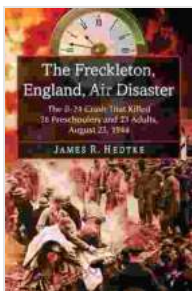


The 24 Crash That Killed 38 Preschoolers And 23 Adults August 23 1944

On August 23, 1944, a B-24 Liberator bomber crashed into a residential area in San Diego, California, killing 38 preschoolers and 23 adults. The crash was the deadliest aviation accident in San Diego history and the deadliest aviation accident involving a B-24 Liberator.



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The B-24 Liberator was a heavy bomber used by the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. The bomber was known for its long range and heavy payload capacity. The B-24 Liberator was also known for its high accident rate. Between 1941 and 1945, there were over 1,000 B-24 Liberator crashes, resulting in the deaths of over 4,000 people.

The crash in San Diego was caused by a combination of factors, including pilot error and mechanical failure. The pilot of the B-24 Liberator was

attempting to land at Lindbergh Field when he lost control of the aircraft. The bomber crashed into a residential area, destroying several homes and killing dozens of people.

The crash had a profound impact on the San Diego community. The city was still reeling from the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the crash of the B-24 Liberator was a further blow to morale. The crash also led to increased scrutiny of the safety of military aircraft.

In the years since the crash, there have been several memorials built to commemorate the victims. The most prominent memorial is the 24 Crash Memorial Park, which is located on the site of the crash. The park includes a monument to the victims, as well as a playground and a picnic area.

The 24 Crash is a reminder of the dangers of war and the importance of remembering those who have died in service to their country.

The Victims

The victims of the 24 Crash were mostly women and children. The youngest victim was just 18 months old. The oldest victim was 65 years old.

The victims included 38 preschoolers who were attending the Happy Home Preschool. The preschool was located in a converted house on Granada Avenue. The children were between the ages of 2 and 5 years old.

The victims also included 23 adults, including the pilot and crew of the B-24 Liberator. The adults were mostly residents of the neighborhood who were killed when their homes were destroyed by the crash.

The Aftermath

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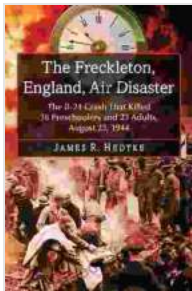
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