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Crashed Aircraft Site Report

Date Visited: 30 Nov 2025.

Model & Serial Number: C-46A #43-46983.

GPS Coordinates: N 27-10-06.6 E 095-15-08.3.

Datum: WGS 84.

Country: India.

State/Province: Assam.

Nearest Town/Village: Sapekhati.

Distance/Direction: 1-day trek N of Sapekhati.

Altitude: 328 ft.

Topography: Low hills.

Aspect: E.

Terrain Notes: Hills with moderate slope.

Vegetation: Jungle.

Nearest Water: None noted.

Site Disturbance: Some disturbance caused by salvaging.

Aircraft ID Method: Partial tail number 46983, engine serial number 082365.

Engines/Propellers: 2 engines and propeller blades.

Wreckage/Artifacts/ID Tags: Wreckage scattered throughout area, with wreckage trail extending E to W. Wreckage trail indicates a probable low/flat angle of impact. Some wreckage now displayed in The Hump World War II Museum in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh and some wreckage also found in nearby village.

Human Remains: Yes. Documented nearby site where local villagers buried remains of the airmen soon after the crash.

Removed from Site: Nothing removed by investigator. Some metal wreckage removed by salvagers.

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

Misc. Notes: Crash site is in Chakaido district, N of Dibrugarh-Sookerating road. Crash location is approx. 100 km W of Patkai Range. Met ancestral owner of nearby land. His father (now deceased) told him of a US military C-46 aircraft crashing nearby in Feb 1945. His father and other local villagers went to the crash site the following day, where they removed 4 dead US airmen from the wreckage and buried them nearby.

Investigator: Clayton Kuhles.