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Serial	c/n	Marked as	Location	Dates / Notes	
<u>RThaiAF</u>					
1	42-100536, L2-6/90	18999	100536	Don Mueang, RTAF Museum [13.919557°, 100.621355°]	last noted Dec21; tail only
2	44-76517, L2-8/90	32849	76517	Bangkok, Taweewattana Palace [13.779673°, 100.341505°]	last noted Jun21
3	42-108840, L2-12/96	12248	212248	Chiang Mai, Tango Squadron [18.779920°, 98.965934°]	last noted Apr21
4	43-48876, L2-19/00	26137	876	Lopburi AFB [14.874670°, 100.649070°]	last noted Jun21
5	43-49545, L2-24/01	26806	545	Lopburi AFB [14.870449°, 100.648209°]	last noted Jun21
6	43-49919, L2-25/01	27180	919	Chatuchak, The Camp Flea Market [13.797903°, 100.546776°]	last noted Mar20 (gone by Jan21)
46	43-15511, L2-27/02	19977	#	Lopburi, Camp Erawan Parachute Battalion [14.808312°, 100.691459°]	last noted Jun21
7	43-48501, L2-32/11	25762	501	Lake Hamana, near Hamamatsu, Japan [34.735422°, 137.616830°]	last noted Mar21
8	42-93789, L2-34/13	13740	293789	Don Mueang, 1st Air Division HQ [13.920492°, 100.617755°]	last noted Jun21
9	42-108865, L2-35/14	12498	865	Lopburi AFB [14.874879°, 100.656326°]	last noted Jun21
10	42-5636, L2-36/14	6224	224 / D3	Phuket (offshore)	ex Lopburi; sunk Nov08; reported to have been washed away
11	44-76734, L2-37/14	33066	734 / D2	Phuket (offshore)	ex Lopburi; sunk Nov08; reported to have been washed away
12	42-100547, L2-39/15	19010	547	Don Mueang, RTAF Museum [13.919557°, 100.621355°]	last noted Jun21
13	43-49210, L2-41/18	26471	210	Train Night Market, Srinakarin [13.695172°, 100.650591°]	last noted Jun21
14	43-49516, L2-43/18	26777	219789	Police Museum, Thanon Ram Intra [13.856533°, 100.634962°]	last noted Dec21; dismantled
15	44-77152, L2-44/18	33484	152	Phitsanulok AFB [16.788622°, 100.270650°]	last noted Feb21
16	45-1116, L2-45/18	34386	#	Oshkosh, Wisconsin [43.971497°, -88.539414°]	last noted Jun15
17	43-49010, L2-46/18	26271	010	Kanchanaburi, Vietnam Veterans Museum [14.132931°, 99.446283°]	last noted Mar21
18	45-1079, L2-47/18	34349	079 / D1	Phuket (offshore)	ex Lopburi; sunk Nov08; reported to have been washed away
19	45-1093, L2-50/19	34363	093 / D4	Phuket (offshore)	ex Lopburi; sunk Nov08; reported to have been washed away
20	43-15559, L2-52/19	20025	(559)	Lopburi AFB [14.869208°, 100.642153°]	last noted Jun21
21	43-49250, L2Or-1/07, HS-DOA	26511	2527	Lopburi Army Aviation Centre [14.936861°, 100.652217°]	last noted Jun21

