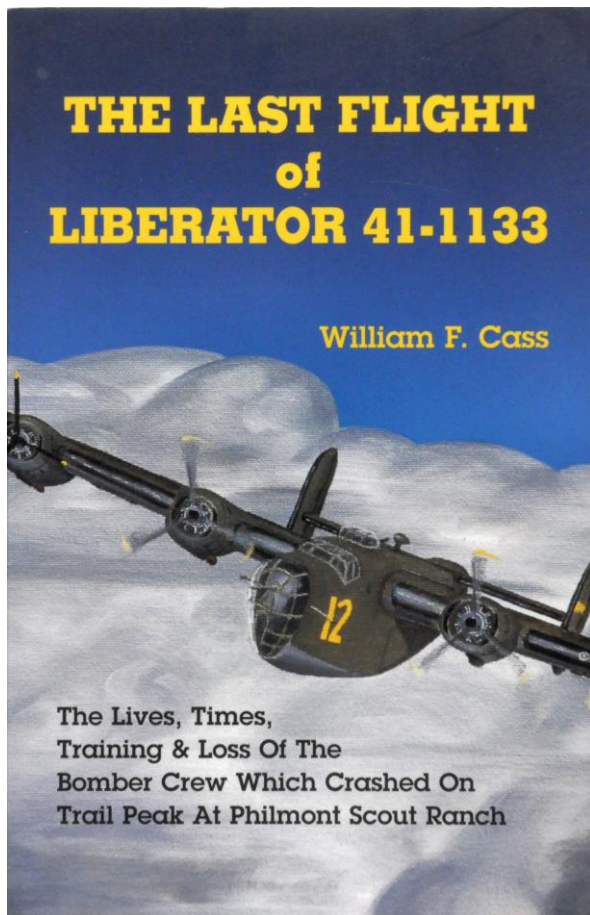


The Last Flight of Liberator 41-1133

During WWII Training Flight Crash Near Philmont Scout Ranch

During WWII Kirtland Army Air Force Base in Albuquerque had a four-engine training school that prepared air crews the final training before going over-seas. The school had a group of B-24 Liberators that crews used for there training flights. The school had 16 aircraft assigned here, each plane had a large number painted on the nose, 1 through 16. Number 12 in the group was on a routine cross country training flight from Albuquerque to Kansas City, Missouri, On April 22, 1942. While flying over the Cimarron, New Mexico area the plane flight ended in disaster when it hit the crest of Trail Peak. The 10,242 foot high mountain is located on the Philmont Scout Ranch lands.

Its one of the points that many scouts have been to on there visits to the ranch. One of the working summers collage student scout councilors, William F. Cass who had been to the site on many occasions, then later got into flying became interested in the history of what and how this event had come to happen. This book covers in great detail the story of this tragic event.



A group of the B-24's from the Kirtland school on a training flight.