

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 077

SERIAL NO.: <u>42-72951</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME: <u>BAIL-OUT BELLE</u>
MODEL: <u>B-24D-170-CO</u>	MFR: <u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
	CONTRACTOR'S NO.: <u>2521</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE: <u>08/10/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE: <u>08/17/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE: <u>08/19/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE: <u>08/23/1943</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE: <u>08/23/1943</u>	MOD CENTER PLACE: <u>Tucson</u>
TO STAGING AREA DATE: _____	STAGING PLACE: _____
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE: <u>12/23/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE: <u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE: _____	DESTINATION: <u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS: _____	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE: _____
ASSIGNMENT: <u>380/529</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE: <u>01/1944</u>
STATION: <u>Long Strip</u>	
FIRST MISSION: <u>02/04/1944</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION): <u>Namlea</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS: <u>60 AU/NG + 1 PH = 61</u>	TERMINATION DATE: <u>08/01/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED: <u>Salvaged</u>	
WHERE TERMINATED: <u>Clark Field, Luzon</u>	
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE: <u>08/01/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED: <u>Clark Field</u>

NOTES:

MAINTENANCE CREW

Serial No.: 42-72951

Nose Art: BAIL-OUT BELLE

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	12031091	M/Sgt	Robert G. Abbott

	SSN	Rank	Name
Mechanic(s):			Not Available in Current Records

Notes:

BAIL-OUT BELLE

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Model: B-24D-170-CO

*Right Side
OD*



<http://www.b24bestweb.com/bailoutbelle1.htm>



Source: Unknown



Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.

*Left Side
OD*



The venerable *Belle* flew 64 mission before being scrapped.
Frank Dalka Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 202.



Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.



F/O Erikson's crew while with the 531st. Probably out of convenience, they are standing beside a 529th plane.
Lee Brissey Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 253.



Source: Unknown



Source: Craig Bellamy Collection



Source: Unknown

*Right Side
NMF*



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 142.



By July 1944, #951 *Bail-Out Belle* had been stripped of its OD paint. Note the new presentation of mission markers.
Bob Agney Collection

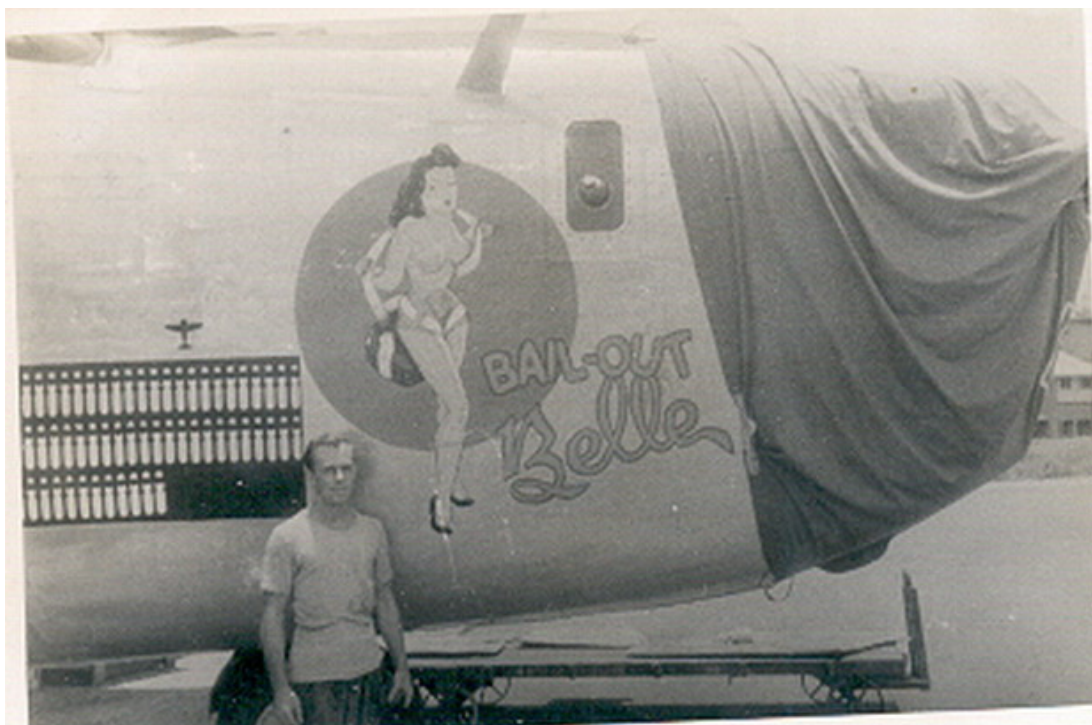
Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 254.



Source: *Pete Burris Collection*.



<http://www.b24bestweb.com/bailoutbelle2.htm>



Source: Unknown

*Left Side
NMF*



The other side of #951 showing the squadron logo incorporated into the artwork, the only such case recorded in the Group. Compare this with the photo on page 253.
Robert Chandler Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 254.



Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.



Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-72951 **NOSE ART** BAIL-OUT BELLE **MODEL** D-170-CO
SQDN ASSGD 529 **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego **M#** 951

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: _____

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	02/04/1944	FEN IV-22	Strike	Namlea	8	D. Craig	529	Abort, Gas Leak
2	02/09/1944	FEN IV-27	Strike	Halong	35	Tosch	529	
3	02/15/1944	FEN IV-29	Strike	Halong	35	Tosch	529	
4	02/19/1944	FEN IV-32	Recce	Kaoe Bay, Halmaheras	35	Tosch	529	
5	03/20/1944	FEN V-40	Recce	Shipping, Timor Sea	27	Dow	529	
6	03/23/1944	FEN VI-2	Recce	Vogelkoph	17	Toepperwein	529	
7	03/25/1944	FEN VI-4	Recce	Photo, Babo	19	Blake	529	
8	03/28/1944	FEN VI-7	Strike	Penfoei A/D, Timor	17	Craig	529	Toepperwein Crew
9	04/01/1944	FEN VI-9	Recce	Shipping	81	Lenihan	531	
10	04/19/1944	FEN VI-25	Strike	Manokwari	35	Brissey	529	Tosch Crew
11	04/20/1944	FEN VI-27	Strike	Noemfoor	39	Harrison	529	
12	04/23/1944	FEN VI-34	Strike	Noemfoor Island	19	Blake	529	

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13	05/01/1944	FEN VI-47	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	27	Dow	529	
14	05/03/1944	FEN VI-49	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	42	Overheu (RAAF)	529	
15	05/06/1944	FEN VII-3	Strike	Penfoei A/D, Timor	38	Reed	529	
16	05/07/1944	FEN VII-6	Strike	Utoram A/D, Dutch NG	43	Levandoski	529	
17	05/09/1944	FEN VII-11	Strike	Langgoer A/D, Kai Islands	38	Reed	529	
18	05/11/1944	FEN VII-12	Strike	Ambon, Amboinia Island	38	Reed	529	
19	05/16/1944	FEN VII-16	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	38	Reed	529	
20	05/19/1944	FEN VII-19	Strike	Manokwari	38	Reed	529	
21	05/21/1944	FEN VII-21	Strike	Manokwari	38	Reed	529	
22	05/26/1944	FEN VII-23	Strike	Manokwari	38	Reed	529	
23	05/31/1944	FEN VII-26	Strike	Liang	44	McCombe (RAAF)	529	First Mission for this Crew

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24	06/03/1944	FEN VII-29	Strike	Halong	38	Reed	529	
25	06/08/1944	FEN VI-32	Strike	Shipping, Jefman	29	Stevens	529	Landed Wakde
26	06/09/1944			Return from Wakde	29	Stevens	529	
27	06/12/1944	FEN VII-33	Strike	Liang	33	Boyle	529	
28	06/13/1944	FEN VII-34	Strike	Halong	38	Reed	529	
29	06/22/1944	FEN VII-38	Strike	Liang	44	McCombe (RAAF)	529	
30	06/29/1944	FEN VII-45	Strike	Babo	38	Reed	529	
31	07/07/1944	FEN VIII-14	Recce	Shipping, Flores	38	Reed	529	
32	07/14/1944	FEN VIII-24	Strike	Maomere, Flores	41	Morabito	529	
33	07/17/1944	FEN VIII-28	Strike	Shipping Flores	43	Levandoski	529	
34	07/31/1944	FEN IX-5	Strike	Namlea	33	Boyle	529	

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35	08/03/1944	FEN IX-15	Strike	Langgoer	37	Mansfield	529	
36	08/09/1944	FEN IX-21	Strike	Namlea	37	Mansfield	529	
37	08/19/1944	FEN IX-41	Strike	Shipping, Celebes	37	Mansfield	529	
38	08/25/1944	FEN IX-47	Strike	Laha	38	Reed	529	
39	09/04/1944	FEN X-9	Strike	Kendari	29	Stevens	529	
40	09/08/1944	FEN X-15	Strike	Kai Islands	37	Mansfield	529	
41	09/21/1944	FEN XI-3	Strike	Laha	29	Goudelock	529	
42	09/24/1944	FEN XI-8	Strike	Haroekoe	33	Davis	529	Boyle Crew
43	09/27/1944	FEN XI-19	Strike	Haroekoe	37	Mansfield	529	
44	09/29/1944	FEN XI-25	Search H-1	Banda Sea	37	Mansfield	529	
45	10/02/1944	DAR I-4	Strike	Macassar	37	Mansfield	529	
46	10/05/1944	DAR I-10	Strike	Macassar	26	Henschke	529	Trimble Crew

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47	10/07/1944	DAR I-14	Search H-1	Banda Sea	37	Mansfield	529	
48	10/09/1944	DAR I-22	Strike	Koepang	33	Davis	529	Boyle Crew, Checked out Copilot
49	10/12/1944	DAR I-30	Strike	Ambesia	38	Reed	529	
50	10/14/1944	DAR I-37	Strike	Pomelaa	44	Onley (RAAF)	529	
51	11/07/1944	DAR III-6	Strike	Raba	37	Mansfield	529	
52	11/13/1944	DAR III-26	Search I-2-Green	Banda and Molucca Seas	29	Goude-lock	529	
53	11/15/1944	DAR III-30	Search G-2-Green	Flores Sea	37	Mansfield	529	
54	11/18/1944	DAR III-37	Strike	Polewali	28	Fry	529	
55	11/20/1944	DAR III-47	Strike	Ambesia	37	Mansfield	529	
56	11/27/1944	DAR IV-12	Strike	Kendari and Boro Boro	37	Mansfield	529	

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57	11/30/1944	DAR IV-23	Strike	Malimpoeng A/D	45	Dixon (RAAF)	529	First Mission for this Crew
58	12/06/1944	DAR IV-43	Strike	Kendari and Boro Boro	37	Mansfield	529	
59	12/30/1944	DAR VI-9	Strike	Limboeng A/D, Celebes	33	Boyle	529	
60	01/12/1945	DAR VII-1	Strike	Amdenam, Soemba	28	Fry	529	
								Transferred to Mindoro, The Philippines