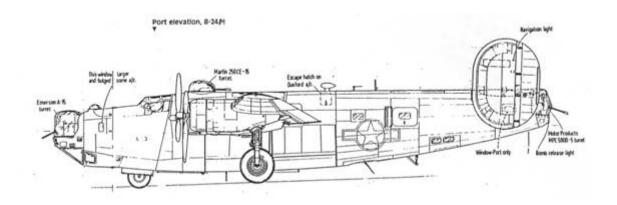
B-24 – M MODELS



TYPE 9 – CONSOLIDATED B-24 M-CO

The Consolidated B-24 M-CO differed in appearance from most B-24J-COs by having a larger and more bulged viewing window at the navigator's position in the nose. Compare RANGY LIL (an M) with FLAK FLED FLAPPER (a late J). The major difference was internal with more sophisticated radar and other electronic devices.



RANGY LIL

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.



Note the lack of external nose wheel doors indicating the ship has a hydraulically powered nose turret.

Jack West Collection

FLAK FLED FLAPPER

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 261.

M-CO RADARS

No.	Serial No.	Nose Art	Radar Type
140	44-41811	"MISSOURI MISS"	Single Rod Out
141	44-41849	(NONE)	Unknown
142	44-41867	RANGY LIL	Single Rod (Plus Single Rod Yogi Behind Astrodome)
143	44-41875	NET RESULTS	Single Rod (Plus Yogi Behind Astrodome)
144	44-41876	"LUCKY STRIKE"	Single Rod (Plus Yogi Behind Astrodome)
145	44-42201	BREADLINE IN '49	Astrodome Yogi Only
146	44-42214	QUEEN OF THE STRIP	Astrodome Yogi Only
147	44-42242	(NONE)	Unknown
148	44-42244	"DEANNA'S DREAMBOAT"	Astrodome Yogi Only
149	44-42248	MY DEVOTION	Astrodome Yogi Only
150	44-42250	NOCTURNAL MISSION	Unknown
151	44-42263	LUVABLASS	Astrodome Yogi Only
152	44-42323	LIQUIDATOR	Astrodome Yogi Only
153	44-42329	(NONE)	Unknown
154	44-42331	MOONLIGHT MAID	Single Rod, Yogi on Side of Plane
155	44-42351	NANCY	Unknown
156	44-42352	(NONE)	Unknown
157	44-42378	A WING AN' 10 PRAYERS	Single Rod, Yogi Behind Astrodome
158	44-42381	MISS ELISE	Unknown
159	44-42397	(NONE)	Unknown
160	44-42412	FREE FOR ALL!!!	Unknown
161	44-42467	(NONE)	Unknown
162	44-49471	(NONE)	Unknown
191	44-41874	(NONE)	Unknown
192	44-42264	(NONE)	Unknown
193	44-42314	(NONE)	Unknown
194	44-42389	(NONE)	Unknown
195	44-42416	(NONE)	Unknown
196	44-42442	(NONE)	Unknown
197	44-50458	(NONE)	Unknown
198	44-51526	(NONE)	Unknown
199	44-51872	(NONE)	Unknown

M - CO MODELS

#	AIRCRAFT	R	С	CA	MA	AM	ASM	A	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	RUS	TOTAL
140	44-41811 'MISSOURI MISS"												10/45	
141	44-41849 (NONE)												10/45	
142	44-41867 RANGY LIL												10/45	
143	44-41875 NET RESULTS												10/45	
144	44-41876 "LUCKY STRIKE"												10/45	
145	44-42201 BREADLINE IN '49								08/45					
146	44-42214 "QUEEN OF THE STRIP"												10/45	
147	44-42242 (NONE)			04/15/ 45										
148	44-42244 "DEANNA'S DREAMBOAT"												10/45	
149	44-42248 MY DEVOTION												10/45	
150	44-42250 NOCTURNAL MISSION												10/45	
151	44-42263 LUVABLASS												10/45	
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	BROUGHT FORWARD													
	TOTALS, OVERALL			1					1				10	12

M - CO MODELS (Continued)

#	AIRCRAFT	R	С	CA	MA	AM	ASM	A	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	RUS	TOTAL
152	44-42323 LIQUIDATOR											√ 10/45		
153	44-42329 (NONE)		06/12/ 45											
154	44-42331 MOONLIGHT MAID												10/45	
155	44-42351 NANCY											√ 07/05/ 45		
156	44-42352 (NONE)		√ 05/18/ 45											
157	44-42378 A WING AN' 10 PRAYERS												10/45	
158	44-42381 MISS ELISE												10/45	
159	44-42397 (NONE)												10/45	
160	44-42412 FREE FOR ALL!!!												10/45	
161	44-42467 (NONE)												10/45	
162	44-42487 (NONE)			√ 05/22/ 45										
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I	BROUGHT FORWARD			1					1				10	12
	TOTALS, OVERALL		2	2					1			2	16	23

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
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

