

The Unsolved Mystery of the Disappearance of Six US Navy Aircraft in December

On December 5, 1945, six US Navy aircraft disappeared without a trace while on a training mission over the Bermuda Triangle. The planes, known as Flight 19, were part of a larger group of five TBM Avenger torpedo bombers and two PBM Mariner flying boats. The aircraft were piloted by experienced aviators, and there was no distress signal or any other indication of what happened to them. The disappearance of Flight 19 remains one of the most enduring and perplexing mysteries in aviation history.



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The Flight Plan

Flight 19 departed from Naval Air Station Banana River in Florida at 2:00 PM on December 5, 1945. The flight plan called for the aircraft to fly to the

northwest for 120 miles, then turn to the east and fly for 100 miles, and then turn back to the south and fly back to Banana River. The entire flight was expected to take about two hours.

The Disappearance

The aircraft took off without incident, and they were last seen by a witness on the ground at approximately 2:30 PM. At 3:20 PM, the flight leader, Lieutenant Commander Charles Taylor, radioed to the control tower at Banana River and reported that he was lost. Taylor said that he could not see land and that he was running out of fuel. The control tower tried to give Taylor directions, but he was unable to follow them. At 4:00 PM, Taylor's radio signal was lost.

A search and rescue operation was immediately launched, but no trace of the aircraft or their crews was ever found. The search operation continued for several days, but it was eventually called off.

Theories

There are many theories about what happened to Flight 19. Some believe that the aircraft were lost due to a navigational error. Others believe that the aircraft were sabotaged. Still others believe that the aircraft were abducted by aliens.

The most likely explanation is that the aircraft were lost due to a navigational error. The weather conditions on the day of the flight were poor, and it is possible that the pilots became disoriented. The aircraft may have also run out of fuel, which would have caused them to crash into the ocean.

The Legacy

The disappearance of Flight 19 remains one of the most enduring and perplexing mysteries in aviation history. The mystery has been the subject of numerous books, articles, and documentaries. It has also been the inspiration for several works of fiction, including the 1977 film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

The disappearance of Flight 19 is a reminder of the dangers of flying over the ocean. It is also a reminder of the importance of good navigation and communication skills. The mystery of Flight 19 will likely never be solved, but it will continue to fascinate and intrigue people for years to come.



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