



Photo of a similar Northrop A-17 at Oxnard Field in the early 1940's

A-17 crash site near Albuquerque, NM

DATE November 17, 1941

AIRCRAFT Army Air Force A-17, Airplane No. 35-122

GENERAL LOCATION Cibola National Forest, Sandia District, Bear Canyon

PEOPLE ABOARD Two. One Pilot and his Mechanic

REFERENCE Report from Operations Officer, Air Base Headquarters, Albuquerque, to Members of the Aircraft Accident Classification Committee

HISTORY

This history is taken from the reference. Refer to that for a more detailed crash description.

Returning from a routine training mission, the aircraft was flown eastward into Bear Canyon east of Albuquerque, NM, and crashed up on the canyon wall. A fire ensued destroying the aircraft and cremating (sic) the pilot and passenger. In the Operations Officer's personal opinion "this crash was not due to a mechanical failure."

Many crash explorers have since visited the site where a lot of wreckage remains. This site is more than 50 years old and is in a National Forest, so it is illegal to remove artifacts from this site without special permission from the proper authorities.