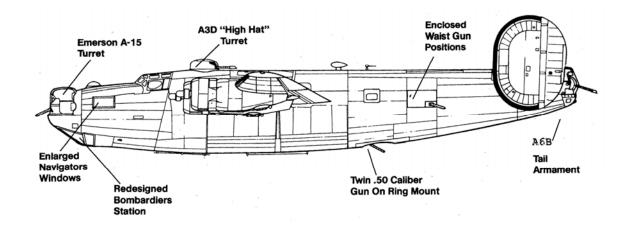
ASM Same as AS but Involved in Combat Mission

WWS Salvage of Aircraft as War Weary

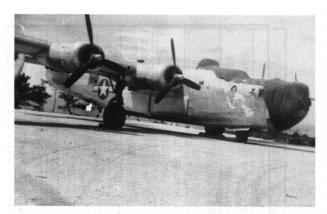
RAAF Transfer of Aircraft to Royal Australian Air Force

OG Transfer of Aircraft to Other Groups RUS Returned to U.S. at End of War

TYPE 11 – FORD B-24 M-FO



NOTE NAVIGATOR'S DRIFT METER BEHIND COPILOT'S POSITION (RIGHT SIDE OF FORD M MODELS) IN FOLLOWING PICTURES.



A 531st "M" carrying the last style of tail markings. Robert Withom Collection



This "M" has artwork that says "Flying Circus" on the suit case. Clarence Frankford Collection



Known to be with the 531st. Frank Wojnilko Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 462.

M-FO MODELS

#	AIRCRAFT	R	С	CA	MA	AM	ASM	A	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	RUS	TOTAL
167	44-50390 BECOMIN' BACK		√ 7/12/45											
168	44-50396 POM POM EXPRESS												10/45	
169	44-50405 TEN HIGH									√ 02/46				
170	44-50456 (NONE)												10/45	
171	4-50459 (NONE)							√ 9/8/45						
172	44-50602 DOUBLE TROUBLE												10/45	
173	44-50776 THE RAMBLIN' WRECK												10/45	
174	44-50782 (NONE)												11/45	
175	44-50794 (NONE)												10/45	
176	44-50811 PEACE OFFERING												10/45	
177	44-50894 LIBERTY BELLE									12/45				
178	44-50913 NOBODY'S DARLING									√ 10/46				
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	BROUGHT FORWARD													
	TOTALS, OVERALL		1					1		3			7	12

M-FO MODELS (continued)

#	AIRCRAFT	R	C	CA	MA	AM	ASM	A	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	RUS	TOTAL
179	44-50927 (NONE)												10/45	
180	44-50941 "VIRGIN ABROAD"									10/45				
181	44-50971 (NONE)						√ 6/17/45							
182	44-50977 (NONE)					6/21/45								
183	44-50988 (NONE)												10/45	
184	44-50997 (NONE)												10/45	
185	44-50998 CLARINE FROM ABILENE												10/45	
186	44-51005 BACHELOR'S BROTHEL												10/45	
187	44-51100 (NONE)												10/45	
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	BROUGHT FORWARD		1					1		3			7	12
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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

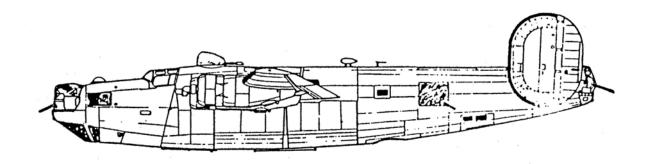
WWS Salvage of Aircraft as War Weary

RAAF Transfer of Aircraft to Royal Australian Air Force

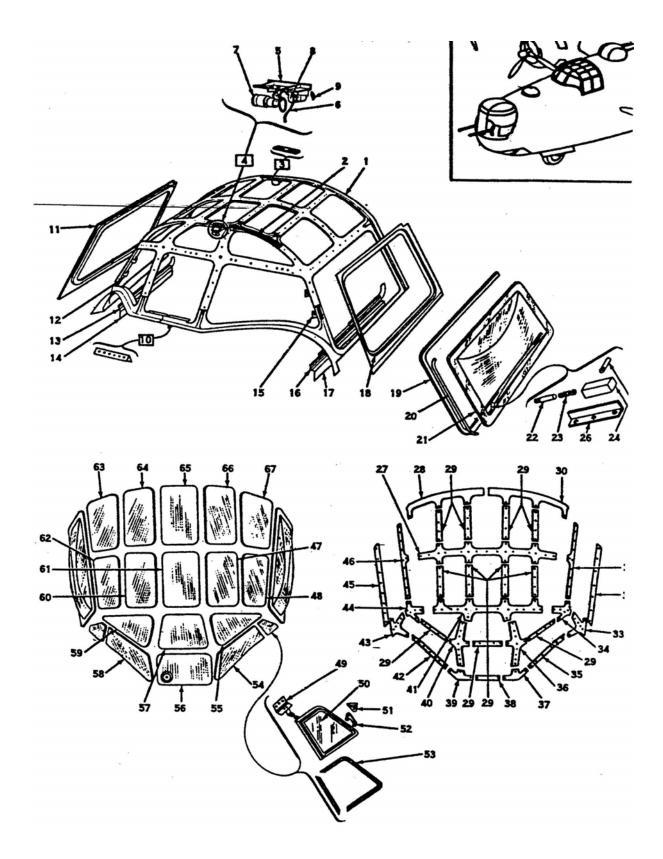
OG Transfer of Aircraft to Other Groups RUS Returned to U.S. at End of War

