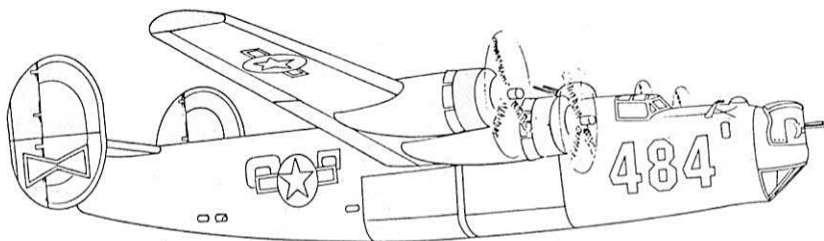


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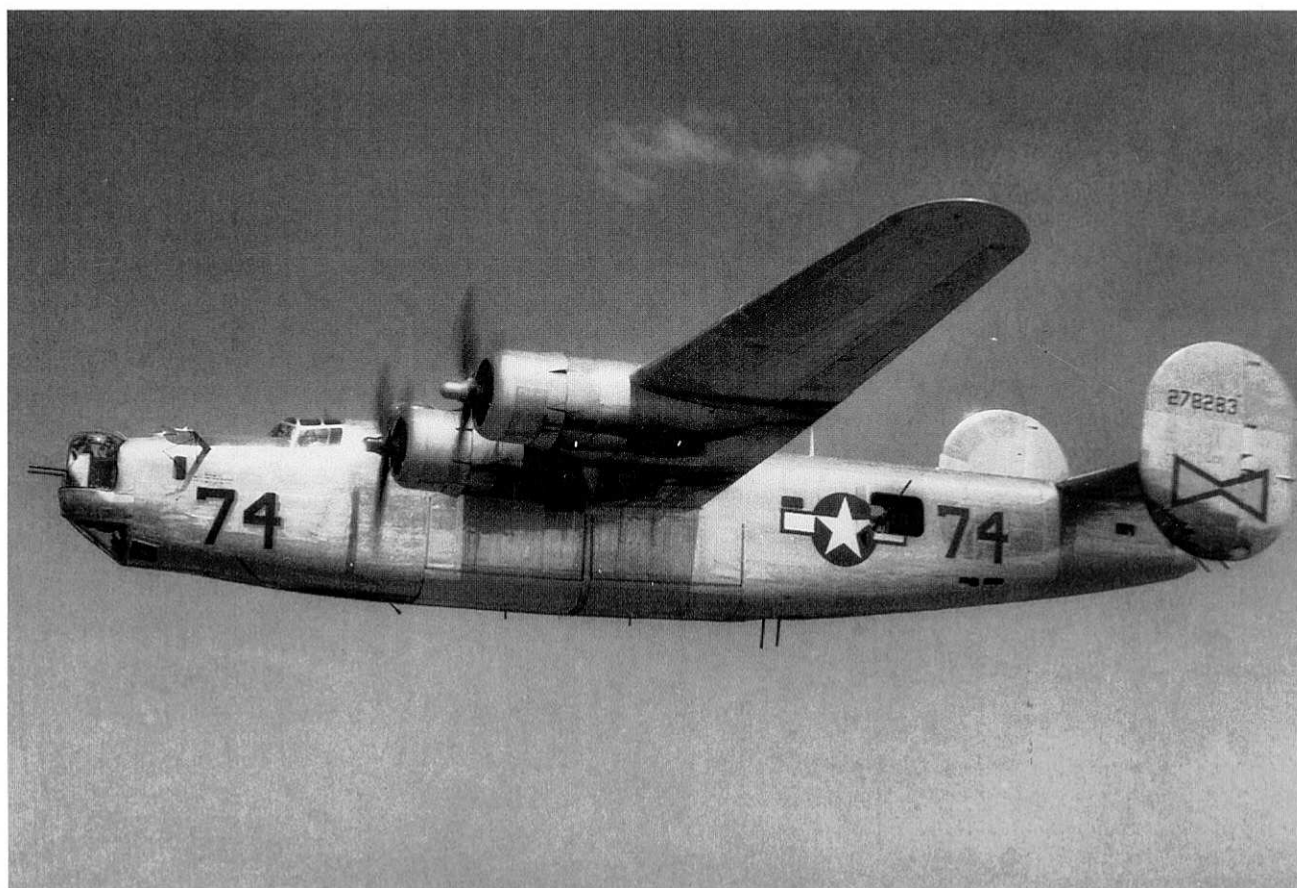
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42-78283 of the 827 Sq. Attention model builders. This particular aircraft is a B-24G-10. North American Aircraft assembled this aircraft in Dallas, Texas from Ford knock down kits. Note the number 74 denoting the 827 squadron, is painted black with a red shadow on the one painted on the nose, but without the shadow on the number near the waste window. The bow tie outlined in black denotes the 484th BG. The top of the L/H rudder is painted in red, but the R/H rudder inboard was not painted, which was contrary to orders. The red paint denotes the 49th Bombardment Wing, Italian based 15th Air Force. Aircraft radio call letters were not painted on 484th BG aircraft as was the practice in other groups.

Along the bottom of the aircraft you will note from the front, the angled trailing wire antenna shown in retracted position used for low frequency transmission and receiving. The ADF sense antenna with only the antenna posts shown, was used in conjunction with direction finding. Further aft are the guns pointed down of the ball turret shown in retracted position. The turret would be lowered with the guns still pointed down so the gunner could gain access to the turret.

Aft of number one and two engines cowl, the cowl flaps are opened slightly, indicating the engines were set to climb power a few minutes after take off. However, full open cowl flaps on take off roll was a "no no" as your Editor found out. Ask me.