

Lockheed T-33A #53-5896

April 19, 1962

On the afternoon of April 19, 1962, Capt. John L. Foy and Capt. Robert E. Campbell were assigned a local proficiency flying mission out of Hill AFB, Utah. At 1:45 p.m. they left the runway in Lockheed T-33A #53-5896 from the 2849th Airbase Wing at Hill. Capt. Foy was the pilot, and Capt. Campbell was co-pilot in the rear seat. Later that afternoon, two fishermen near the northern shore of the Great Salt Lake saw the T-33 circling their location. At 5 p.m. the fishermen were leaving the vicinity when they noticed a smoke column rising from the salt flats near the lake. The men went to investigate and found the aircraft wrecked on the salt flats with both fliers killed. The eyewitnesses drove to the nearest phone and called the airbase at about 6 p.m. A crash team was dispatched to the scene by helicopter. An accident review board determined that the aircraft had struck rising terrain while traveling at low altitude and high speed. Special thanks to Craig Fuller for help with visiting this crash site. Site visited on 4/23/24.



A large piece of aluminum framework



Aluminum tubing with blue anodized fittings



Plexiglass from the canopy



Part of the fuel tank vent tube



The label on this part is intact after sitting face down in the salt for 62 years



The holes in this aluminum tubing show how corrosive the salty soil is



Lots of rivets in this layered sheet aluminum piece



This curved piece has a spring-loaded hinge on it



A battery cable



This cylinder-shaped object had a steel cable and nylon cords attached



This heavy-duty aluminum piece had a hinge at one end



American flags with some of the larger pieces



An example of a Lockheed T-33A (USAF photo)



Capt. John L. Foy, from New York (Courtesy of the Odgen Standard Examiner)



Capt. Robert E. Campbell, from Maryland (Courtesy of the Odgen Standard Examiner)

