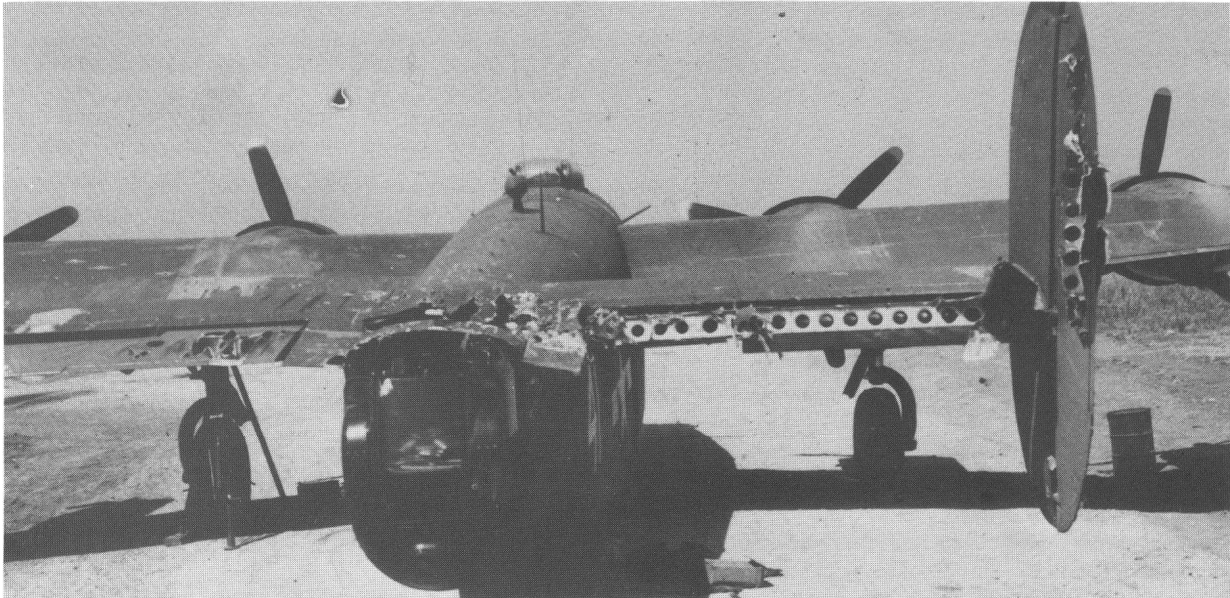

Surviving Liberators

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Legend

RAF= Royal Air Force, Great Britain. RAAF=Royal Australian Air Force, Lib=Liberator,
CAF=Confederate Air Force, IAF=Indian Air Force, RCAF=Royal Canadian Air Force,



LIB I/LB-30B AM927

Confederate Air Force registered as N12905 Flyable condition. Based at Midland Texas LIB I It is identical to the B-24A. The 25th Liberator built. Built for the RAF. Damaged in a landing accident on 7/24/41 at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rebuilt and flown by the USAAF and Consolidated Aircraft Corp. during WWII as a quasi C-87 transport. It was flown by Consolidated as NL24927 until November 1948 when it was sold to Continental Can Company. It was re-registered as N1503. In April, 1959 it was sold to Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) and given the Mexican registration of XC-CAY. It was acquired by the Confederate Air Force (CAF) in May 1968 and registered as N12905. Currently fitted with a greenhouse nose and painted as "Diamond Lil", a Ploesti veteran B-24D that served with the 9th Air Force, 98th Bomb Group.

LIB I/ LB-30 AL557

Alaskan Historical Aviation Society Kalikat Creek, Alaska N92MK Partial crash remains. The 62nd Liberator built. Built for and used by the RAF. Ex-Scottish Airlines G-AGZI. Ex-Hellenic Airlines SX-DAA "Maid of Athens." Ex-Morrison-Knudsen Construction Company. Used to haul cargo during the building of the DEW Line radar sites. Crashed at Kalikat Creek approx. 3 miles south of Galena Alaska in 1958. It was bulldozed into a ravine and the rear fuselage aft of the wing was destroyed. It has remained there ever since. It is on Government land in a very remote area. Plans are to

retrieve the remaining parts by helicopter.

B-24D-C0 40-2367

U.S. Government N58246. Partial crash remains. May be under the control of the National Park Service. The 19th B-24D built. American Veterans Museum, Atka Island, Alaska Served with the 11th Air Force, 21st Bomb Squadron. While on its 18th combat mission on 12/9/42. It ran out of fuel because of bad weather at Adak and was belly landed on the beach at Bechevin Bay on Atka Island which is now part of the Aleutian Islands National Wildlife Refuge. It has remained there ever since. Now on the National Register of Historic Places.

B-24D-60-C0

42-40461 Military Aircraft Restoration owned by Dave Tallichet. Partial nose section only. Identity uncertain. May be Ex-RAF BZ734, or Ex-RCAF 599 "Nanette" Chino, California Unrestored outside in storage yard. It is believed that the greenhouse nose now on the CAF's "Diamond Lil" came from this aircraft part.

B-24D-70-C0

42-40557 U.S. Air Force Museum Partial nose section only. March AFB, California Identity uncertain. May be Ex-RAF LIB GR. V BZ755, or Ex-RCAF 600. May have been owned by David Tallichet.