

## FLIGHT 19

*Flight 19 was the designation of a group of five Grumman TBM Avenger torpedo bombers that disappeared over the Bermuda Triangle on December 5,*

In 1945, he became an air cadet. He had received his gold wings 4 months earlier. At that time, it was the biggest rescue effort of peacetime. Taylor was not sure whether he was near Bahama or Key West, and he was not sure which direction was which due to compass malfunction. They had probably gone to the East as originally planned, but for some reason he got confused. The first leg of the exercise over Hens and Chickens Shoals went according to plan, but shortly after, something odd began happening. Leader pilot in FT Under normal circumstances, pilots lost in the Atlantic were supposed to point their planes toward the setting sun and fly west toward the mainland, but Taylor had become convinced that he might be over the Gulf of Mexico. In addition, dozens of Navy and Coast Guard surface craft joined in the hunt. Taylor, a veteran of the Pacific theater of World War II who had flown far more harrowing missions than a practice flight over the Bahamas. Powers was Pilot of FT The weather over the route was reported as excellent, a typical sunny Florida day. Five U. Comment The modern legend of the Bermuda Triangle began to take shape on 5 December when Flight 19 took off from the U. At this point they would turn north and go for 73 miles. He wanted to search for the Squadron at this point, but was told not to, by NASFL officials who feared losing another pilot. We had hundreds of planes out looking, and we searched over land and water for days, and nobody ever found the bodies or any debris. Search continued all through the night and the next day. Resolution honoring the 60th anniversary of Flight He was 28 yrs old. Myhre a former Army pilot and aviation historian, with his book: *Discovery of Flight* There has been a lot of air and sea traffic in the area since Columbus first sailed through it, which means there are far greater chances of accidents. Taylor had mistakenly believed that the small islands he passed over were the Florida Keys, that his flight was over the Gulf of Mexico, and that heading northeast would take them to Florida. He was 20 yrs old. Finally, his flight ran out of fuel and may have crashed into the ocean somewhere north of Abaco Island and east of Florida. Had This was within the norm for flight training in the area. However, this theory, as well as the idea that more traffic naturally results in more mishaps, does not account for the bizarre element shared between Flight 19 and the other disappearances that Gaddis noted in his article. Graduated from Princeton University in Other theories include aliens, time vortexes, rips in the space-time continuum and so forth. He mistakenly believed it was one of the missing planes. Captain Shonna Stanley reported unsuccessfully searching for survivors through a pool of oil and aviation gasoline. There was talk of at least two compasses malfunctioning. Whether downed by collision or crash, planes will leave behind some debris, but no trace of any of the vanished flights was ever found. At 17, he was in the process of having his alias changed to his birth name, when he disappeared with Flight Despite Freedom of Information Act requests for details in , [18] the names are still not known because the Navy does not have enough information to identify the bodies. Flight 19 disappearance in Bermuda Triangle The saga of Flight 19 remains as one of the most mysterious disappearances in Bermuda Triangle. At some point the crew tried to communicate between themselves: Ensign Bossi, and also Capt. Officers at the naval base station thought it was enough. With the missing aircraft now regarded as lost at sea, the Navy organized a search and rescue mission, with two Martin PBM-5 Mariner flying boats taking off at around PM to comb the ocean. Naval Historical Foundation. At first light the next day, the Navy dispatched more than boats and aircraft to look for Flight 19 and the missing Mariner.