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Crashed Aircraft Site Report

Date Visited: 25 Dec 2017

Model & Serial Number: C-53 #42-6479 a.k.a. RAF #MA929

GPS Coordinates: N 28-12-05.4 E 095-58-31.5

Datum: WGS 84

Country: India

State/Province: Arunachal Pradesh

Nearest Town/Village: Roing

Distance/Direction: 5-day trek NE of Roing

Altitude: 10,412 ft.

Topography: Mountains

Aspect: E

Terrain Notes: Moderate slope

Vegetation: High-altitude bamboo forest

Nearest Water: None noted

Site Disturbance: Side of fuselage cut open just forward of tail wheel

Aircraft ID Method: Aircraft tail number 426479 and RAF registration number MA929

Engines/Propellers: 2 engines and propeller blades

Wreckage/Artifacts/ID Tags: Wreckage consolidated in small area with no noted migration

Human Remains: None seen by investigator

Removed from Site: Nothing removed by investigator, some artifacts removed by salvagers and taken to police station and museum in Roing

Photos: See website for photos, additional photos/video on file

Misc. Notes: Fuselage is laying on its roof. Tail panel is folded over onto the ground. Tail number/aircraft serial number is still legible. Cockpit area is detached from main body of fuselage, mangled, without roof and not inverted like fuselage. Numerous personal artifacts were found inside fuselage, including multiple pairs of shoes, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, flasks and a tablespoon with folding handle inscribed with "Janson E.R.N.S.A.". Crash site is in forested valley on W flank of Siirundi Mtn.

Investigator: Clayton Kuhles