

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 044

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-40967</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>BLACK WIDOW</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24D-120-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>2044</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>05/27/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>06/05/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>06/08/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>06/11/1943</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>06/09/1943</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>06/24/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>07/08/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>07/28/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u></u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u>Nose turret</u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u>Townsville</u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/528</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>08/1943</u>
STATION:	<u>Fenton</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>08/29/1943</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Babo, New Guinea</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>16 AU/NG</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>11/21/1943</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Shot Down</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Manokwari, New Guinea</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>11/21/1943</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>AFMSC</u>
NOTES:	<u>Had radar.</u>		

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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Model B-24D Serial Number 42-40967
 Funds F-1 A. A. F. Order No. AG-24620 Cost \$237,627.00 Date Received 6-9-43 Manufacturer Consolidated
 Branch RA Status S Date Dropped Reason

S. Y.	SERIAL Number	Condition	LOCATION	DATE F. Y. C. Mo.	AGE	FLYING TIME						TRANSFERRED			REMARKS
						This Month Hours	Y	Since Last Depot Work Hours	Y	Since First Commissioned Hours	Y	TO	Date Shipped Rec'd	AUTHORITY	
												Tucson (By Air)	6-11-43		
												Mod. Center	6-22-43		
												Totekka Kans.	6-21-43		
												Fairfield.	7-7-43		
												Left A 7-8-43	7-28-43		
												CONFIRMED			
												W. GUNNAR	112143	8-9-43	22544
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MAINTENANCE CREW

Serial No.: 42-40967

Nose Art: BLACK WIDOW

Model: B-24D-120-CO

	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	36234011	M/Sgt	Kenneth W. Boettcher

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

Notes:

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Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.

Early Nose Art Right Side



Douglas Craig Crew

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 77.



The original art work on #967 that forced the crew to seek the help of artist, Bill McBroom
Donald Ingram Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 471.

***Later Nose Art
Right Side***



Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 59.



Maurice Beller, far left kneeling, and his crew out at
Corunna Downs with their new plane, #967 Black Widow.
A. V. Connery Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 471.



Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.



Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 120.

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-40967 NOSE ART BLACK WIDOW MODEL D-120-CO

SQDN ASSGD 528 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 967

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: First Replacement Aircraft

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	08/29/1943	FEN II-29	Strike	Babo	HDQ	Colleran	HDQ	
2	08/31/1943	FEN II-31	Recce	Kokas, Sorong, Boela	6	Beller	528	
3	09/02/1943	FEN II-32	Strike	Shipping, Waingepoe	8	D. Craig	528	
4	09/08/1943	FEN II-36	Strike	Babo	5	Roth	528	Abort, Gas Leak, Nose Turret
5	09/14/1943	FEN II-39	Strike	Kendari	6	Beller	528	
6	09/16/1943	FEN II-40	Recce	Sorong	31	Hahn	531	
7	09/16/1943	FEN II-41	Recce	Missing Airplane, Macassar	5	Roth	528	
8	09/22/1943	FEN II-45	Strike	Ambon	6	Beller	528	
9	10/02/1943	FEN II-49	Strike	Ambon	8	D. Craig	528	
10	10/17/1943	FEN III-8	Strike	Shipping, Halmahera	HDQ	Brissey	HDQ	
11	10/22/1943	FEN III-10	Strike	Pomelaa	6	Beller	528	

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12	10/26/1943	FEN III-12	Strike	Pomelaa	2	Grenfel	528	
13	11/01/1943	FEN III-17	Strike	Pomelaa	6	Beller	528	
14	11/17/1943	FEN III-24	Strike	Tjepoe, Java	6	Beller	528	
15	11/18/1943	FEN III-25	Recce	West Coast New Guinea	17	Toepperwein	529	
16	11/21/1943	FEN III-27	Recce	Nabire, Manokwari, Sorong	6	Beller	528	Shot Down