

### **TYPE 3 – B-24D WITH OKLAHOMA CITY MODIFICATION NOSE**

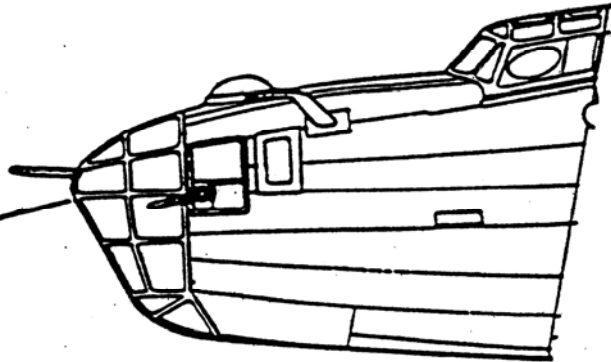
B-24Ds modified at the Oklahoma City Depot at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This also involved modification of the nose window pattern to give more vision area to the bombardier. This required deepening the fuselage at the nose to provide more operation room for personnel working there. Often called “droop snoot.”

There were 67 of these aircraft produced. The 380th Bomb Group received 17 of them.

GUS’S BUS II is a classic example of this type of B-24.

## Consolidated/ San Diego B-24D

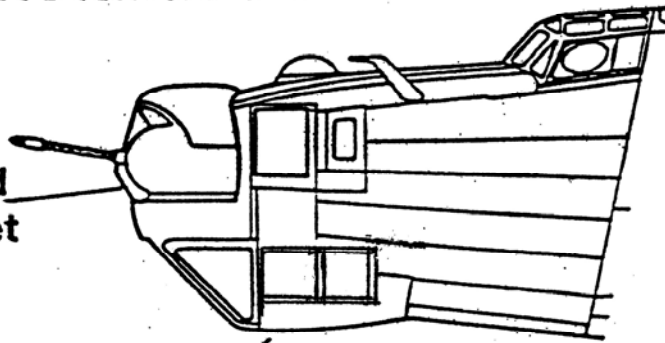
Three Gun  
Glazed Nose



## Oklahoma City Modification Center Nose Turret Installation

Consolidated  
A-6 Tail Turret

Droop Chin



Source: *B-24 Liberator in Action*, Squadron/Signal Publications, Inc., Aircraft Number 80, 1987, pp. 16, 23 (modified).



One of the truly dramatic moments in the history of the B-24 captured on film between Sakar Island and Cape Gloucester. Harold Mulhollen is in the process of safely recovering the only fully loaded B-24 known to have been successfully pulled out of a flat spin and vertical dive. It happened on 26 December 1943.

Lee Brissey Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 124.



#125 *Gus's Bus II* nicely illustrating the Oklahoma City modification  
*Ed Loy Collection*

*Source:* Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 467.

## NOSE TURRET STYLES IN 380<sup>TH</sup> B-24D REPLACEMENTS

| LIST # | REPLACEMENT # | SN       | GIVEN NAME                | HAWAII | OKLAHOMA | NONE |
|--------|---------------|----------|---------------------------|--------|----------|------|
| 1      | 1             | 41-24248 | ALLEY OOP                 |        |          | None |
| 2      | 2             | 42-40351 | BIG CHIEF COCKEYE         | X      |          |      |
| 41     | 3             | 42-40683 | --                        | X      |          |      |
| 42     | 4             | 42-40827 | "OLD HICKORY"             | X      |          |      |
| 43     | 5             | 42-40935 | QUEER DEER                | X      |          |      |
| 44     | 6             | 42-40967 | BLACK WIDOW               | X      |          |      |
| 45     | 7             | 42-40979 | "ROBBIE L" II             | X      |          |      |
| 46     | 8             | 42-41071 | "MORBID MOE"/"MORBID" MOE | X      |          |      |
| 47     | 9             | 42-41117 | --                        |        | X        |      |
| 48     | 10            | 42-41120 | SNAFU No. II              |        | X        |      |
| 49     | 12            | 42-41125 | GUS'S BUS II              |        | X        |      |
| 50     | 13            | 42-41133 | GYPSY                     |        | X        |      |
| 51     | 14            | 42-41182 | --                        |        | X        |      |
| 52     | 15            | 42-41214 | B.T.O.                    | X      |          |      |
| 53     | 16            | 42-41219 | "SACK TIME"               |        | X        |      |
| 54     | 17            | 42-41222 | HELL'S BELLE              | X      |          |      |
| 55     | 18            | 42-41225 | SUNSHINE I                | X      |          |      |
| 56     | 19            | 42-41234 | CAREER GIRL               |        | X        |      |
| 57     | 20            | 42-41236 | --                        |        | X        |      |
| 58     | 21            | 42-41237 | JUGGLIN' JOSIE            |        | X        |      |
| 59     | 22            | 42-41238 | HOMMA HOMMA KID II        |        | X        |      |
| 60     | 23            | 42-41239 | BLACK VELVET              |        | X        |      |
| 61     | 24            | 42-41241 | --                        |        | X        |      |
| 62     | 25            | 42-41242 | --                        |        | X        |      |
| 63     | 26            | 42-41243 | BATTLE WEARY              |        | X        |      |
| 64     | 27            | 42-41247 | ADELAIDE FEVER            |        | X        |      |
| 65     | 28            | 42-41248 | BEBE                      |        | X        |      |

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| LIST # | REPLACE-MENT # | SN       | GIVEN NAME             | HAWAII | OKLA-HOMA | NONE |
|--------|----------------|----------|------------------------|--------|-----------|------|
| 66     | 29             | 42-41249 | POISON IVY             | X      |           |      |
| 67     | 30             | 42-63989 | SATAN'S SECRETARY      | X      |           |      |
| 68     | 31             | 42-63991 | THE DUCHESS OF PADUCAH | X      |           |      |
| 69     | 32             | 42-64045 | ATOM SMASHER           | X      |           |      |
| 70     | 33             | 42-72775 | QUACK WAC              | X      |           |      |
| 71     | 34             | 42-72790 | SANDRA KAY             | X      |           |      |
| 72     | 35             | 42-72795 | LI'L D'-ICER           | X      |           |      |
| 73     | 36             | 42-72799 | MALE CALL              | X      |           |      |
| 74     | 37             | 42-72801 | BIG ASS BIRD II        | X      |           |      |
| 75     | 38             | 42-72808 | "JE REVIENS"           | X      |           |      |
| 76     | 39             | 42-72942 | PUSS & BOOTS           | X      |           |      |
| 77     | 40             | 42-72951 | BAIL-OUT BELLE         | X      |           |      |
| 78     | 41             | 42-72953 | JEZEBELLE              | X      |           |      |