

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 002

SERIAL NO.: <u>42-40351</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME: <u>BIG CHIEF COCKEYE</u>
MODEL: <u>B-24D-53-CO</u>	MFR: <u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
	CONTRACTOR'S NO.: <u>1428</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE: <u>01/27/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE: <u>02/08/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE: <u>02/18/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE: <u>No ARC</u>
	MOD CENTER PLACE: <u>No ARC</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE: <u>02/16/1943</u>	
TO STAGING AREA DATE: <u>No ARC</u>	STAGING PLACE: <u>No ARC</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE: <u>No ARC</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE: <u>No ARC</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE: <u>No ARC</u>	DESTINATION: _____
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS: <u>Nose turret</u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE: <u>Townsville</u>
ASSIGNMENT: <u>380/529</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE: <u>05/1944</u>
STATION: <u>Long Strip</u>	
FIRST MISSION: <u>05/31/1944</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION): <u>Liang, Amboinia</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS: <u>8 AU</u>	TERMINATION DATE: <u>07/05/1944</u>
WHY TERMINATED: <u>Crash, Hit Mountain</u>	
WHERE TERMINATED: <u>Ceram Island</u>	
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE: <u>No ARC</u>	WHERE REMOVED: <u>No ARC</u>

NOTES: Formerly 43rd-see attached picture, same serial #; also claimed by 90th BG;
ARC = Aircraft Record Card

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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No ARC

MAINTENANCE CREW

Serial No.: 42-40351

Nose Art: BIG CHIEF COCKEYE

Model: B-24D-53-CO

	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	38062190	M/Sgt	Gilbert N. Murdock

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

Notes:

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Right side, different lettering and placement of mission symbols than Horton photos. Probably 43rd BG version.

Source: Campbell/Campbell, *Consolidated B-24 Liberator*, p 170.



Ken Wehenkel atop the nose (A6A turret)

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 466.



No nose art on left side.

Source: Dr. Gossard's film/videotape (with credit to Tim Frye, Purdue University, for converting video to still photo).



Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 252.



Right side, with Levandoski Crew.

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 217.



Source: Unknown



Source: Unknown

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-40351 NOSE ART BIG CHIEF COCKEYE MODEL D-53-CO

SQDN ASSGD 529 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 351

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: _____

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	05/31/1944	FEN VII-26	Strike	Liang	40	Carmichael	529	
2	06/03/1944	FEN VII-29	Strike	Halong	40	Carmichael	529	
3	06/08/1944	FEN VII-32	Strike	Shipping Strike, Jefman	43	Levandoski	529	Landed Wakde
4	06/09/1944			Return from Wakde	43	Levandoski	529	
5	06/12/1944	FEN VII-33	Strike	Liang	43	Levandoski	529	
6	06/29/1944	FEN VII-45	Strike	Babo	43	Levandoski	529	
7	07/01/1944	FEN VII-49	Strike	Namlea	45	F/O Evans (RAAF)	529	
8	07/05/1944	FEN VIII-7	Recce	Weather Recce	19	Thornton	529	Did not return, struck mountain, CERAM