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## Discussion of Crash Site Location

A 3-person team associated with the US Embassy in Santiago, Chile visited the crash site of C-47B #43-48368 a.k.a. BuNo 17254 during Jan 2025.

This aircraft crashed on 04 Aug 1969 while enroute from its home base at El Belloto Naval Air Station near Vina del Mar, Chile for Buenos Aires, Argentina. There were 4 crew members and 12 passengers aboard. Weather conditions over the Andes Mountains were reported to be very poor at the time of the crash. The crash was probably caused by extreme icing and/or violent turbulence.

MIA Recoveries, Inc documented the wreckage of C-47B #43-48368 a.k.a. BuNo 17254 on 24 Feb 2021. The aircraft wreckage is located in the western foothills of the Andes Mountains, along its assigned flight path towards the border with Argentina. Local terrain is steep, rocky and sparsely vegetated. Aircraft ID was positively established by aircraft construction number 14184 found at crash site.

Crash site location: S 35-07-41.15 W 70-51-31.62  
Crash site is approx. 193.17 km (120.03 mi) ESE from Curico.

**Note:** Canadian Vickers PBV-1A Canso A with serial #CV-361 and registration #CF-PQI was an air tanker designed to drop water on wildland fires. This aircraft crashed on 01 Mar 1969 while maneuvering during firefighting operations near Curico. An available report on this aircraft states the crash location is 60 km (37.28 mi) from Curico. The report does not indicate the direction from Curico, or give the latitude and longitude of the crash site location.