



A heavy bomber burns at Henderson Field following the successful night raid by No. 705 Ku Bettys on 23 March 1943.



The charred remains of B-24D 41-24151 at Henderson Field after the 23 March raid. (Bob Livingstone Collection)

aside from a smouldering 40-foot wide and 30-foot-deep crater. Also destroyed was a 307th BG B-24D while virtually all of the other fifteen B-24s present received shrapnel damage. Two of these were later written off, named *Shamrock* and *Lone Wolf*. Fortunately, there were no casualties, as presumably any personnel in or near the bombers had taken cover on receipt of the first air raid warning at 2050. Following this raid Cactus Air Force made special efforts to disperse its larger aircraft, in particular the B-17s, B-24s and TBFs, and within a few days the two 307th BG squadrons had moved both their camps and planes to Carney Field.