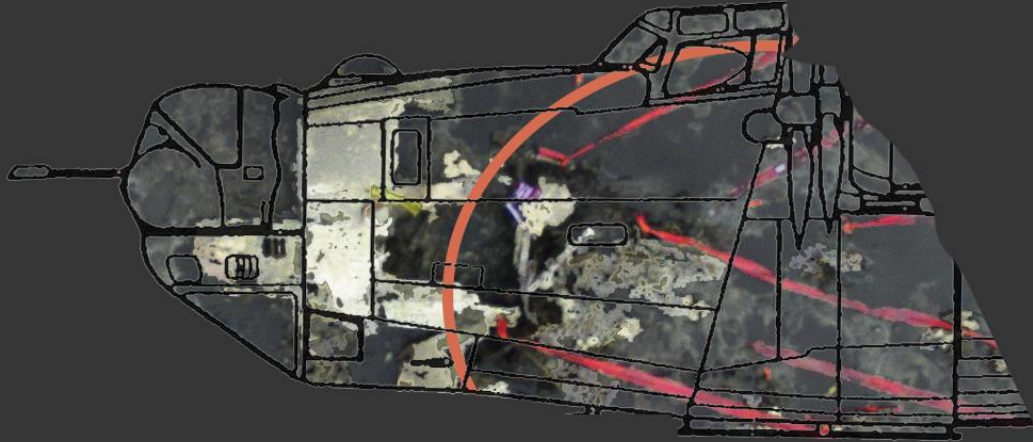


DIXON NOSE DETAIL



The purpose of this document is to provide past and current day visual reference to the location and condition of the Dixon Nose Compartment

WHY INVESTIGATE THIS B-24 NOSE SECTION?

- Recent field investigation and analyses (since 1994) now provide credible evidence that the nose section of B24J-170-CO, Serial No: 44-40603, has been located (which lies near shore, in shallow water).^{1,2}
- Up to six crew members of '603 would have been in this section of the plane as it crashed (based on their crew positions for the mission).³
- The nose section of the plane separated from the aft fuselage as it broke up and there is aerial photo evidence of the impact of the nose as it hit the water which aligns with where the nose was found in 1994.⁴
- An investigation of an inshore discovery of an additional crew compartment is not indicated in any AGRS or other official reports, so it is reasonable to suppose it is a new discovery.⁵
- AGRS only found the dog tags of a waist gunner (S/Sgt Farnam) among remains of three individuals who were in the aft section of the aircraft (based on their crew positions for the mission).⁶
- No dog tags (other than Farnam) or other personal effects from other crew members have been found to date – there may be some in the nose section.⁷

THE CREW OF '603 – MOST ARE STILL MISSING



George Feeny	Don Elliott	Clifford Biggerstaff	Herb Farnam	Bob Mansell	Roger Holt
Ft Engineer	Radio Opr	Armorer	Asst Ft Engr	Asst Radio Opr	Armorer
Top Turret	Waist Gun	Nose Turret	Waist Gun	Belly Turret	Tail Turret

Gordon Dixon	Art Wilson	Neri Terry	James Aldridge
Pilot	Copilot	surviving Navigator	surviving Bombardier

372 Bomb Squadron Command Ship, Capt W. G. Dixon, C.O.

Dixon Crew, Taken at Los Negros, New Guinea

RIP Koror, Palau, 28 Aug 44

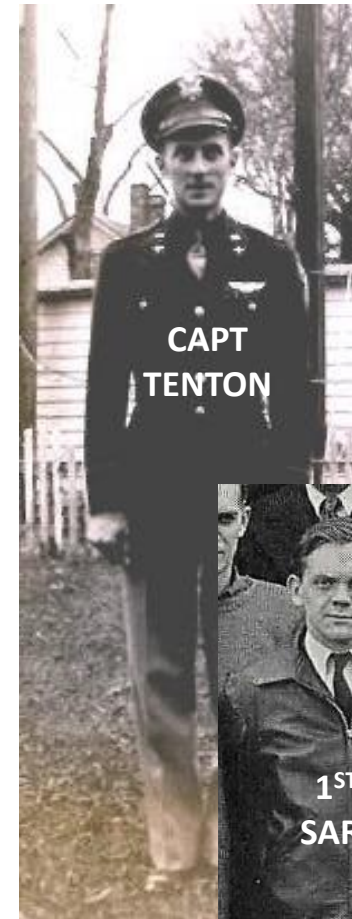
photo processing and captioning by Ted E. Mikita, Jr.

