

purchased in Australia or flown out from the United States. This was later destroyed in one of the Japanese attacks on Fenton.



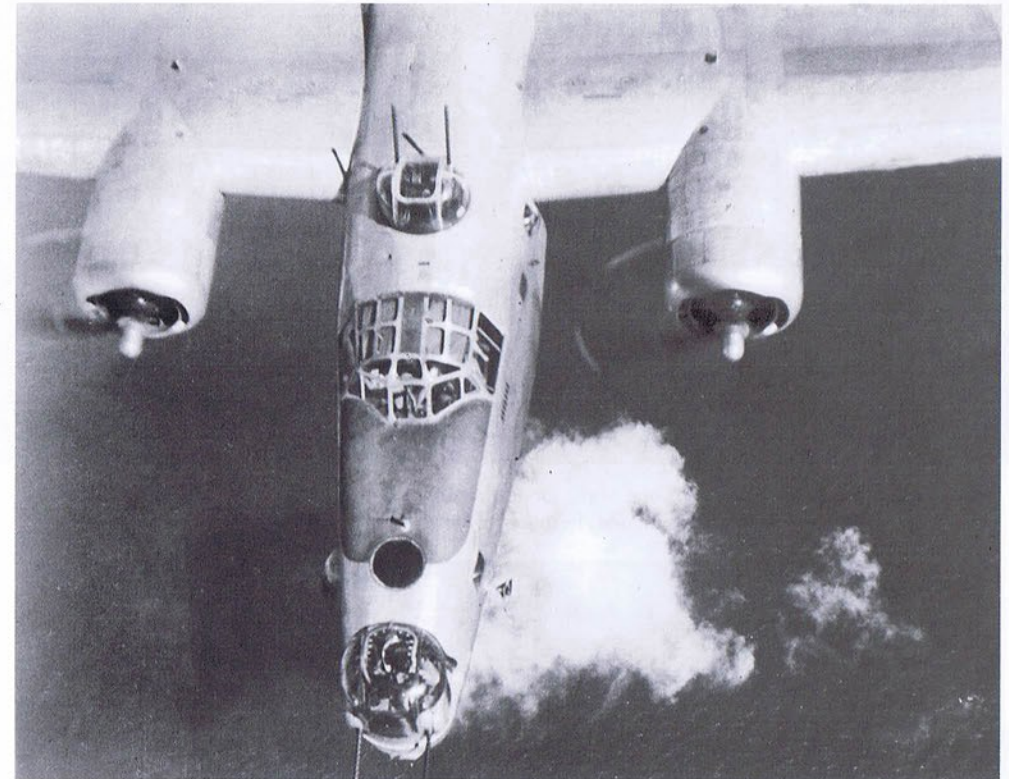
“Stumpy” (one of the mechanics) and *The Fairchild* at Fenton. (Photograph: Dick Dakeyne.)



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CHAPTER SIX

BOMBING THE JAPANESE



Front of the B-24 Liberator showing cockpit, top turret and nose turret. (Ted Sturtevant Collection.)

Soon after arriving back at the Squadron on the 8th August 1943, the Americans had more exciting missions planned against Japanese-held territory. We'd receive the news in the briefing room. The big shots in Brisbane would decide what was to be our target, then the operations people at Fenton would place that on a large map, and we would sit on seats and be briefed about the mission. They'd place a pink tape pointing to the target and we'd learn what were likely to be the problems encountered. The Weather people told us what weather to expect, and the Intelligence people told us what they knew of the Japanese defences.