



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 2135th Base Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Florida. The fin's leading edge retains the white paint previously applied by the 26th BS ground crew at Espiritu Santo.



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