photo courtesy George Feeny family

Terry and Aldrich were not on the 28 Aug 1944 mission.

Airplane Type: B24J-170-CO

Serial No: 44-40603



CAPT
TENTON

Capt Tenton
substituted Bombardier



1ST LT
DUNCAN

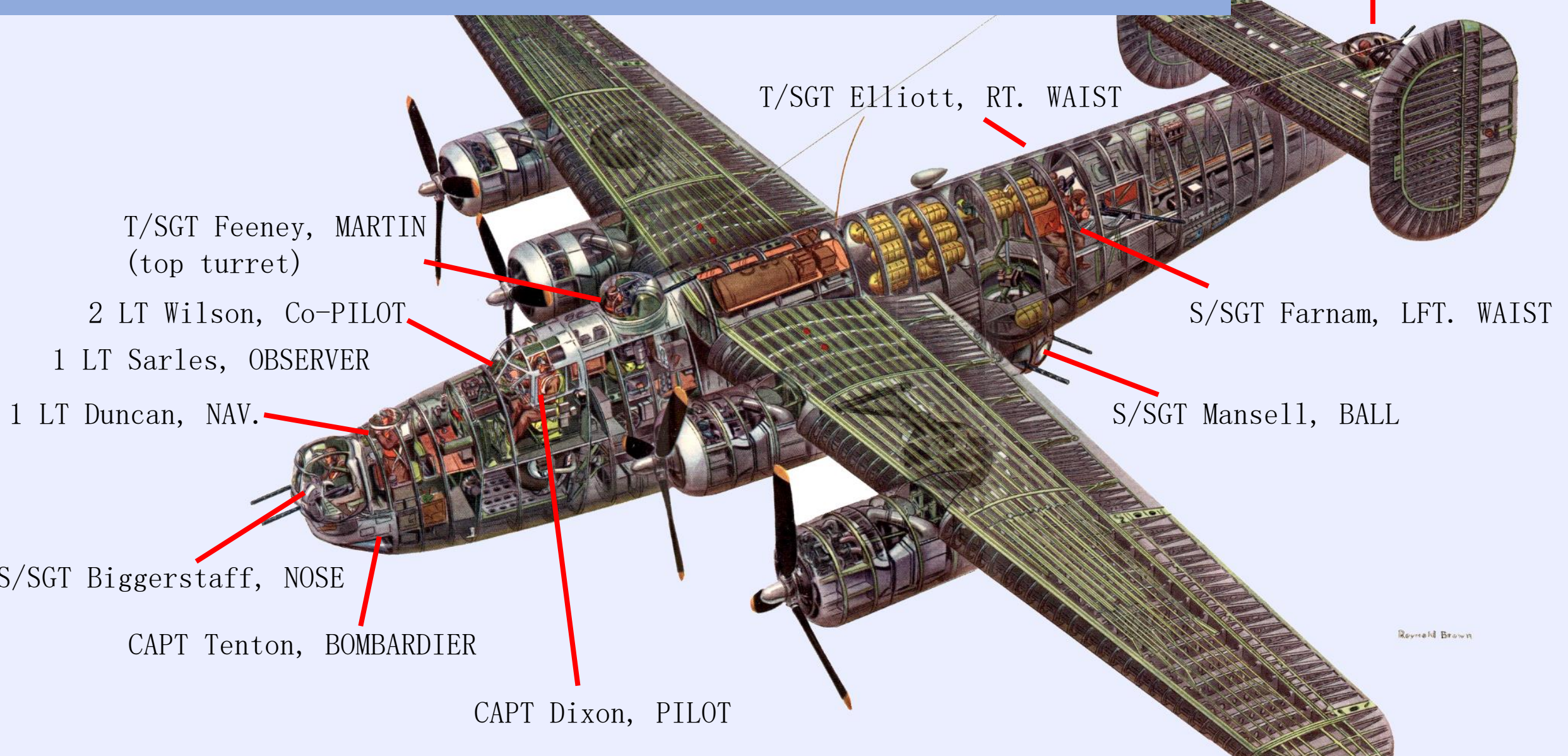
1ST LT Duncan
substituted Navigator



1ST LT
SARLES

1ST LT Sarles
Observer (Navigator, Bombardier & Intel)

CREW BATTLE STATIONS FOR MISSION



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T/SGT Elliott, RT. WAIST

T/SGT Feeney, MARTIN
(top turret)

