

TYPE 4 – THE INITIAL J MODELS OF THE B-24

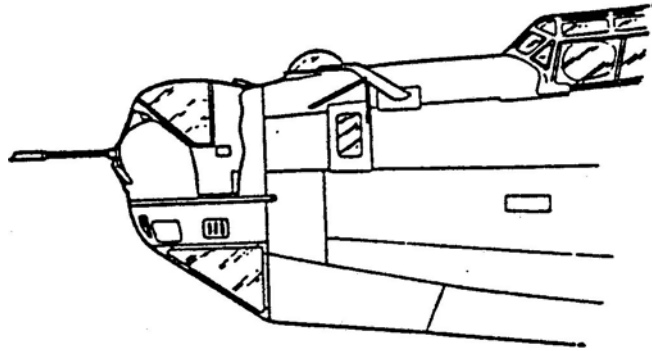
These were the first B-24 with nose turrets installed at the factory before delivery to the USAAF. These aircraft are identified by the Consolidated A6A nose turrets, by the use of twin braces on each pitot tube location, and by the fact that no fairing was applied to streamline the nose turret installation. The Townsville installation on D1s and all later factory models had such a fairing.

DOTTIE'S DOUBLE (079) was the first B-24J produced and came to the 380th.

There are five distinct types of Js. All had a turret incorporated into the design of the nose section and installed at the factory. This added firepower would remain an integral part of the B-24's design for the remainder of its operational life. The new "J" models coming into the 380th's inventory differed from each other with respect to pitot tubes, model of the nose turret installed, and bombardier side windows.

This first batch of planes had braced pitot tubes and lacked side windows to the bombardier's compartment. Above this position in the nose, the navigator's area now had narrow side windows that were sometimes fitted with sockets for a 30cal machine gun.

B-24J-5



Scrap port elevation

Source: Przegląd Konstrukcji Lotniczych, B-24 Liberator, p. 15, 1992, Warsaw.



A "J" model B-24 with braced pitot tubes and hydraulic nose turret.
Dexter Baker Collection

Source: Horton, Best of the Southwest, p. 238.



Another "J" model B-24, but this one has braced pitot tubes on both sides, no side windows to the bombardier compartment and the earlier, A6A hydraulic nose turret.
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Source: Horton, Best of the Southwest, p. 292.

LIST OF TYPE 4 AIRCRAFT IN THE 380TH

Listed by Serial Number:

079**	42-72964	“DOTTIE'S DOUBLE”
080	42-73112	DALLY'S DILLY
081	42-73113	THE BIG ASS BIRD
082	42-73114	CARROT TOP
083	42-73115	(NONE)
084	42-73116	HEAVENLY BODY
085	42-73117	DOODLEBUG
086	42-73121	ROYAL FLUSH II / PAPPY'S PASSION II
087	42-73124	(NONE)
088	42-73125	(NONE)
089	42-73126	FOIL PROOF MARY
090	42-73127	(NONE)
091	42-73133	SAD SACK
092	42-73134	“MILADY”
093	42-73164	SNORKEY
094	42-73167	THE BEAUTIFUL BEAST / BEAUTIFUL BEAST
095	42-73186	(NONE)
096	42-73187	PAPER DOLL
097	42-73193	B.T.O. II / “LADY JEANNE” II
098	42-73201	“TENN” SQUIRREL HUNTER / “CRUISIN” SUSAN
099	42-73275	(NONE)
100	42-73332	(NONE)
101	42-73333	UNDEC?IDED / SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS
102	42-73340	FIRST NIGHTER
103	42-73449	(NONE)
104	42-73451	“FRISCO” FRANNIE / RAMEY'S WRECK
105	42-73464	ANGEL IN DE SKIES
106	42-73474	“PATCHES”
107	42-73475	“PROP WASH”
108	42-73481	ESQUIRE
109	42-73485	LUCKY DON
110	42-73488	EH-WHAT'S UP DOC? / “READY TEDDY”
111	42-73489	HOT ROCKS / THE SULTAN'S DAUGHTER

** Beginning with aircraft 079, B-24Js, nose turret at factory.

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105	42-73464	ANGEL IN DE SKIES
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104	42-73451	“FRISCO” FRANNIE
084	42-73116	HEAVENLY BODY
111	42-73489	HOT ROCKS
097	42-73193	“LADY JEANNE” II
109	42-73485	LUCKY DON
092	42-73134	“MILADY”
096	42-73187	PAPER DOLL
086	42-73121	PAPPY'S PASSION II
106	42-73474	“PATCHES”
107	42-73475	“PROP WASH”
104	42-73451	RAMEY'S WRECK
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101	42-73333	UNDEC?IDED
083	42-73115	(NONE)
087	42-73124	(NONE)
088	42-73125	(NONE)
090	42-73127	(NONE)
095	42-73186	(NONE)
099	42-73275	(NONE)
100	42-73332	(NONE)
103	42-73449	(NONE)

