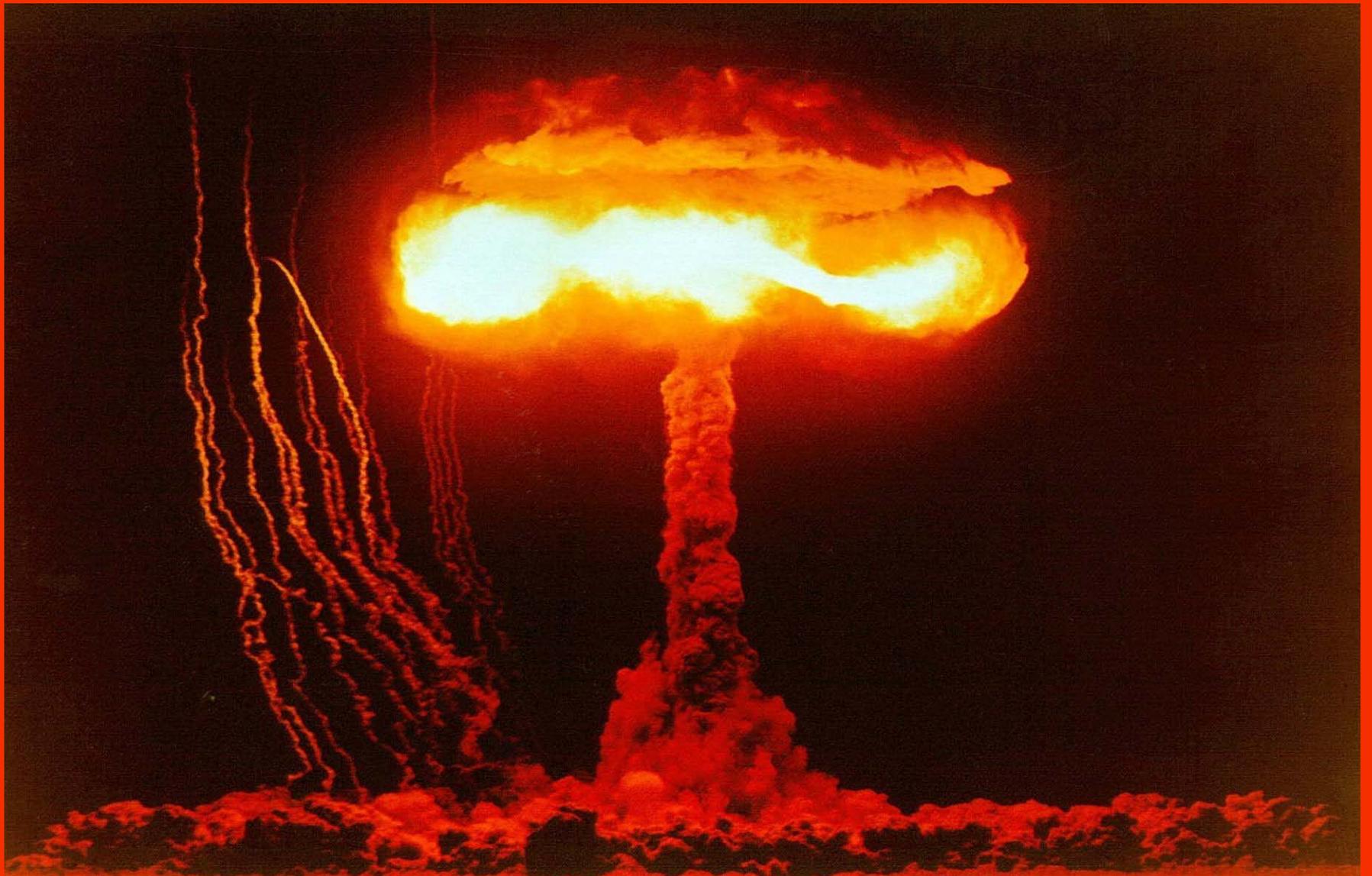


UP-KNOT "BADGER"
TOWER SHOT

04-18-53

NEVADA TEST SITE
23 KILOTONS

N-042



UP-KNOT " CLIMAX "
AIR DROP

06-04-53

NEVADA TEST SITE
61 KILOTONS

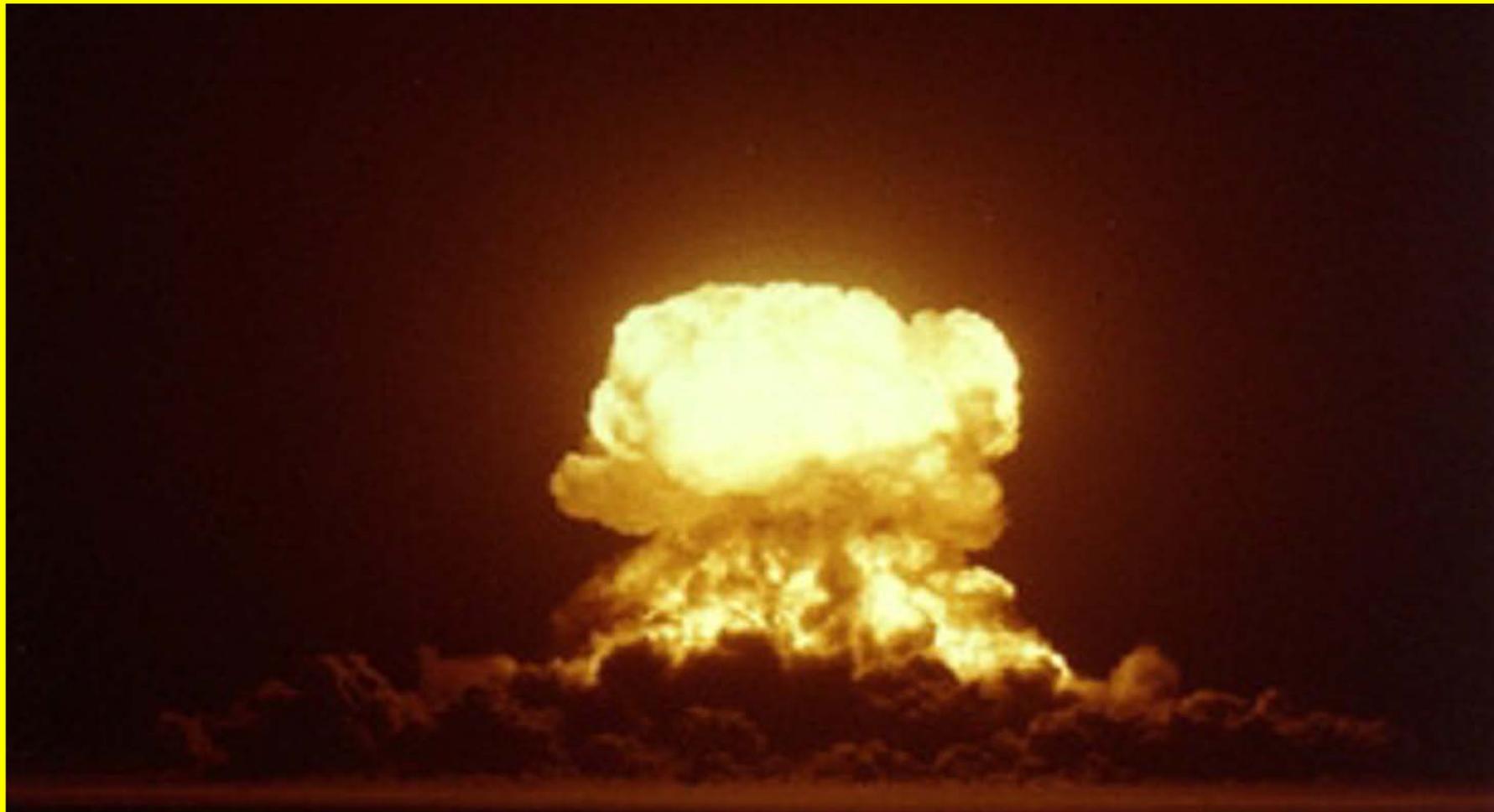
N-043



UP-KNOT " GRABLE " 05-25-53
5.8 MILES DOWNRANGE

FRENCHMAN'S FLAT
15 KILOTONS

N-044



UP-KNOT " HARRY "
TOWER SHOT

05-19-53

YUCCA FLATS