2 LT Wilson, Co-PILOT

1 LT Sarles, OBSERVER

1 LT Duncan, NAV.

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S/SGT Mansell, BALL

S/SGT Biggerstaff, NOSE

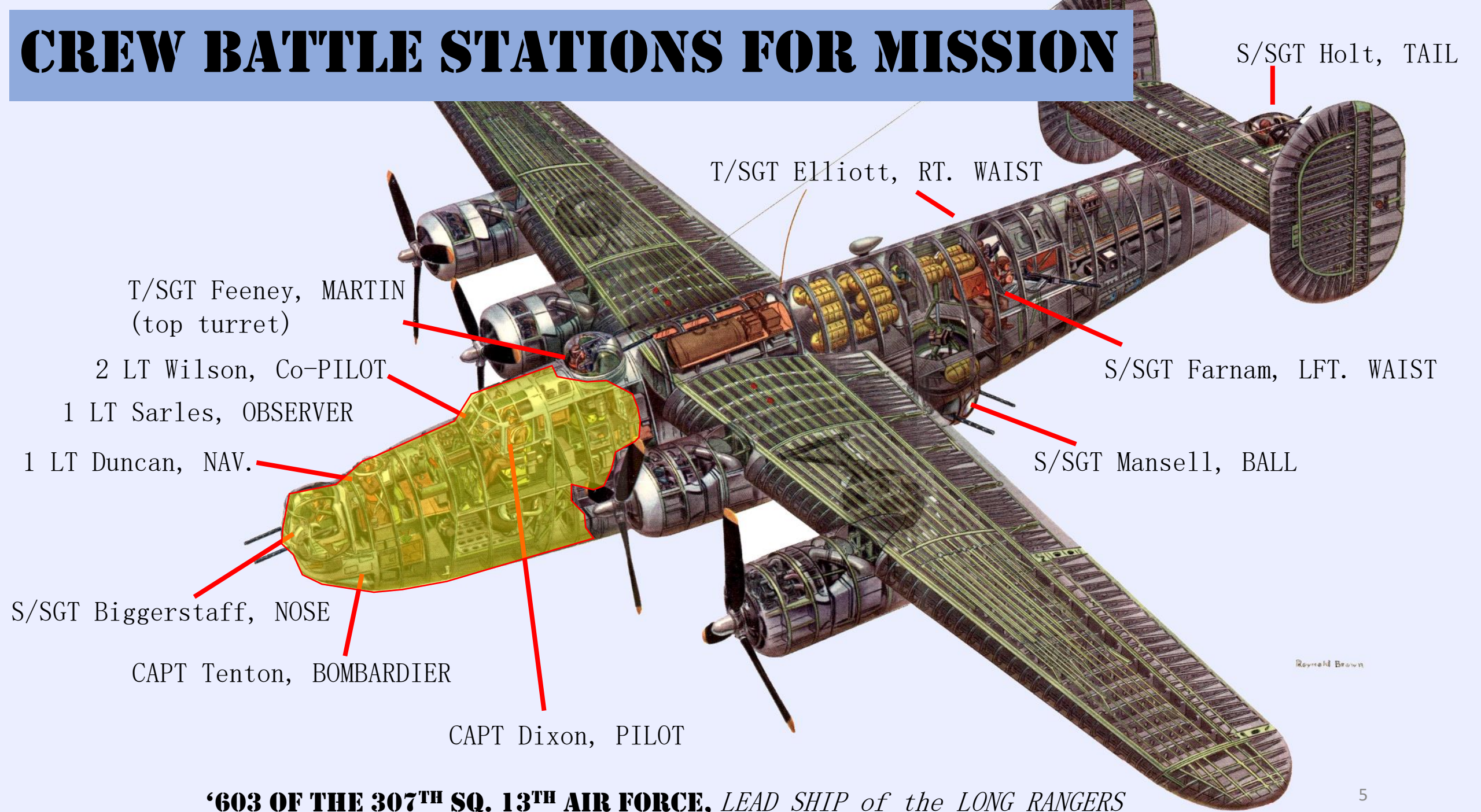
CAPT Tenton, BOMBARDIER

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'603 OF