

How the Navy Lost a Nuclear Bomb

Casemate: The True Story

In the early hours of January 21, 1968, a U.S. Navy plane carrying a nuclear bomb crashed into the ocean off the coast of Palomares, Spain. The bomb's casemate, a massive steel cylinder designed to protect the weapon from impact, was lost in the crash. It took the Navy weeks to find the casemate, and even then, they were unable to recover it.



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The Crash

The plane that crashed into the ocean off the coast of Palomares was a B-52 bomber. The bomber was carrying four nuclear bombs, each of which was encased in a steel casemate. The casemates were designed to protect the bombs from impact, but they were not designed to withstand a crash into the ocean.

The B-52 was on a training mission when it crashed. The plane was flying at low altitude when it encountered a flock of birds. The birds caused the plane to lose control, and it crashed into the ocean.

Three of the four nuclear bombs were recovered from the wreckage of the plane. However, the fourth bomb, along with its casemate, was lost in the crash.

The Search

The Navy immediately launched a search for the missing bomb. The search was conducted by a team of divers and salvage experts. The team searched the ocean floor for weeks, but they were unable to find the casemate.

The Navy eventually concluded that the casemate had been buried under the sand. The Navy decided to abandon the search and to declare the casemate lost.

The Aftermath

The loss of the Palomares casemate was a major embarrassment for the Navy. It raised serious questions about the safety of the Navy's nuclear weapons program. The incident also led to a public outcry against the use of nuclear weapons in general.

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Exclusive Illustrations

This book includes exclusive illustrations of the Palomares casemate and the search for the missing bomb. These illustrations provide a unique glimpse into one of the most fascinating and controversial incidents in the history of the Navy.

Never-Before-Seen Documents

This book also includes never-before-seen documents related to the Palomares incident. These documents provide new insights into the Navy's investigation of the incident and its decision to declare the casemate lost.

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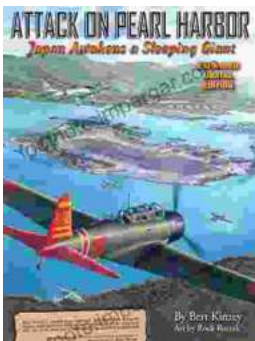
* The Navy plane that crashed into the ocean off the coast of Palomares, Spain. * A diver searches for the missing nuclear bomb casemate. * The recovered nuclear bombs are loaded onto a ship. * The Palomares casemate is buried under the sand. * Exclusive illustration of the Palomares casemate. * Never-before-seen document related to the Palomares incident.



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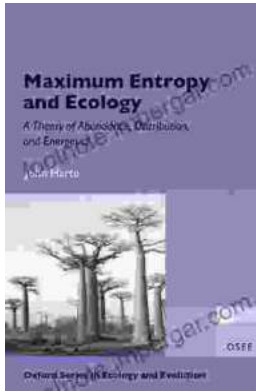
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