32 KILOTONS

N-045

- 1954 -

BIKINI ATOLL

" CASTLE "

(6 TESTS) 10,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL

JAPAN HARVESTED 480 METRIC
TONS OF RADIATED TUNA
AFTER THIS SERIES OF TESTS



CASTLE " BRAVO " 02-28-54 BIKINI ATOLL
BARGE BURST 15 MEGATONS

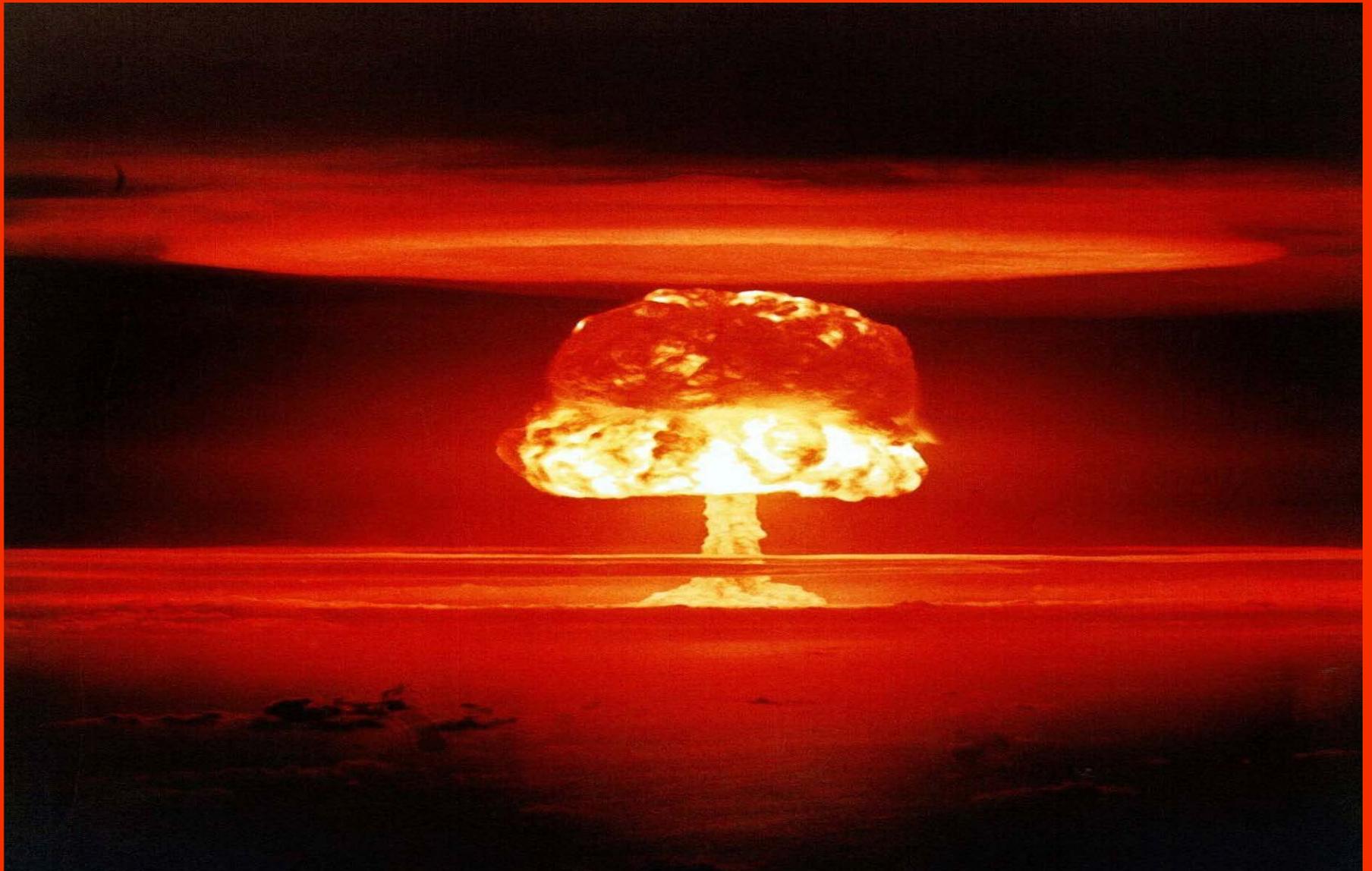
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03-24-54



