

B-52B crash site north of Cebolleta, NM

DATE April 7, 1961

AIRCRAFT USAF B-52B bomber, "Ciudad Juarez," A/C No. 53-380

GENERAL LOCATION Private land north of Cebolleta, NM

PEOPLE ABOARD Eight USAF B-52B crew members

REFERENCES Official USAF Accident Report & newspaper articles

HISTORY

The B-52B, stationed at Biggs AFB, was flying over New Mexico on a routine combat training mission. Meanwhile, two F-100A Air National Guard fighters from Albuquerque were doing practice intercepts on the bomber. Due to a malfunction in the firing mechanism on one fighter's rocket, a GAR-8 missile was accidentally launched and hit the B-52B. Three crew members died in the event and the other five bailed out and survived. This was the only event of a B-52B bomber being shot down in the United States by a USAF ANG fighter.

The landowner has been approached for permission to visit the crash site. He has refused permission to allow site visitations



Photo of a similar Boeing B-52B aircraft