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22	??	??	#	Sattahip Marine Base [12.667471°, 100.868771°]	last noted Nov21; no outer wings
23	(see note ¹)	??	2102	U-Tapao, Naval Aviation Museum [12.692797°, 100.994753°]	last noted Jun21
24	ex 43-48101	25362	48101	U-Tapao, stored in East Revetments [12.684819°, 101.013411°]	noted Nov85 thro' May97
25	ex 43-48777	26038	43-48777	U-Tapao, beach access road store [12.662628°, 100.996119°]	last noted Feb22
26	ex 43-49095	26356	43-49095	U-Tapao, stored in East Revetments [12.684819°, 101.013411°]	noted derelict May97
27	ex 43-49213	26474	43-49213	U-Tapao, beach [12.658877°, 100.999644°]	last noted Jun21; guesthouse
28	ex 43-49925	27186	(202)	Sattahip, Namsai Beach [12.609174°, 100.947485°]	last noted May22
29	ex 44-76418 (see note ²)	32750	2102	U-Tapao, stored in East Revetments [12.684819°, 101.013411°]	noted Oct97 thro' Jan07 (gone by Apr11)
30	ex 45-1127	34397	45-1127	U-Tapao, beach access road store [12.662628°, 100.996119°]	last noted Feb22
31	??			U-Tapao, stored in East Revetments [12.684212°, 101.014600°]	fuselage noted derelict thro' Feb15 [12.684248°, 101.014656°]; burnt for fire-fighting practice during 'Cobra Gold' 18Feb15; hulk moved to 12.685822°, 101.012795° mid-2015 & noted thro' Aug15; burnt again for fire-fighting practice during 'Cobra Gold' 19Feb16 (gone by May16); [identity unknown, but has Thai Airways titles and logo; probably a Navy C-47 painted for a film]
<u>RThaiArmy</u>					
32	ex Thai Army 9414	9414	9414	Bangkok, National Science Centre for Education [13.719386°, 100.583067°]	last noted Jan21; fake RTAF scheme
<u>Non-Thai Military</u>					
33	ex 43-49703, SVNAF	26964	#	Pattaya, Royal Garden Plaza (Ripley's Believe It or Not Theatre) [12.928683°, 100.878717°]	last noted Nov21
34	ex 44-76302, SVNAF	32634	476302	Nakhon Chaisi, Jesada Technik Museum [13.814821°, 100.197489°]	last noted Jan21
<u>Thai Civil</u>					
35	ex HS-SAF (see note ³)	12150	#	Hua Hin, PARU base [12.586541°, 99.950264°]	last noted Feb20
36	ex HS-TDA	13726	#	Phachi, Ayutthaya Province, 'Top Uthaiwan' Lumber Yard [14.438065°, 100.710247°]	last noted Jun21
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37	ex XV-NIA	12832	#	Bangphra, Property 45/13, Soi Phabhum [13.190419°, 100.935556°]	last noted Nov21
38	N2270M	10239	#	Nakhon Chaisi, Jesada Technik Museum [13.814821°, 100.197489°]	last noted Jan21
39	N2271D	33174	N2271D	Phachi, Ayutthaya Province, 'Top Uthaiwan' Lumber Yard [14.438065°, 100.710247°]	last noted Jun21
	<u>Unknown</u>				
40	JIG 112	??	#	Caltex, Makham Khu, Rayong [12.842828°, 101.118615°]	last noted Mar22
41	?? ⁴	??	#	Pattaya, C-47 Cafe [12.918382°, 100.892641°]	nose, engine and other small parts; owned by Richie Rhodes & Ellwood Von Seibold; noted Feb14 thro' Jan16; café closed by Jan17 & C-47 nose gone by Mar18; [parts came from Sainte Mere Eglise]
42	??	??	#	Saraburi, Wat Pa Puttayan [14.418256°, 100.917210°]	last noted Jan17; cockpit only
43	??	??	??	Bangphra, west of Sukhumvit Hwy3 [13.231764°, 100.932642°]	noted Aug02 (gone by Nov09; see note ⁵)
44	??	??	#	Gulf of Thailand (about 100km NE of Koh Tao) [10.899224°, 100.372929°]	http://thaiwreckdiver.com/c47_skytrain_aircraft_wreck.htm ⁶
45	??	??	#	Muek Lek, Army Surplus Store [14.628894°, 101.174163°]	cockpit only, last noted Dec21; evidence of Thai Airways logo
	RThaiAF Basler BT-67's:-				
47	ex 43-15106, L2-7/90 Basler conversion #27	19572	L2k-01/41 / '46151'	Wing 46, Phitsanulok RTAFB	active Jan22
48	ex 45-1021, L2-31/07 Basler conversion #30	34288	L2k-02/41 / '46152'	'Nomad Homestay', Phitsanulok [16.773829°, 100.275898°]	last noted Dec21; displayed
49	ex N46949 Basler conversion #18	9290 (see note ⁷)	L2k-03/41 / '46153'	Wing 46, Phitsanulok RTAFB	active Jan22
50	ex 43-48413, L2-16/00 Basler conversion #31	25674	L2k-04/41 / '46154'	Wing 46, Phitsanulok RTAFB	active Jan22
51	ex 43-48008, L2-23/01 Basler conversion #32	25269	L2k-05/42 / '46155'	Wing 46, Phitsanulok RTAFB	active Feb21
52	ex 43-49254, L2-42/18 Basler conversion #33	26515	L2k-06/42 / '46156'	Wing 46, Phitsanulok RTAFB	active Dec21
53	ex N6898D Basler conversion #39	20082 (see note ⁸)	L2k-07/45 / '46157'	Wing 46, Phitsanulok RTAFB	active Jun18
54	ex 43-48492, L2-49/18 Basler conversion #44	25753 (see note ⁹)	L2k-08/47 / '46158'	Wing 46, Phitsanulok RTAFB	active Dec21
54	ex N2685W Basler conversion #42	33010 (see note ¹⁰)	L2k-09/47 / '46159'	Wing 46, Phitsanulok RTAFB	active Jan22