NUCLEAR WEAPON BARGE PLATFORM BEING PREPARED
FOR THE CASTLE "ROMEO" TEST

N-048



CASTLE " ROMEO "
BARGE BURST

03-26-54

BIKINI ATOLL
11 MEGATONS

N-049

- 1955 -

NEVADA TEST SITE

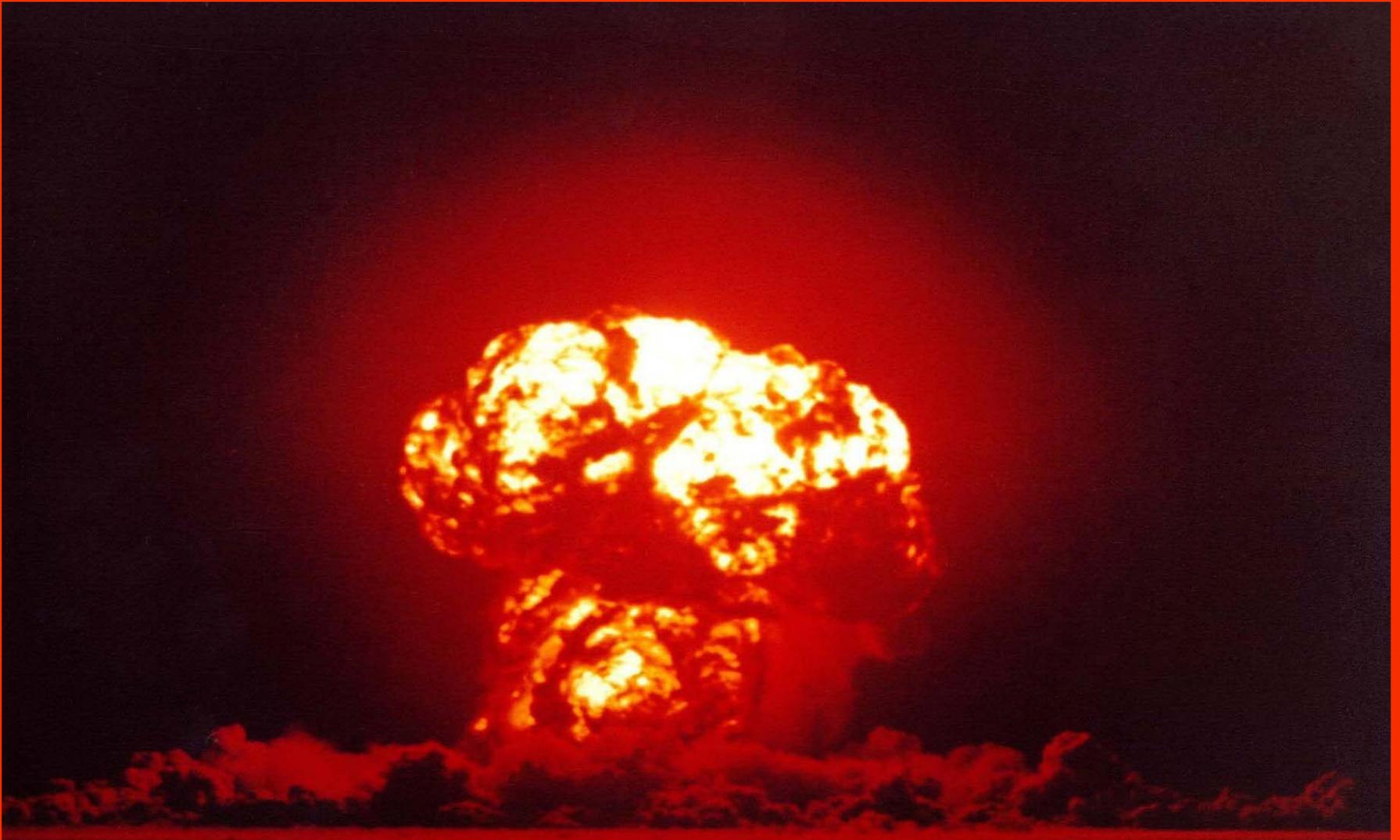
" TEAPOT "

(14 TESTS) 8,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL

CALIFORNIA COAST

" WIGWAM "

