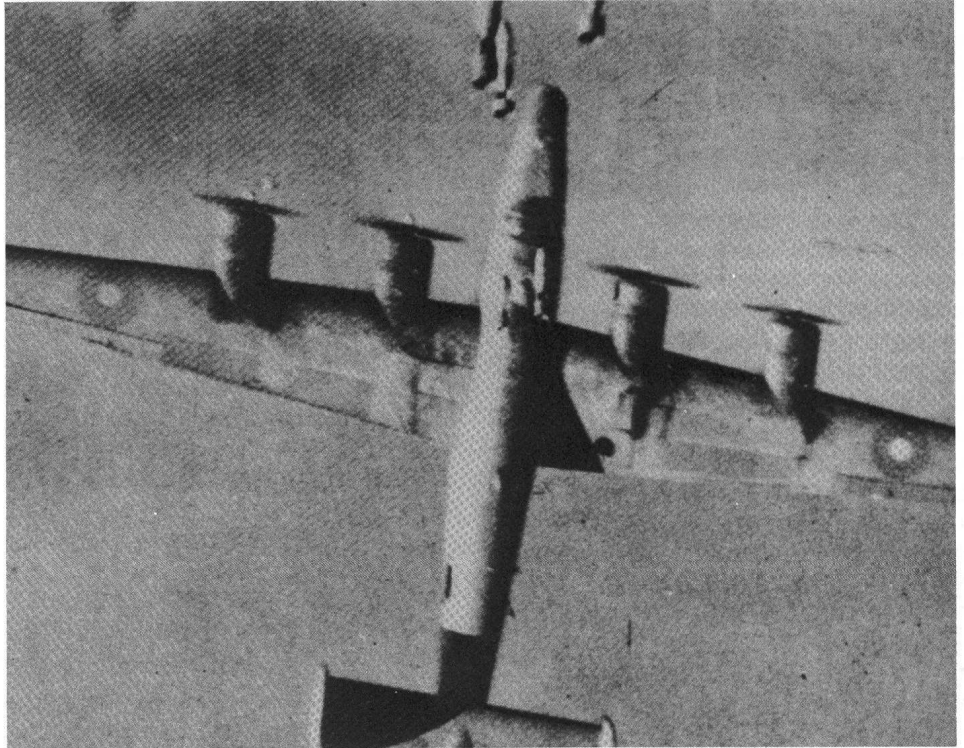


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# B-24 Liberators in RAF Service

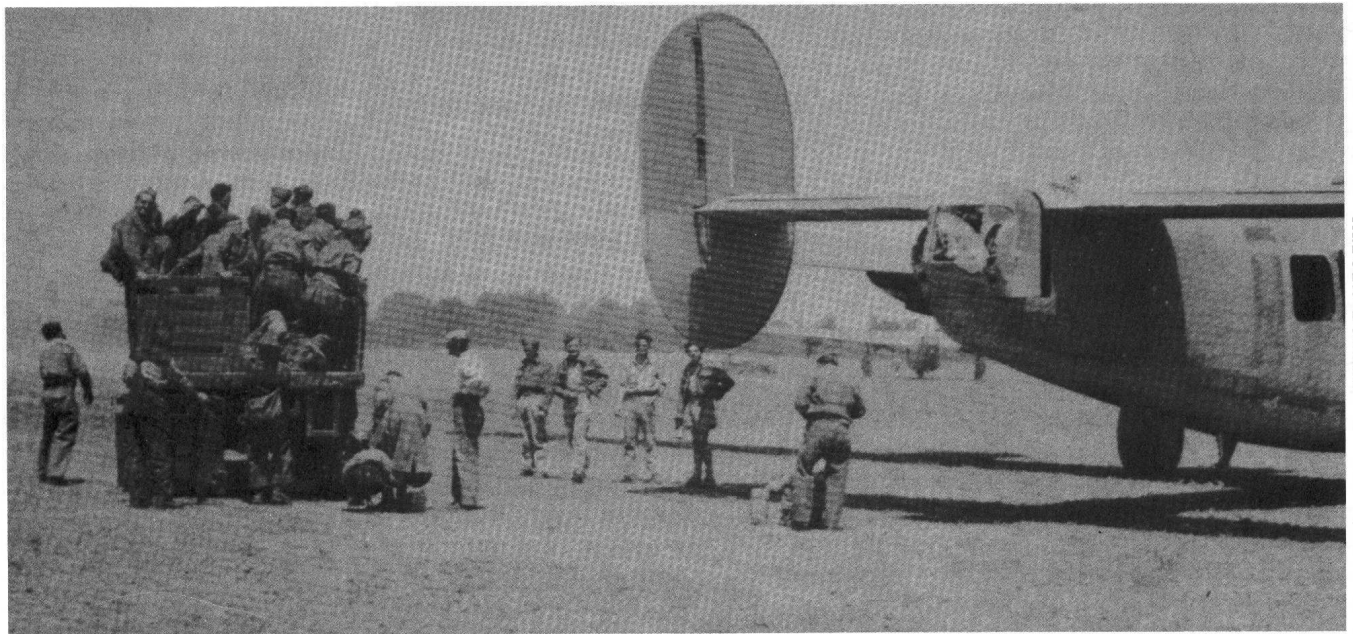
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*Less publicized are the achievements of the Liberators of No. 205 Group of the Royal Air Force in the Mediterranean. They not only flew nighttime missions in their B-24s but daylight missions as well. The Group started as No. 257 Wing in the Egyptian Canal Zone, equipped with long-range bombers, mostly Wellingtons. In September 1941 it was re-designated 205 Group and attempts were made to reinforce the Wellington squadrons with other aircraft. The Liberator being made in larger numbers than any other American heavy bomber and available was selected to serve with the RAF.*



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*Bombs dropped by 70 Squadron cascade on to V for Victor of 37 Squadron during a raid on the shipyards at Manfredonia, Italy, March 16, 1945. Although damage was extensive the Lib made it back to base safely.*



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*Former French POWs boarding trucks at Ystres near Marseilles June 9, 1945 after repatriation by Liberators of the 178 Squadron, RAF. Note aft turret guns are removed to save weight.*