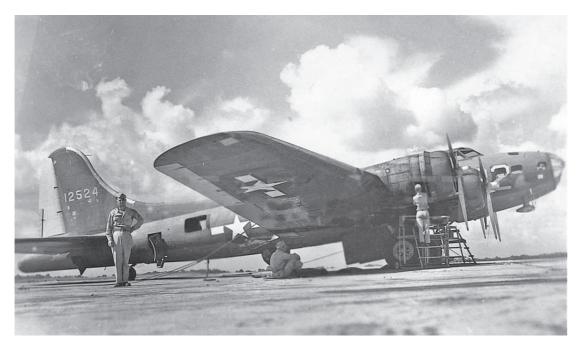
## 26TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON



Retired SOPAC bombers never died, at least not until they were scrapped. This is B-17E 41-2524 (as shown in Profile 13) in early 1944 when serving with the 2135<sup>th</sup> Base Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Florida. The fin's leading edge retains the white paint previously applied by the 26<sup>th</sup> BS ground crew at Espiritu Santo.



A group of  $26^{th}$  BS B-17Es at Tontouta in February 1943 awaiting refurbishment before being redistributed between other  $5^{th}$  BG squadrons.