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An example of a poster urging people to save food or face the consequences later



In Conclusion (Graham Jones)

Producing this Journal, I reflected on my career after the war. At the time, knowing so many who had served in the war, it seemed my patriotic duty to spend the first eleven years of my working life at the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment designing thermonuclear weapons with the objective of protecting the UK (and the rest of the world) from the then super powers, Russia and the USA. Subsequently, like so many who fought in WWII, it has not been something I wanted to talk about.

Barbara and I went to Japan about four years ago and went to Hiroshima expecting, in our ignorance, complete desolation; possibly having to wear radiation detectors etc.; but the reality was quite the opposite. Ground zero, under the centre of the detonation, is now in a very pleasant park, marked by a small mound. The surrounding area has been rebuilt with the exception of one building, which, having a steel frame, partially survived the blast and has been retained to remind future generations of the horrors of war. It illustrates how transient all human endeavour is, compared with nature.