(1 TEST) 10,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL

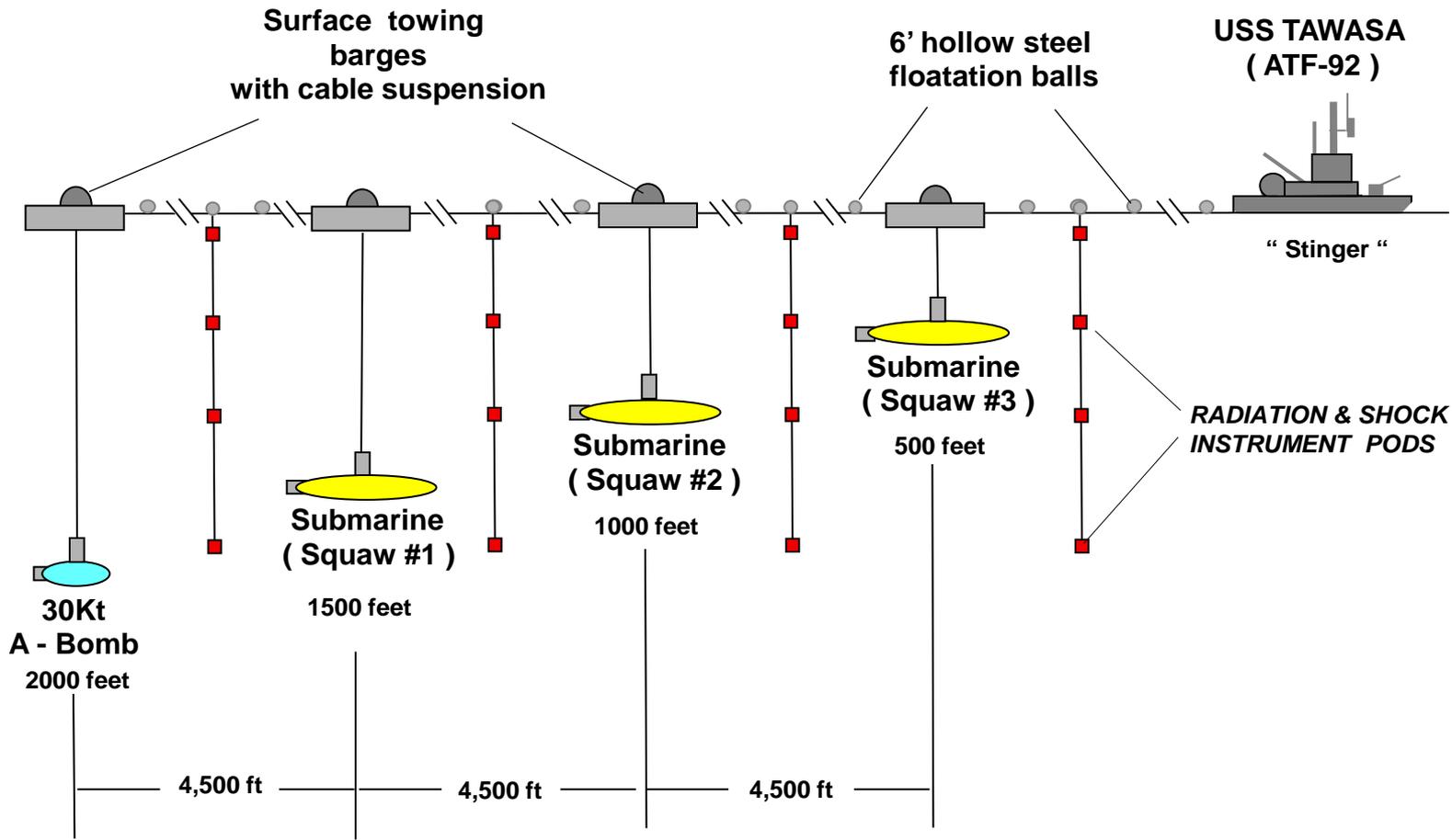


TEAPOT " TURK "
TOWER BURST

03-07-55

FRENCHMAN'S FLAT
43 KILOTONS

N-051



OPERATION WIGWAM - ATOMIC TEST TOWED ARRAY



WIGWAM " STINGER " PHOTO TAKEN FROM AIRCRAFT

N-053



F-84 PILOT DELIVERING " HOT " SEA WATER SAMPLES
SAN DIEGO NAVAL AIR STATION

N-054



TECHNICIAN USING 8 FOOT POLE TO REMOVE RADIATION
SAMPLES FROM AN AIRCRAFT WING POD

N-055



U.S.S. TAWASA (ATF-92) CREW IS SHOWN HERE RETRIEVING
SHOCK & RADIATION SENSORS



MULTIPLE RADIATION CHECKS AND SHOWERS WERE THE ORDER OF THE DAY FOR ALL " WIGWAM " SHIP'S CREW

N-057

- **1956** -

BIKINI ATOLL
&
ENEWETAK ATOLL

" REDWING "

(17 TESTS)