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY
FATES OF OUR AIRCRAFT – EAST INDIAN AND NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN
380TH BOMB GROUP (H)**

B-24J MODELS, TYPE 4 ONLY

#	AIRCRAFT	R	C	CA	MA	AM	ASM	A	AS	WWS	RAAF	OG	PI	NT	RUS
79	42-92964 "DOTTIE'S DOUBLE"												✓ 3/45		
80	42-73112 DALLY'S DILLY												✓ 3/45		
81	42-73113 THE BIG ASS BIRD			✓ 6/8/44											
82	42-73114 CARROT TOP												✓ 3/45		
83	42-73115 (NONE)		✓ 1/8/44												
84	42-73116 HEAVENLY BODY												✓ 3/45		
85	42-73117 DODDLEBUG		✓ 1/19/44												
86	42-73121 ROYAL FLUSH II / PAPPYS PASSION II												✓ 3/45		
87	42-73124 (NONE)					✓ 1/8/44									
88	42-73125 (NONE)			✓ 1/16/44											
89	42-73126 FOIL PROOF MARY			✓ 2/5/44											
90	42-73127 (NONE)			✓ 4/26/44											
91	42-73133 SAD SACK			✓ 1/1/45											
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BROUGHT FORWARD															
TOTALS, OVERALL			2	5		1							5		

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#	AIRCRAFT	R	C	CA	MA	AM	ASM	A	AS	WWS	RAAF	OG	PI	NT	RUS
92	42-73124 "MILADY"							✓ 1/17/45							
93	42-73164 SNORKEY									✓ 10/22/44					
94	42-73167 BEAUTIFUL BEAST								✓ 8/22/44						
95	42-73186 (NONE)								✓ 3/26/44						
96	42-73187 PAPER DOLL		✓ 1/19/44												
97	42-73193 B.TO. II / "LADY JEANNE" II			✓ 12/31/43											
98	42-73201 "TENN" SQUIRREL HUNTER / "CRUISIN" SUSAN												✓ 3/45		
99	42-73275 (NONE)									✓ 9/44					
100	42-73332 (NONE)					✓ 3/16/44									
101	42-73333 UNDEC?IDED / SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS												✓ 3/45		
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TOTALS, OVERALL			3	6		2		1	2	2			7		

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102	42-73340 FIRST NIGHTER												✓ 3/45		
103	42-73449 (NONE)				✓ 1/7/44										
104	42-73451 “FRISCO” FRANNIE / RAMEY’S WRECK												✓ 3/45		
105	42-73464 ANGEL IN DE SKIES												✓ 3/45		
106	42-73474 “PATCHES”												✓ 3/45		
107	42-73475 “PROP WASH”												✓ 3/45		
108	42-73481 ESQUIRE												✓ 3/45		
109	42-73485 LUCKY DON												✓ 3/45		
110	42-73488 EH-WHAT’S UP DOC? / “READY TEDDY”												✓ 3/45		
111	42-73489 HOT ROCKS / THE SULTAN’S DAUGHTER												✓ 3/45		
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BROUGHT FORWARD			3	6		2		1	2	2			7		
TOTALS, OVERALL			3	6	1	2		1	2	2			16		

Legend:

R	Destruction As Result of Enemy Air Raid
C	Loss of Aircraft in Enemy Territory Due Directly to Enemy Action
CA	Accident and/or Salvage As Result of Enemy Combat Damage (In Friendly Territory)
MA	Loss While on Mission While in Enemy Territory but Direct Enemy Action Not Involved
A	Accident in Friendly Territory Causing Complete Destruction of Aircraft – Not Combat Mission Related
AM	Same as A but Involved in Combat Mission
AS	Accident in Friendly Territory Resulting in Salvage of the Aircraft – Not Combat Mission Related
ASM	Same as AS but Involved in Combat Mission
WWS	Salvage of Aircraft as War Weary
RAA	Transfer of Aircraft to Royal Australian Air Force
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OG	Transfer of Aircraft to Other Groups
PI	Transfer to Philippines Islands for Continuation of War Service There
NT	Whether Nose Turret Installed (Applies Only to Initial Deployment Aircraft) During 1943
RUS	Returned to U.S. at End of War