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Crashed Aircraft Site Report

Date Visited: 14 Dec 2005.

Model & Serial Number: C-53DO #42-15890 a.k.a. CNAC #58.

GPS Coordinates: N 27-46-33.2 E 096-56-30.9.

Datum: WGS 84.

Country: India.

State/Province/District: Arunachal Pradesh.

Nearest Town/Village: Samdul/Minzong.

Distance/Direction: 5-day trek NE of Samdul/Minzong.

Altitude: 14,800 ft.

Topography: Mountains.

Aspect: SSE.

Terrain Notes: Open, rocky, moderate slope.

Vegetation: None.

Nearest Water: Small pond approx. 1 mi. from site.

Site Disturbance: Significant disturbance caused by accidental burning of fuselage by Mishmi hunters who would camp inside it while hunting.

Aircraft ID Method: Panel with tail number 4215890 found at site.

Engines/Propellers: 2 engines and propeller blades found at site.

Wreckage/Artifacts/ID Tags: Wreckage and cargo concentrated in small area. Engines and landing gear approx. 50 yds. down rocky slope from main wreckage area. Location of engines and landing gear is probably point of impact.

Human Remains: None seen by investigator.

Removed from Site: Several small pieces of wreckage and cargo were removed by investigator and donated to CNAC museum in Kunming, China.

Photos: See website for photos. Additional photos and video on file.

Misc. Notes: Samdul/Minzong is Mishmi village on Lohit River at junction with Kallong River (S of Walong). Cross to E bank of Lohit River on hanging bridge just downstream from Samdul/Minzong and trek upstream Kallong River to Mishmi village of Bhau. Residents of Bhau cared for injured pilot and co-pilot after they hiked down from crash site in April 1943. Trek NE from Bhau to crash site near headwaters of Ngat River. Crash site is near India-Burma border.

Investigator: Clayton Kuhles.