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>The Nevada experiments on American soldiers:

>In 1951 the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on or near  
>American soldiers in Nevada. This activity continued for 12  
>years at The Nevada Test Site, during the atmospheric nuclear  
>testing period that ended in 1963."

><http://www.angelfire.com/tx/atomicveteran/exposed.html>

While the story about how these soldiers were irresponsibly, even criminally, exposed to radiation during these tests ought to be particularly disturbing to every American, the claim that atomic bombs were dropped on troops for 12 years beginning in 1951 is false.

Big difference between near and on, although it certainly is not hard to forgive this guy for being imprecise in his choice of words. Knowing the difference, we don't have to repeat it.

>Can you imagine what is not known?

Sorry, Serge, but this is an Argumentum ad ignorantiam, an "argument from ignorance". The fallacy occurs because it's argued that something must be true, simply because it hasn't been proved false.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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