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The Bermuda Triangle

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The area known as The Bermuda Triangle has been a source of intrigue and mystery for many years. I, for one, cannot hear the word Bermuda without thinking "The Bermuda Triangle". I have been interested in the paranormal for many years and have wondered what could possibly have caused all of those ships and planes to go missing. There are also reports of missing ships showing up; however the crew is missing without a trace. Is this paranormal in nature? Are there concrete, provable reasons these planes, pilots, ships and crew went missing? If so many people went missing in this area, would that make it one of the most haunted locations?

The Bermuda Triangle is also known as "Devil's Triangle". It is located in the Atlantic Ocean and is roughly located between Miami, Florida, Puerto Rico and Bermuda and is in the shape of a triangle. Vincent Gaddis was the writer who dubbed this area "The Bermuda Triangle". He wrote an article for "Argosy" magazine in February of 1963 titled "The Deadly Bermuda Triangle". This article reportedly was not fact based, but more of a sensational piece. After the success of the article, many authors took advantage of the popularity surrounding the mystery of The Bermuda Triangle. Several books on the topic were best sellers at the time.

Some of the ship and aircraft disappearances that Gaddis wrote about had logical explanations as to why they had ended up missing. He wrote of the disappearance of Flight 19 (a group of five US torpedo bombers on a training mission). Even though there was no evidence or wreckage found, the military has radio transmissions leading up to the disappearances indicating that the planes were having navigation and compass issues. Additional mystery and intrigue was added to the mix when the rescue plane the Navy sent out also ended up disappearing.

Other interesting stories include the Connemara IV, where the ship was found with no crew aboard. Some believe the crew mysteriously disappeared. Others report the owners stated the boat pulled loose from the docks when hurricane weather hit. The owners also reported there was no crew or passengers on it at the time it went missing.

The USS Cyclops was a naval ship that was turned into a carrier ship after WWI. It reportedly carried coal and manganese ore as well as a large crew which made the ship extremely heavy. The ship had reportedly gone from Rio de Janeiro, to Bahia, to Barbados (an unscheduled stop) and on to Baltimore. The ship never made it to Baltimore and despite location efforts to find the ship and crew, nothing was ever found. Was the ship too heavy to carry all that ore and passengers or did the ship fall victim to the Bermuda Triangle?

Research into the Bermuda Triangle has yielded one common factor. Most who had radio contact with others shortly before going missing have reported that their compasses were malfunctioning. Within the Bermuda Triangle there is said to be a point where true north and magnetic north meet. Do you think this could cause a compass to malfunction? Other theories on the disappearances included aliens and the lost city of

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Atlantis. The popularity of the stories of the Bermuda Triangle became so prevalent that in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", the storyline depicts Flight 19 as being abducted by aliens.

There are many other stories of disappearances of boats and planes in the Bermuda Triangle. There are theories and speculation as to what happened, but nothing concrete since rescue efforts at the time yielded no wreckage or bodies to examine. Today many cruise ships, cargo ships, boats and flights of all kinds travel through the Bermuda Triangle without any issue. Do you think there are paranormal factors that go into certain vessels or planes not making it to their final destination? Do you think it is due to mechanical malfunction or captain or pilot error? The people who were on these ships and planes are obviously no longer with us. Do you think that would make these waters haunted?

Skeptics and believers alike will most likely be intrigued by the Bermuda Triangle for years to come. I feel whether or not the phenomenon is paranormal in nature will be debated by many for years to come also.

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