10,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL



REDWING " APACHE "
BARGE BURST

07-08-56

ENEWETAK ATOLL
1.9 MEGATONS

N-059



REDWING " DAKOTA "
BARGE BURST

06-25-56

ENEWETAK ATOLL
3 MEGATONS

N-060



REDWING " HURON "
BARGE BURST

07-21-56

ENEWETAK ATOLL
270 KILOTONS

N-061

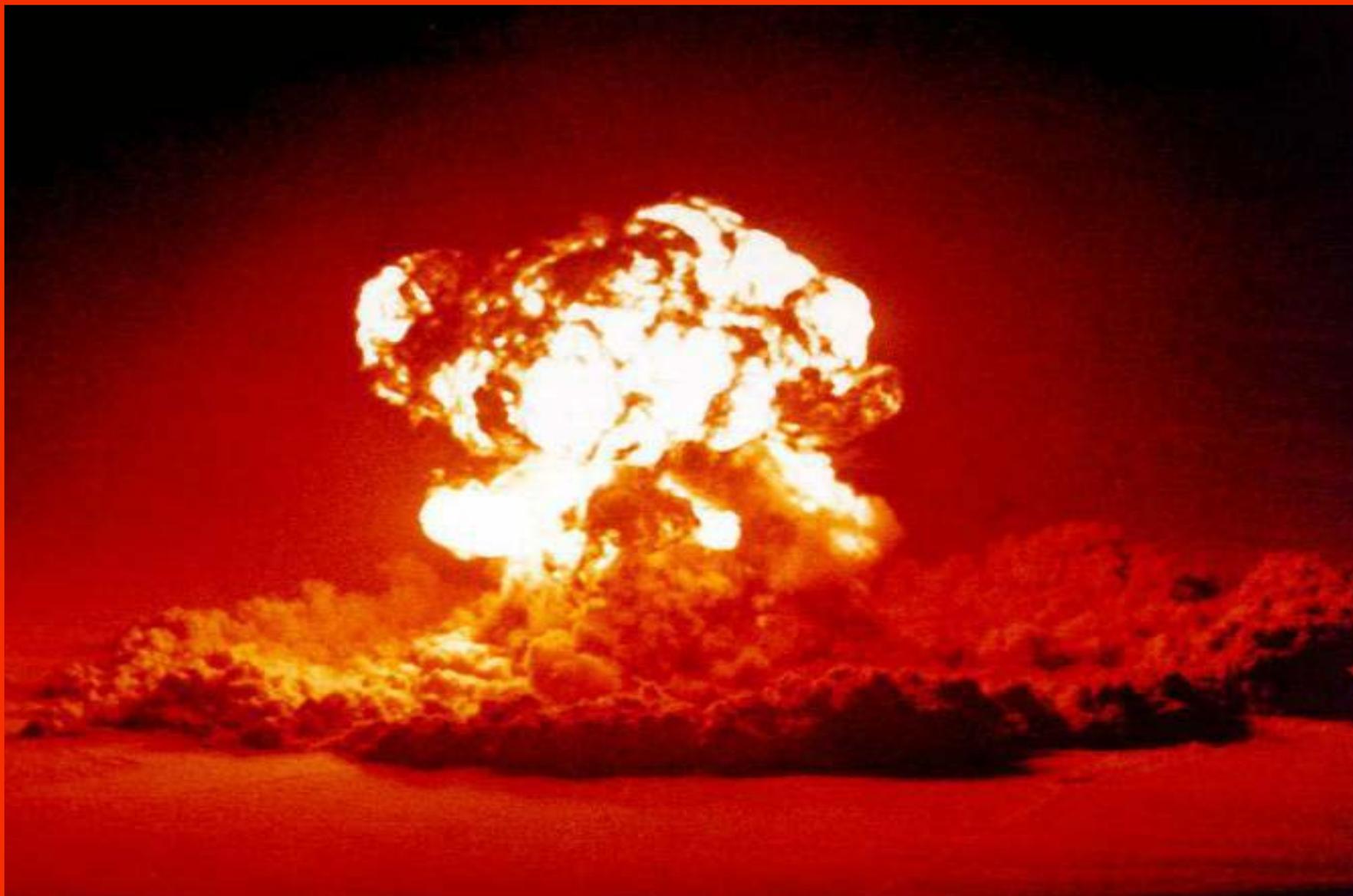
- 1957 -

NEVADA TEST SITE

" PLUMBBOB "

(29 TESTS)

