

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 004

SERIAL NO.: <u>42-40387</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME: <u>BEAUTIFUL BETSY</u>
MODEL: <u>B-24D-53-CO</u>	MFR: <u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
	CONTRACTOR'S NO.: <u>1464</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE: <u>02/04/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE: <u>02/16/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE: <u>02/20/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE: <u>03/06/1943</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE: <u>02/23/1943</u>	MOD CENTER PLACE: <u>Fort Worth</u>
TO STAGING AREA DATE: <u>No ARC</u>	STAGING PLACE: <u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE: <u>04/15/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE: <u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE: <u>No ARC</u>	DESTINATION: <u>Amberly Field, Brisbane, AUS</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS: _____	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE: _____
ASSIGNMENT: <u>380/528</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE: <u>Initial Deployment</u>
STATION: <u>Fenton</u>	
FIRST MISSION: <u>06/11/1943</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION): <u>Koepang, Timor</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS: <u>22 AU</u>	TERMINATION DATE: <u>02/26/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED: <u>Crash, Wreck not found until July 1994</u>	
WHERE TERMINATED: <u>Queensland</u>	
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE: <u>No ARC</u>	WHERE REMOVED: <u>No ARC</u>

NOTES: ARC = Aircraft Record Card; Modification completed 03/26/1943, 'Sumac' Mod

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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MAINTENANCE CREW

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	901110	M/Sgt	Elmer S. Riding

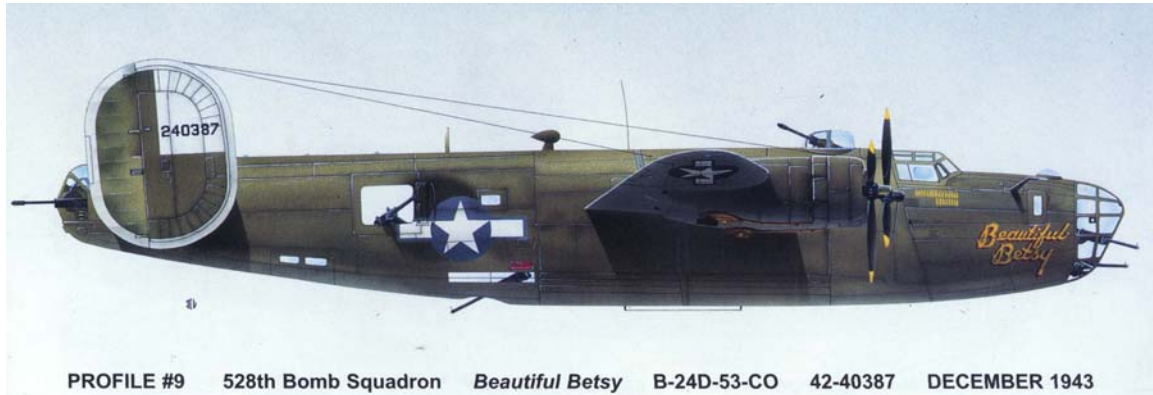
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Mechanic(s):			Not Available in Current Records

Notes:

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Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, color profiles, center of book.

Original Nose Art – OD



Source: *Best in the Southwest*, p. 41.



Source: *Best in the Southwest*, p. 72.



Wooden dummies were used for practice sessions with the RAAF.
 Source: *Best in the Southwest*, p. 474.



Roth Crew
 Source: *King of the Heavies*, p. 160.



ROTH CREW

Crew members who participated in a bombing mission over Balikpapan, Borneo. Front Row, L-R: S/Sgt Ben Rocha of Greeley, CA, asst radio operator; T/Sgt Richard Rone of Sutherlin, OR, engineer; S/Sgt Houston Burkhart of Nelta, TX, tail gunner; and S/Sgt Harold F. Morrison of Marquette, KS, top turret gunner. Back row, L-R: Capt. Joe Roth of Lincoln, NE, pilot; Lt E.R. Zeiss of Downers Grove, IL, co-pilot, 2Lt G.E. Peterson of Lake Geneva, WI, navigator; Lt F.F. Gorham of Houlton, ME, bombardier; T/Sgt J.L. Sword of Shoshone ID, radio operator; and S/Sgt D.R. Foretich of Elko, NV, nose gunner. 30 August 1943.

Source: *Joe Dally Collection*. Caption from James Leddy.



Source: Joe Dally Collection.



Source: King of the Heavies, p. 35.

After Paint Stripping – NMF



Stripped of OD paint scheme but not her war record. This plane never had its “greenhouse” replaced with a nose turret.