TYPE 12 – FORD B-24 M-FO

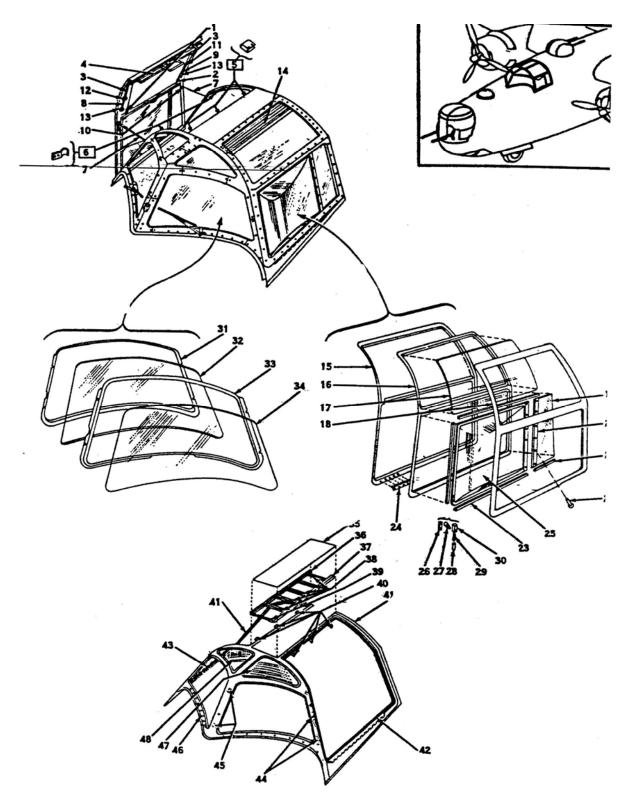
B-24M-FO WITH REDESIGNED CANOPY/WINDSCREEN, OTHERWISE SIMILAR TO OTHER LATE MODEL FORD PRODUCTION



Willow Run made one last change to their B-24s with the introduction of the M-25-FO model; they made the front part of the canopy "V" shaped by taking out the flat center panel and the two triangular air vent windows. Aircraft with this modification had serials that began with 44-51252. Very few of these planes found their way into the 380th's inventory. Compare the two pilot's enclosures on the following two pages taken from the B-24M Parts Manual.



Source: Figure 10, B-24M Parts Manual.



Source: Figure 11, B-24M Parts Manual.

M - FO - 25 ADV

#	AIRCRAFT	R	C	CA	MA	AM	ASM	A	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	RUS	TOTAL
188	44-51264 (NONE)												10/145	
189	44-51301 STATE SIDE STUFF												10/145	
190	44-51414 ATOMIC BLONDE												10/145	
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]	BROUGHT FORWARD													
	TOTALS, OVERALL												3	3

Legend:

ASM

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

Same as AS but Involved in Combat Mission

WWS Salvage of Aircraft as War Weary

RAAF Transfer of Aircraft to Royal Australian Air Force

OG Transfer of Aircraft to Other Groups

RUS Returned to U.S. at End of War

AIRCRAFT WITHOUT A COMBAT HISTORY

#	AIRCRAFT	R	С	CA	MA	AM	ASM	A	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	RUS	TOTAL
191	44-41874												√ 10/45	
	(NONE)													
192	44-42264												10/45	
	(NONE)													
193	44-42314												10/45	
170	(NONE)												10/45	
194	44-42389												√	
17.	(NONE)												10/45	
195	44-42416												√	
173	(NONE)												10/45	
196	44-42442									✓				
170	(NONE									10/45				
197	44-50458									✓				
177	(NONE)									09/45				
198	44-51526												√	
170	(NONE)												10/45	
199	44-51872												✓	
199	(NONE)												10/45	
Т	OTALS THIS PAGE		•							2			7	9
BF	ROUGHT FORWARD													
Т	OTALS, OVERALL									2			7	9

Legend:

Ř Destruction As Result of Enemy Air Raid

 \mathbf{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) Loss While on Mission While in Enemy Territory but Direct Enemy Action Not Involved MA

Accident in Friendly Territory Causing Complete Destruction of Aircraft – Not Combat Α Mission Related

AM Same as A but Involved in Combat Mission

Accident in Friendly Territory Resulting in Salvage of the Aircraft – Not Combat Mission AS

Related

ASM Same as AS but Involved in Combat Mission

WWS Salvage of Aircraft as War Weary

RAAF Transfer of Aircraft to Royal Australian Air Force

Transfer of Aircraft to Other Groups OG

RUS Returned to U.S. at End of War