THE 307TH SQ. 13TH AIR FORCE, LEAD SHIP of the LONG RANGERS

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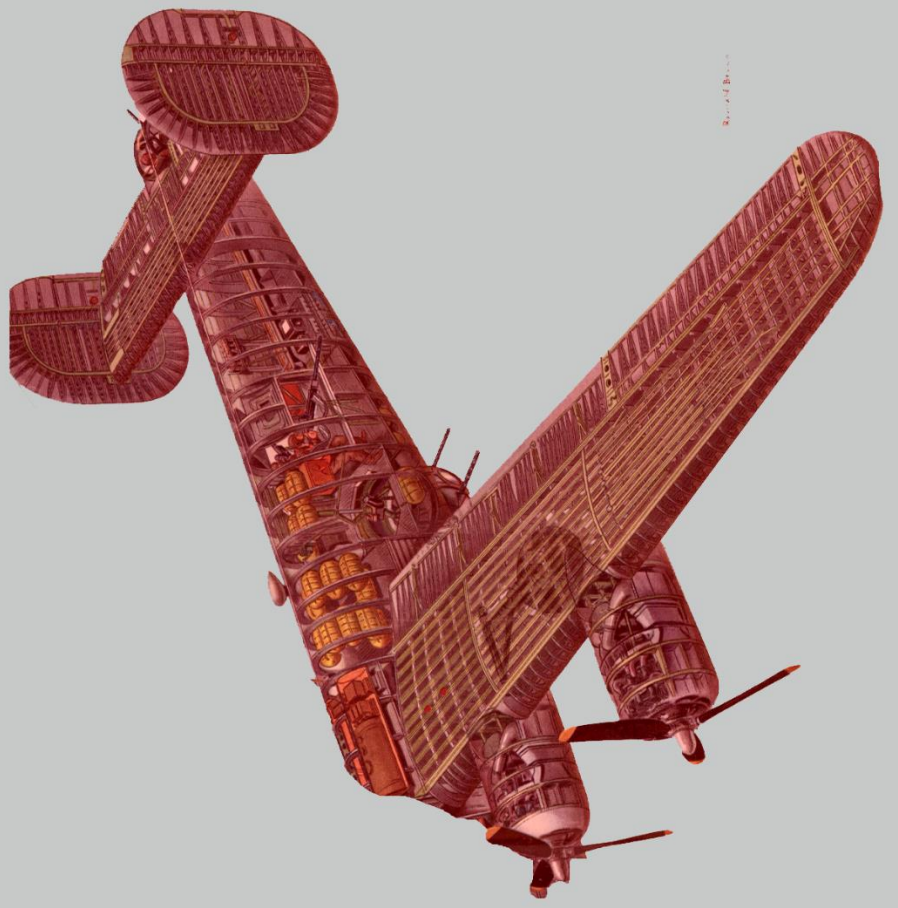
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ISLAND OF KOROR, PALAU

Nose section lies in shallow water, in a mangrove area.

