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# Wreck of '48 plane crash found in upstate NY lake

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COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — A group of volunteer divers says it has found the sunken wreckage of a single-engine airplane that crashed into an upstate New York lake in the late 1940s.

The Biological Field Station Volunteer Divers Team says it found the remains of the Ercoupe plane in Otsego Lake on Sept. 22 while checking out side-scan sonar images made during a July 2012 survey of the lake bottom.

The aircraft with a unique twin-tail configuration crashed into the lake in July 1948 shortly after taking off from a Cooperstown airfield, killing the two 24-year-old World War II veterans who were on board.

Their bodies and parts of the plane were recovered after the crash. Local divers raised the wreckage in 1964, but it broke free and sank while being towed to shore.

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