



Crew leaves aircraft after it crash-lands at 1222 hours local Iraq time – 27
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Putting in a hasty perimeter until help arrives.



Iraqi police arrive first – CSM Miller meets them and tells them what happened.



After all other passengers are evacuated by helicopter, COL Ceroli, CSM Miller, LTC Goldsmith and 2 members of the Asymmetric Warfare Group remain on site, secure aircraft until US ground forces arrive, and enter aircraft to recover weapons, commo gear, night vision and other sensitive items.



Aircraft landed intact and made 600 yard path in a field 10 kilometers outside the airport.



Half of the front landing gear that was sheared off on landing



The other half of the front landing gear



Stairway to the cockpit is on the left side of this picture. We were sitting on the right of the white cooler. Notice the floor pushed up in the center and split down the middle.



Close-up of the split of the floor. Dust filled the cabin thru this crack in the floor after landing and made it hard to see and breath until the emergency exits were opened within a minute of landing.



Wider view of the damage inside.



Landing gear smashed up into compartment – skirts torn off



Emergency exit door nearest cockpit on port side



Iraqi police forces showed up first with US Army advisors – they have unloaded water for our use.



Stryker infantry company from 25 Infantry Division arrives to the secure site and transports us and all weapons, sensitive items, equipment and bags back to Baghdad.



COL Ceroli, CSM Miller, and LTC Goldsmith have probably jumped (with a parachute) out of this bird at Fort Bragg – but never again – this bird is a complete loss.



The Stryker Company soldiers can't believe that there were no injuries. SGT Washington from the Stryker Company took our picture before we left. L-R: 2X ASW personnel, CSM Miller, LTC Goldsmith, COL Ceroli.