Nose Compartment

Aft Fuselage Compartment

Right Wing



AERIAL IMAGE LOCATION OF NOSE SECTION

Enlargement of nose impact

Note: splash pattern does not exhibit a concentric ring or radial pattern of a bomb impact.

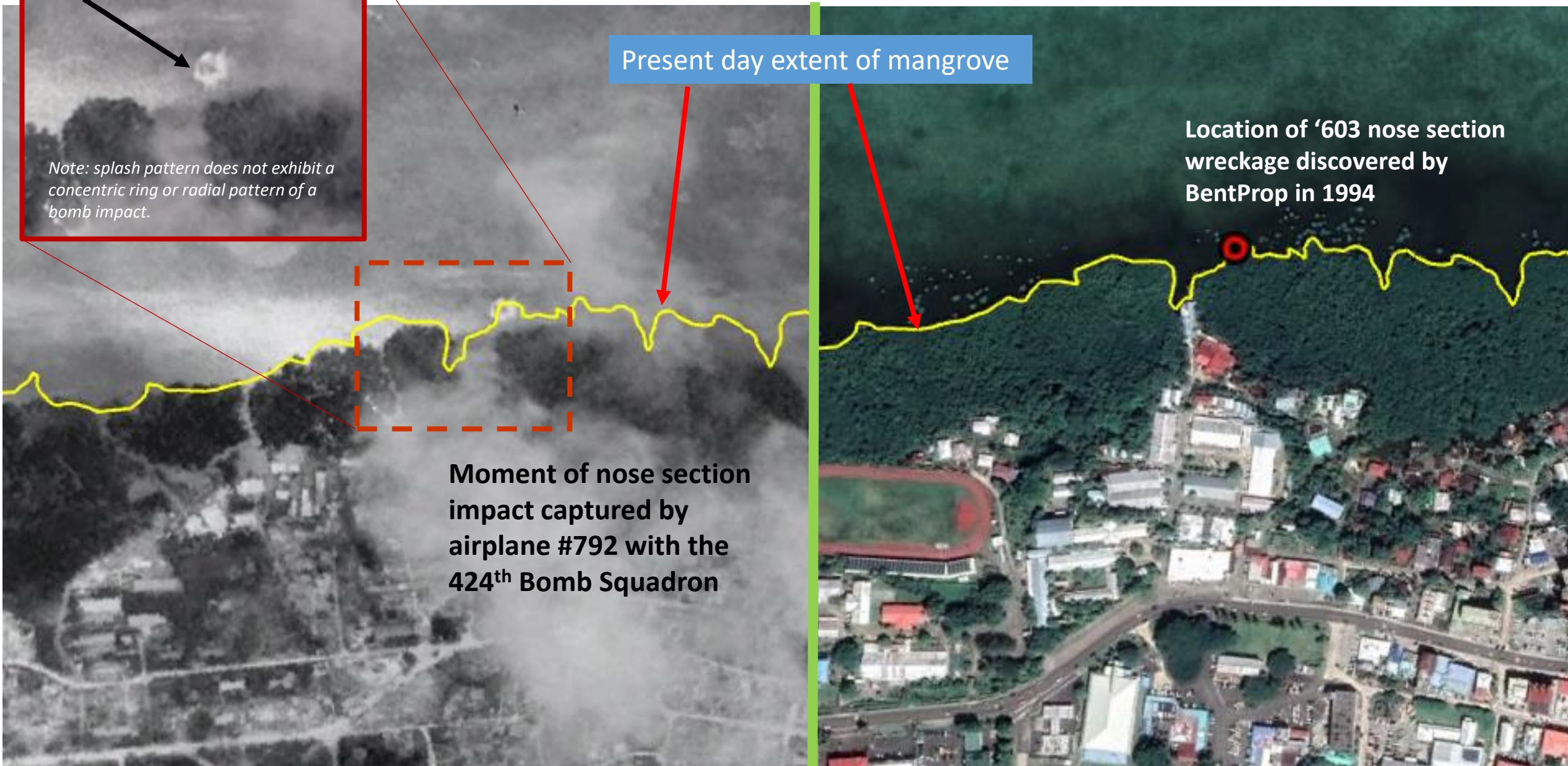
Present day extent of mangrove

Location of '603 nose section wreckage discovered by BentProp in 1994

Moment of nose section impact captured by airplane #792 with the 424th Bomb Squadron