18,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL



P - BOB " BOLTZMAN "
TOWER BURST

05-28-57

YUCCA FLATS
12 KILOTONS

N-063



P - BOB " STOKES "
TOWER BURST

08-07-57

YUCCA FLATS
19 KILOTONS

N-064



AIRBORNE TROOPS JUMPING INTO HOT ZONE AFTER
AN ATOMIC WEAPONS TEST DETONATION

N-065



AIRBORNE TROOPS ON THE WAY TO THEIR ASSIGNED
AREAS SHORTLY AFTER A NUCLEAR TEST

N-066



AIRBORNE TROOPS WALKING INTO GROUND ZERO SHORTLY
AFTER AN NUCLEAR WEAPON TEST DETONATION

N-067



P - BOB " PRISCILLA "
BALLOON TEST

06-24-57

FRENCHMAN FLAT
37 KILOTONS

N-068



*P -BOB "HOOD"
1500 FT. BALLOON TEST*

07-05-57

*FRENCHMAN'S FLAT
74 KILOTONS*

N-069

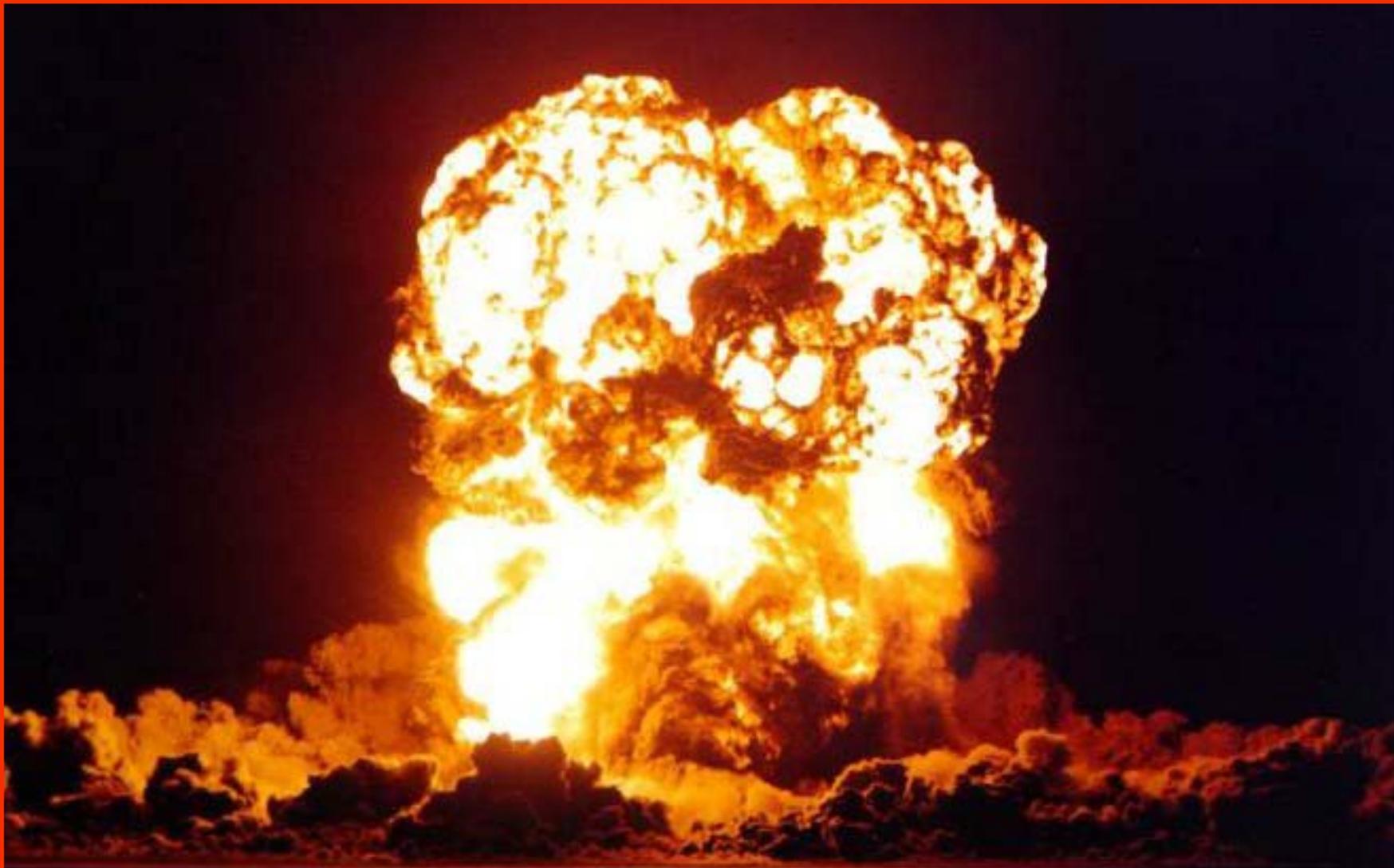


P - BOB " FIZEAU "
SURFACE BURST

09-14-57

RAINER MESA
11 KILOTONS

N-070



P - BOB " SMOKY "
TOWER BURST

08-31-57

FRENCHMAN'S FLAT
44 KILOTONS

N-071

- 1958 -

BIKINI - ENEWETAK - JOHNSTON IS.

" HARTACK I " (35 TESTS)

SOUTH ATLANTIC

" ARGUS " (3 TESTS)

NEVADA TEST SITE

" HARDTACK II " (37 TESTS)

INCLUDING 25,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL



H-TACK I " BUTTERNUT "
BARGE BURST

05-11-58

ENEWETAK
1.3 MEGATONS

N-073



H-TACK I " OAK "
BARGE BURST

06-28-58

ENEWETAK
8.9 MEGATONS

N-074



H-TACK I " OAK " VIEWED BY GROUND OBSERVERS

N-075



H-TACK I " UMBRELLA " 06-08-58
UNDERWATER WEAPONS TEST

ENEWETAK
12 KILOTONS

N-076

- **1962** -

NEVADA TEST SITE

" NOUGAT "

CHRISTMAS ISLAND

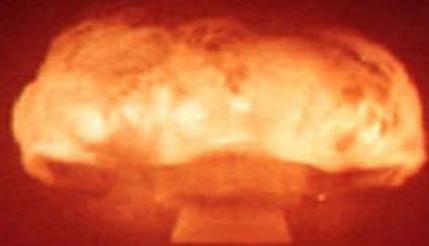
" DOMINIC I "

JOHNSTON ISLAND

" FISHBOWL "