Source: Best in the Southwest, p. 307.



Source: Best in the Southwest, p. 307.



Source: King of the Heavies, p. 82.

Wreckage of the Crash



Final Resting Place, Kroombit Tops State Forest and National Park
Queensland, Australia

Source: <http://members.tripod.com/americanairmen/index.htm>



Source: <http://home.st.net.au/~dunn/ozcrashes/qld89.htm>



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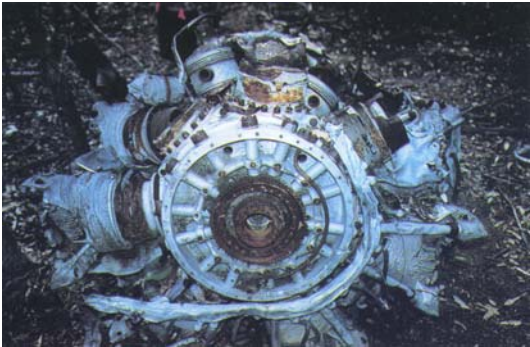
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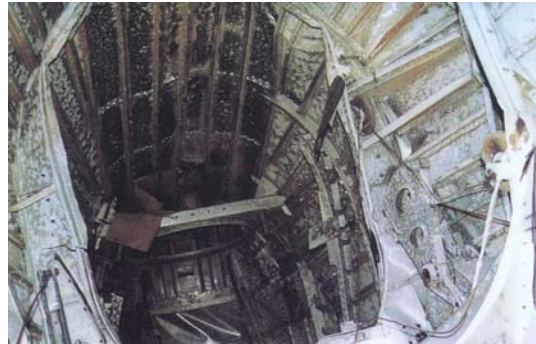
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MISSION RECORD

SN 42-40387 **NOSE ART** BEAUTIFUL BETSY **MODEL** D-53-CO
SQDN ASSGD 528 **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego **M#** 387
LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: Familiarization Mission with 90/319 prior to Activation (No records extant showing 380th planes carrying out missions under 90BG control)

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	06/11/1943	FEN I-35	Strike	Koepang, Timor	5	Roth	528	
2	06/23/1943	FEN I-42	Strike	Macassar, Celebes	5	Roth	528	
3	06/27/1943	FEN I-43	Strike	Laha, Amboina	4	Baker	528	
4	07/14/1943	FEN II-2	Strike	Koepang, Timor	5	Henschke	528	Roth Crew
5	07/18/1943	FEN II-4	Strike	Macassar, Celebes	2	Grenfel	528	Abort, Top Turret
6	07/21/1943	FEN II-5	Strike	Soura-Baya, Java	5	Roth	528	
7	07/30/1943	FEN II-15	Strike	Waingepoe, Soemba	2	Grenfel	528	
8	07/31/1943	FEN I-54	Search	Search for Missing B-24	6	Beller	528	Special Missions-Australia
9	08/09/1943	FEN II-19	Strike	Ambon	6	Beller	528	
10	08/31/1943	FEN II-31	Recce	Kokas, Sorong, Boela	5	Roth	528	

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NOTES: Missions 15-16: Second Deployment to New Guinea with 43rd BG

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
11	09/02/1943	FEN II-32	Strike	Shipping Strike, Waingepoe	3	Henschke	528	Abort, Gas Cap, Oil Leak Banks Crew
12	09/14/1943	FEN II-39	Strike	Kendari	2	Henschke	528	Grenfel Crew
13	09/22/1943	FEN II-45	Strike	Ambon	5	Roth	528	
14	10/09/1943	FEN III-2	Strike	Macassar	52	Cesario	530	
15	10/13/1943	285-L	Strike	Rabaul	5	Roth	528	Abort, Weather
16	10/17/1943	290-H	Strike	Vunakanau A/D-Rabaul	5	(Roth) Miller	528	Abort, Weather
17	10/22/1943	FEN III-10	Strike	Pomelaa	21	R. Craig	530	
18	10/26/1943	FEN III-12	Strike	Pomelaa	5	Roth	528	
19	11/01/1943	FEN III-17	Strike	Pomelaa	5	Roth	528	
20	11/11/1943	FEN III-23	Strike	Ambon	10	F. Miller	528	First Mission, Partial Crew (Dunseth)

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21	11/17/1943	FEN III-24	Strike	Tjepoe, Java	HDQ	Henschke	HDQ	
22	11/21/1943	FEN III-27	Recce	Nabire, Manokwari, Sorong	11	Henschke	528	Kemp Crew
								Relegated to Squadron Hack Status