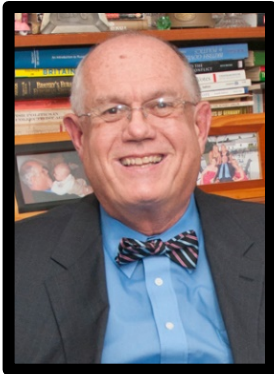


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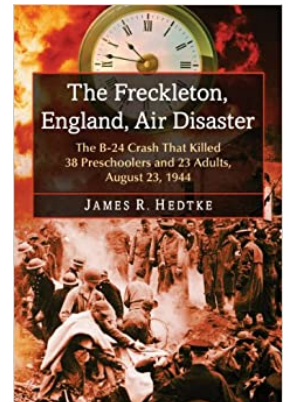
The Freckleton Air Disaster of 1944

The Freckleton air disaster occurred on August 23, 1944 when an American B-24



Liberator crashed into the small village of Freckleton in northwest England. The plane was on a test flight when it encountered a rare and severe summer thunderstorm. When the pilot attempted to abort the landing because of poor visibility and high winds, a downdraft caught the plane and it crashed into the adjacent village of Freckleton. As

the B-24 tumbled through the village, it destroyed three houses, a snack bar, and then the flames engulfed Holy Trinity grade school. Before the fire could be brought under control, the holocaust destroyed an entire generation of children in this village of fewer than 1,000 inhabitants. The village would never be the same.



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