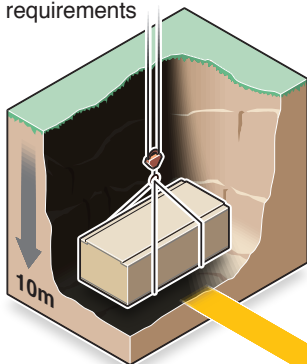


Searching for lost RAF Spitfires

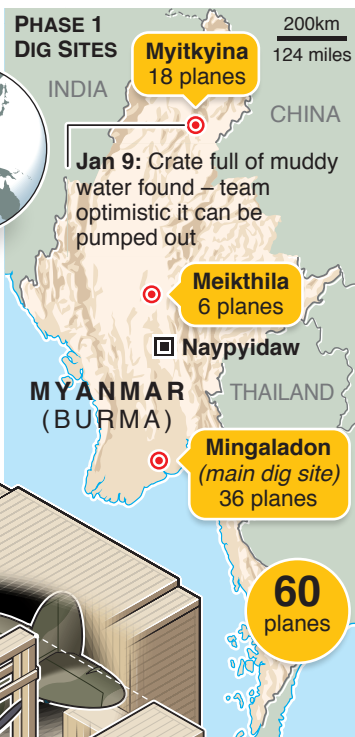
A British search team is continuing the hunt for up to 140 Spitfire aircraft thought to have been buried in Burma by U.S. military engineers at the end of World War II

1945, Mingaladon: Crates buried in channel 10m deep – common for departing armies to bury equipment deemed surplus to requirements



Oct 2012: Myanmar government agrees go-ahead for excavation

PHASE 1 DIG SITES



Jan 9: Crate full of muddy water found – team optimistic it can be pumped out

Meikthila
6 planes

Naypyidaw

**MYANMAR
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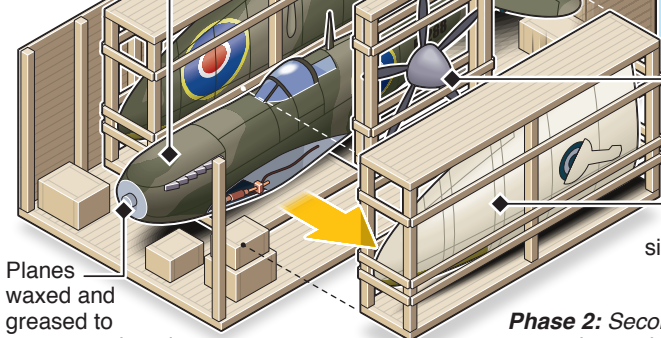
Mingaladon
(main dig site)
36 planes

**60
planes**

MARK XIV SPITFIRE

Entered service in Jan 1944. Burma planes believed to be buried in original transport crates

Griffon engine



Propeller
Five-bladed design

Wings
Packed down sides of shipping crate

Planes waxed and greased to protect against decay

Phase 2: Second dig hopes to unearth remaining 80 Spitfires