

Jacob Beser

Jacob Beser was a decorated World War II veteran and a 1st Lt. in the US Air Corps' 509th Composite Group. He had worked with Drs. Doll and Ramsey on the Manhattan Project and contributed to the design and testing of the atomic bomb radar proximity fusing mechanism. Because of his technical expertise, he was chosen to fly as a crew member on both the Enola Gay and the Bocks Car, the strike airplanes that delivered the atomic bombs to Hiroshima and Nagasaki and thus became a unique man in history.

In recognition of the role he played in these historical events, he was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Beser retired from Westinghouse Electric Corporation in 1985 after 28 years of service. In 1985 he published his first book "Hiroshima Nagasaki Revisited". In this book he related some of his experiences during the development testing and delivery of the bombs as well as his experiences during a trip to Japan in 1985 for the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He also, in this book, bluntly responded to revisionist historians aided by the liberal media who were attempting to rewrite history.



The use of the atomic bombs to effectively bring an end to World War II has been a fertile ground for peace activists, propagandist and left-wing liberals every since the bombs were used. As a result there are lots of stories circulating - some true, some myths and some misconceptions. Since Beser had participated in the design of the weapon, the selection of targets and the deployment of both bombs he had first hand knowledge of the events that took place during that time in history.

In 1990 Beser started this book in which he planned to set straight the record of the Nagasaki mission and refute the guilt, remorse and insanity myths and erroneous stories of the bomber's crew members that were being advanced by anti-nuclear activists. In this book he planned to disclose the facts and provide supporting documentation as well as provide some insight into the reasoning behind the decision to use the bombs. To support his positions he collected and stored in his private office at home a vast archive of related material. Unfortunately cancer intervened in 1992 and he was unable to complete his ambitious undertaking. The book "The Rising Sun Sets - The Complete Story of the Bombing of Nagasaki" is the result of the combined effort of Jacob Beser, his son Jerome and a personal friend Jack Spangler.