

A Man Who Lost His Hair and Died Bleeding

Atsumu Yamashita, age 20, was injured
By the A-Bomb while doing demolition work—
He recovered from his injuries
Enough to walk around—
But soon he began bleeding from
His nose—
He lost his hair—
He developed purple spots
Under his skin
And died vomiting blood at the end of August—
He was conscious and lucid
To the end

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