28 Aug 1944 aerial photo

22 Dec 2017 satellite image



AERIAL PHOTOS OF IMPACTS



Bomb Splash Patterns - exhibit a concentric ring or radial pattern at impact.



'603 Nose Section - exhibits a slightly irregular to rectangular shape at impact by ship '284

28 Aug 1944 aerial photo (source: National Archives)

ADDITIONAL PERIOD PHOTOS OF NOSE IMPACT




28 Aug 44 Nose Splash off N Koror, ship '792



01 Sep 44 Nose Reflection off N Koror, ship '567
i.e. 4 days after crash



Nose section of Dixon '603 

Nose section lies in shallow water, in a mangrove area.

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Imagery Date: 12/22/2017 7°20'37.77" N 134°28'26.74" E elev 0 ft eye alt 1952 ft

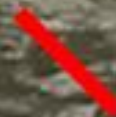
1994 – AERIAL VIEW OF NOSE SECTION FROM '603



NOSE SECTION IN 2017 100 FEET FROM SHORE

NOSE SECTION IN 2017

Nose



Possibility exists that remains and personal effects of up to six crew members are buried within this wreckage area.

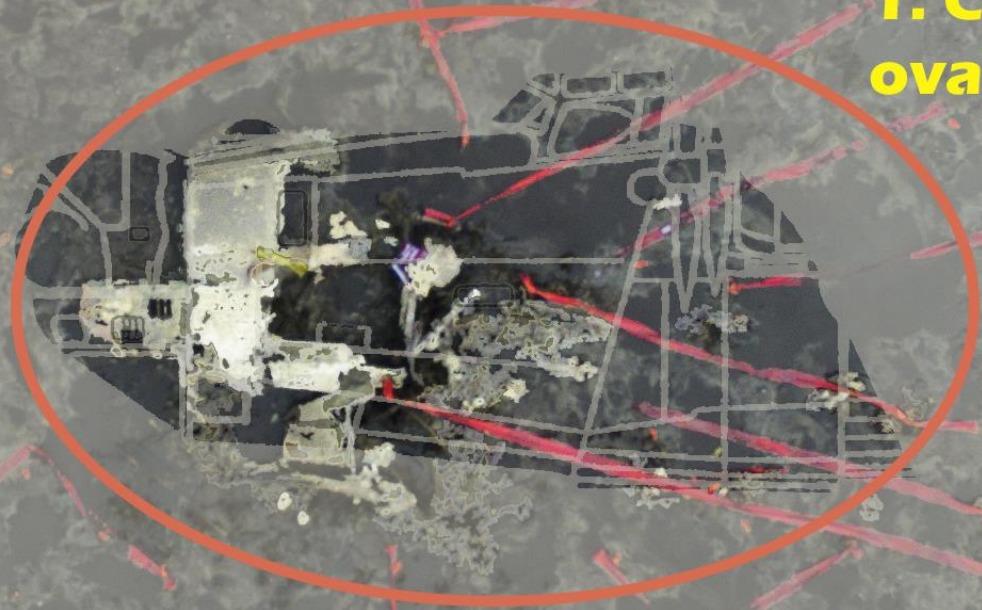
Wreck is 85% submerged and encased in thick plastic mangrove mud.

Nose tire



Dixon Nose Remnant - March 2017 c. Ted Mikita

1. Concentrated continuous metal within oval area



2. Red Ribbons represent contiguous metal detections

Nose Tire

Inset: Original of Cockpit/Nose Overlay Shown over remnants.