(86 TESTS) 31,000 + MILITARY PERSONNEL

N-077



DOMINIC " BLUESTONE "
AIR DROP

06-30-62

CHRISTMAS ISLAND
1.3 MEGATONS

N-078



DOMINIC " ARKANSAS " AIR DROP

05-02-62

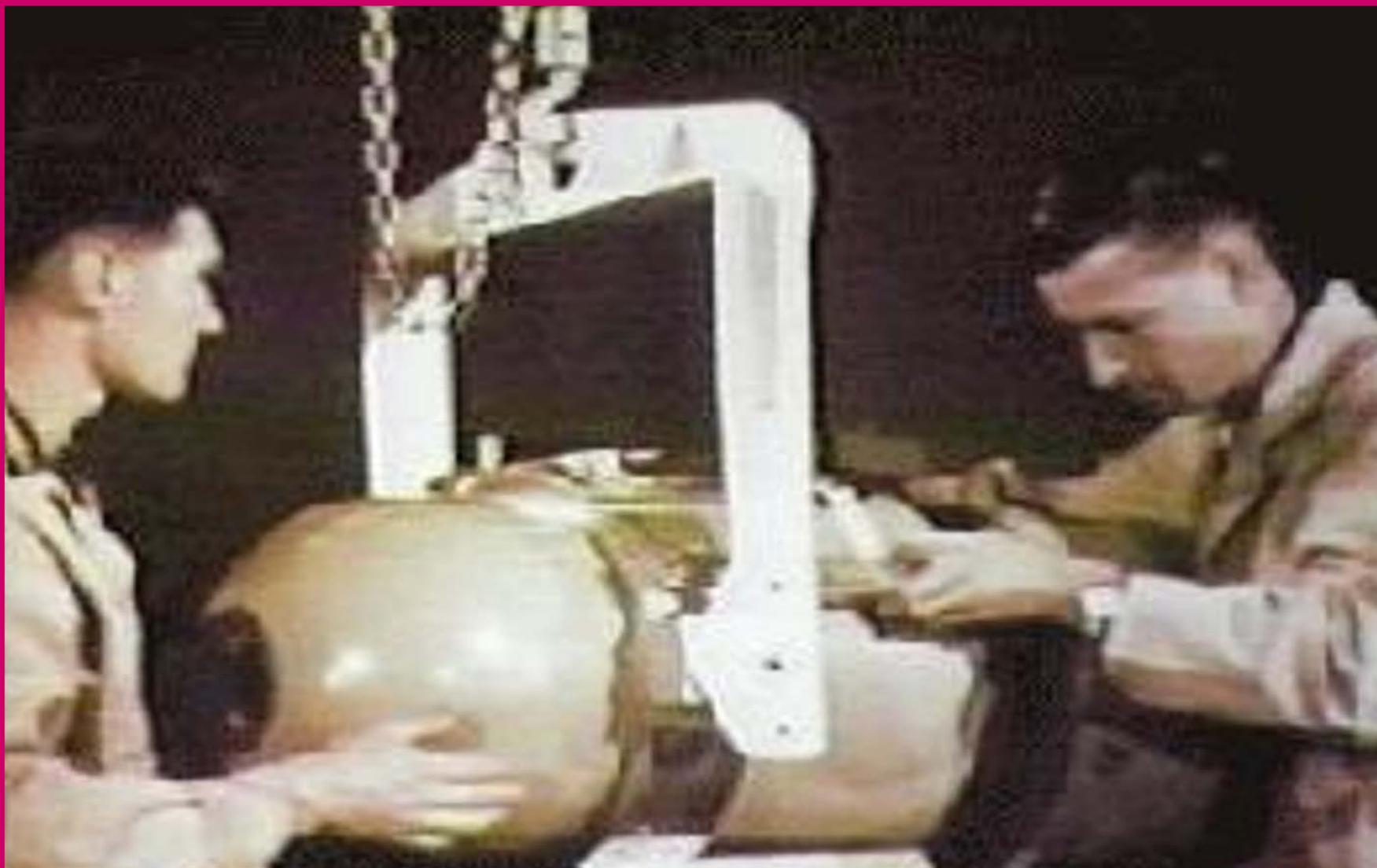
CHRISTMAS ISLAND
1.9 MEGATONS

N-079



" FRIGATE BIRD " AS SEEN FROM CHRISTMAS ISLAND
BY A GROUP OF BRITISH MILITARY OBSERVERS

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AIR FORCE TECHS LOADING NUCLEAR WEAPON INTO AIRCRAFT
FOR ONE OF THE OPERATION DOMINIC TESTS