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Notes:

¹ The identity of this is suspect.

C-47 2102, also marked 44-76418, was stored (in poor condition, port undercarriage collapsed) in the east revetments from at least Oct97 until at least Jan07 (gone by Mar11).

However a C-47 marked 2102 was also noted on the west side of U-Tapao Jan97; noted in good condition at U-Tapao parked on apron Jan03 thro' Jan07; f/n in Museum area Oct09, but moved out by Feb10, back to west revetments; noted Mar11 thro' Jly12; moved to shelters by Jan13 & noted thro' Sep15; moved to new Naval Aviation Museum site by Aug16

² See Note 1.

³ The identity of this is now clear from markings appearing through old paint.

⁴ Parts have no Thai history as far as is known, and came from Sainte Mere Eglise, France

⁵ It is possible that this is 44-76302, later at Jesada (see entry # 34)

⁶ http://thaiwreckdiver.com/c47_skytrain_aircraft_wreck.htm

History of the Sinking

Unknown

Dive Site Description

The wreck itself is intact as far as we can see. We cannot confirm that the cockpit is open as there is quite heavy netting in that area. Most of the wings are intact although the propellers on the engines are missing.

At the present we have sent off the pictures to the American Air Force to see if we can find out any information regarding the pilot and the mission she was on. We plan to go back there in a week to clear the netting on the cockpit.

USAF reply follows:-

"The Gulf of Thailand wreckage photos posted by the Web administrator appear to be one of the emergency escape hatch/windows from a Douglas C-47 type airplane.

The C-47 emergency escape hatch/window is the fifth window going aft on either the starboard or port side of the aircraft. The hatch release handle at the bottom of the hatch is the crucial clue. For those enthusiasts who don't have access to an actual C-47 airplane, a picture of the C-47 interior can be found on page 27 of Squadron Signal's publication "C-47 Skytrain in Action."

"The distinctive hatch can be seen in the photo. The window in the hatch that is featured in the diver's photograph does not have the famous 'rifle hole' that can be found on some C-47 type airplane windows. The white paint and the absence of zinc chromate or green paint indicate to me that it is probably a civilian operated C-47. Good Luck identifying that one."

Anthony J. Mireles, Colonel, CAF

⁷ Fitted with a new 'Douglas' dataplate which claims it to be c/n 34141 (sic, mis-stamped, should be 34142) ex 45-0883, L2-38/14, but this was damaged on delivery to Basler & replaced by a 'stock' airframe

⁸ Dataplate claims it to be c/n 34141 ex 45-0882, L2-51/19, but this was rejected as too corroded on delivery to Basler & replaced by a 'stock' airframe

⁹ Dataplate claims it to be c/n 34386 ex 45-1116, L2-45/18, but this was rejected as too corroded on delivery to Basler & replaced by RTAF 43-48492, L2-49/18 c/n 25753

¹⁰ Dataplate claims it to be c/n 34349 ex 45-1079, L2-47/18, but almost certainly based on N2685W c/n 16262 ex 44-76678 (see entry #18 above)