



CHINA LAKE NAVAL AIR STATION DERELICT BOEING B-29 BOMBERS

In 1985 I worked at the China Lake Naval Air Station on temporary assignment for the Department of the Navy for several months. This Air Station is located in the high desert of California and is where the first air to air missiles were successfully developed in the 1950's. The Air Station had a huge aircraft bone yard of obsolete aircraft that were used as target drones. The airfield also had several derelict Boeing B-29 bombers that had been flown from Edwards Air Force Base and parked in the desert since the late 1950's. I crawled all through these B-29 Bombers on several very hot desert days and took dozens of film shots of these aircraft. Unfortunately the scanned pictures on the next 16 pages are the only ones that have survived over the years. The B-29's are long gone and these pictures are rare evidence that these aircraft actually sat in the California desert at China Lake Naval Air Station for over 3 decades slowly rotting away under the hot sun.