N-081

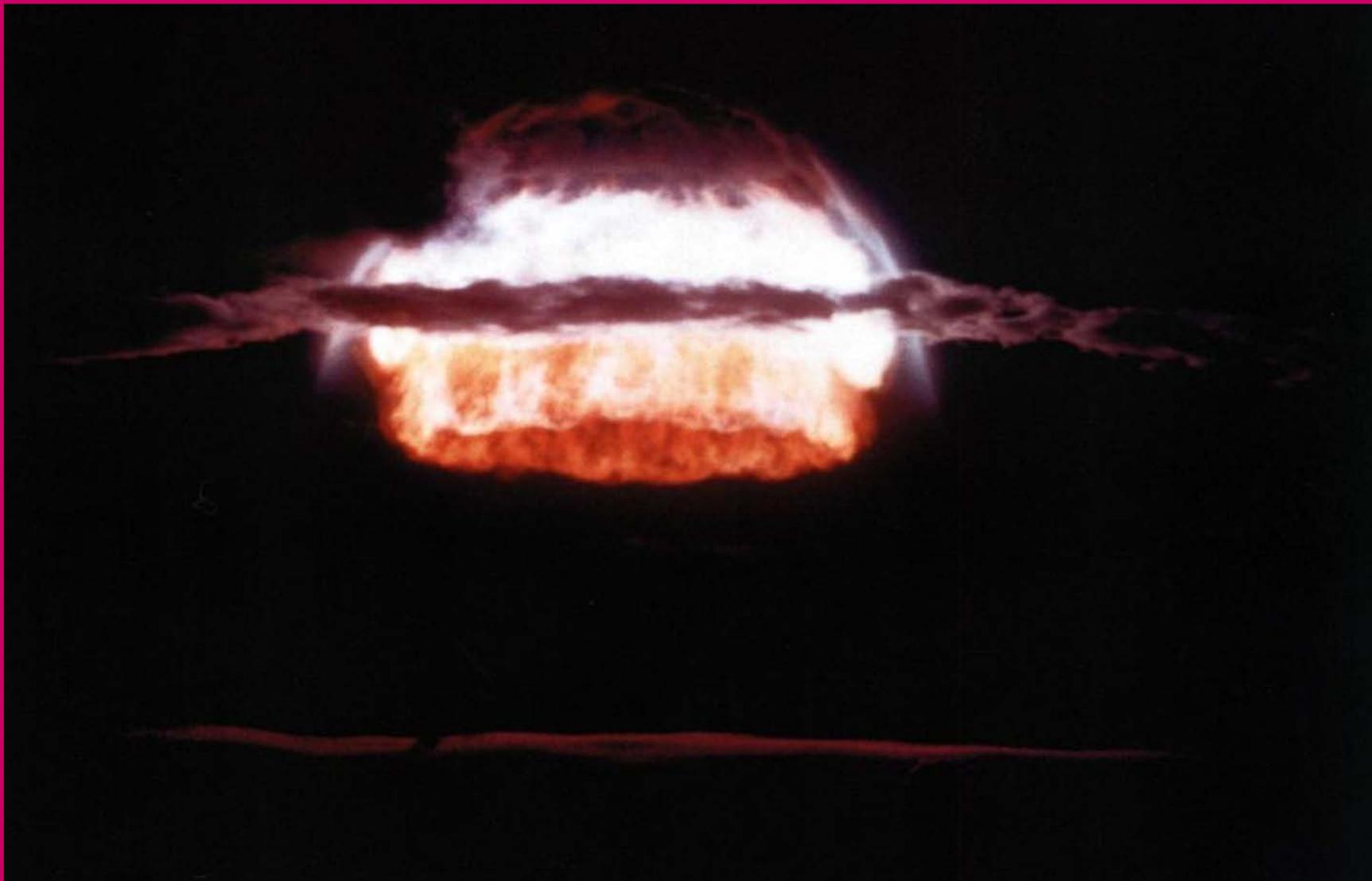


DOMINIC " YESO "
AIR DROP

06-10-62

CHRISTMAS ISLAND
1.5 MEGATONS

N-082



DOMINIC " TANANA "
AIR DROP

05-27-62

CHRISTMAS ISLAND
73 KILOTONS

N-083



W-54 DAVEY CROCKETT WARHEAD ON A RECOIL-LESS RIFLE
PU-239 CORE 22 TONS TO 1 KT RANGE 2.5 MILES

N-084



SUNBEAM "LITTLE FELLER I" 07-17-62
W-54 RRN GROUND BURST

PHAUTE MESA
.5KT

N-085

- 1993 -

*SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(WILLIAM J. PERRY)*

*FINALLY RELEASES
AMERICA'S ATOMIC VETERANS
FROM THEIR (48 YEAR)
OATHS OF SECRECY*

*HAVING BEEN RELEASED
FROM THEIR OATH'S OF
SECRECY, ATOMIC VETERANS
CAN NOW CLAIM THAT THEY
WERE INVOLVED IN NUCLEAR
WEAPONS TESTING EVENTS,
THAT MAY HAVE RESULTED
IN THEIR BEING EXPOSED
TO IONIZING RADIATION
PARTICLES*

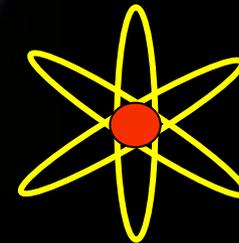
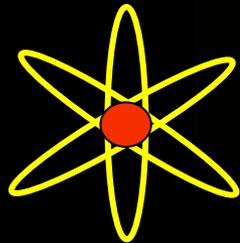
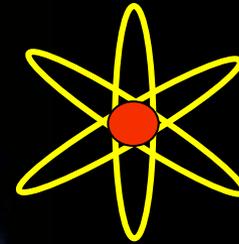
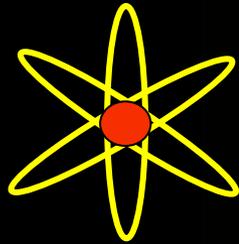
*THIS IS ALL WELL AND GOOD
HOWEVER;
THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF
ATOMIC VETERANS, ACROSS
THE COUNTRY, WHO ARE
NOT AWARE THAT THEY CAN
NOW TELL ANYONE ABOUT
THEIR PARTICIPATION IN
NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS,
WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY.*

THE BURDEN OF PROOF OF SUCH PARTICIPATION, HOWEVER, IS STILL THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ATOMIC VETERAN, WHO IS, IN MOST CASES, IN ILL HEALTH, NOT COMPUTER LITERATE, CANNOT FULLY UNDERSTAND, OR NEGOTIATE THE STACK OF FORMS REQUIRED BY THE D.V.A. WHEN FILING A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION OR MEDICAL CARE.

*THEY ALSO FEEL THAT THEY
ARE GROSSLY LIMITED IN
THEIR ABILITY TO RECEIVE
PROPER ASSISTANCE FROM
V.A.M.C. MEDICAL
PERSONNEL WHO MAY NOT
BE FULLY INFORMED IN
IONIZING RADIATION
EXPOSURE HEALTH ISSUES.*

NAAV HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS FROM ATOMIC VET'S WHO REPORTED FOR AN IONIZING RADIATION EXAM, ONLY TO BE ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS, THEN RELEASED. THE VAMC DID NOT PERFORM A COMPLETE EXAM, NOR DID THEY DO ANY BLOOD OR URANALYSIS TESTS, AS REQUIRED BY THEIR (VA FURNISHED) I. R. R. PROCEDURES MANUAL.

WHAT IS THE LEGACY OF AMERICA'S ATOMIC VETERANS



AS VIEWED FROM THEIR OWN
COLLECTIVE PERSPECTIVES





1979

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