

**DATA SHEET**  
**380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT**

No. 082

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-73114</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>CARROT TOP</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-10-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>2684</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>09/01/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>09/08/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>09/11/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>09/20/1943</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>09/14/1943</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>10/02/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Lincoln, NE</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>10/14/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>10/19/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/528</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>11/1943</u>
STATION:	<u></u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>12/15/1943</u>	WHERE (1 <sup>ST</sup> MISSION):	<u>Balikpapan, Borneo</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>77 AU/NG + 1 PH = 78</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>03/06/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Crash Landing</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Murtha Strip, Mindoro, Philippines</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>05/10/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>UCIP</u>

NOTES:

# AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

Serial No.: 42-73114

Nose Art: CARROT TOP

Model: B-24J-10-CO

Funds F-1 A. A. F. Order No. AC-30462 Cost \$241,924.00 Model B-24J Serial Number 42-73114  
 Status S Date Dropped \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received 9-11-43 Manufacturer Cons.

SERIAL No	Condition	LOCATION	DATE		AGE	FLYING TIME						TRANSFERRED			REMARKS	
			F. Y.	C. Mo.		This Month	Since Last	Since First	TO	Date	AUTHORITY					
						Hours	T	Hours	T	Hours	T		Shipped	Rev'd		
																/Tucson Mod. Centr. (By air) 9-20-43 Lincoln Fld. 10-2-43 LEFT A 101443 101143 LEFT R 102343 102843 LEFT R 3 545 31545 Con over seas 5/10/45 Per Contract Folder

## MAINTENANCE CREW

**Serial No.:** 42-73114

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**Model:** B-24J-10-CO

	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Crew Chief(s):</b>	18052737	M/Sgt	McElroy D. Jefferson

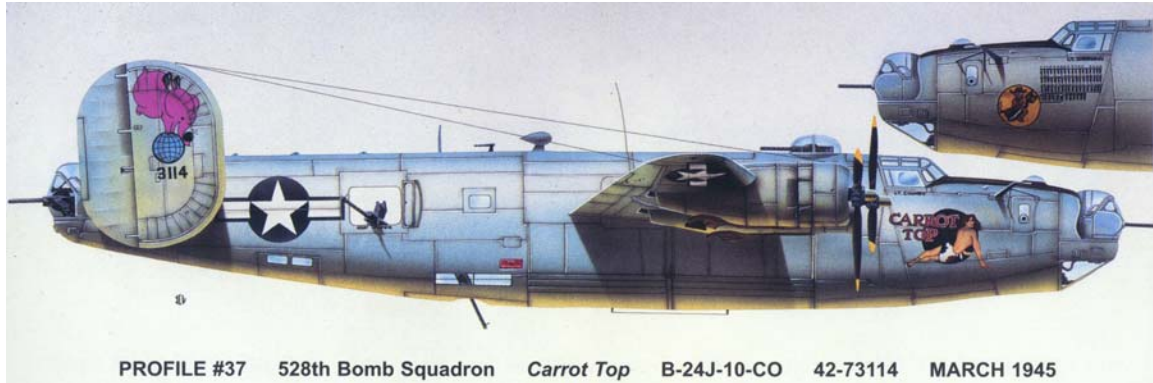
	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Mechanic(s):</b>	14068610	Sgt	John J. Gannon
	37158563	Cpl	Leland F. Hedgecock

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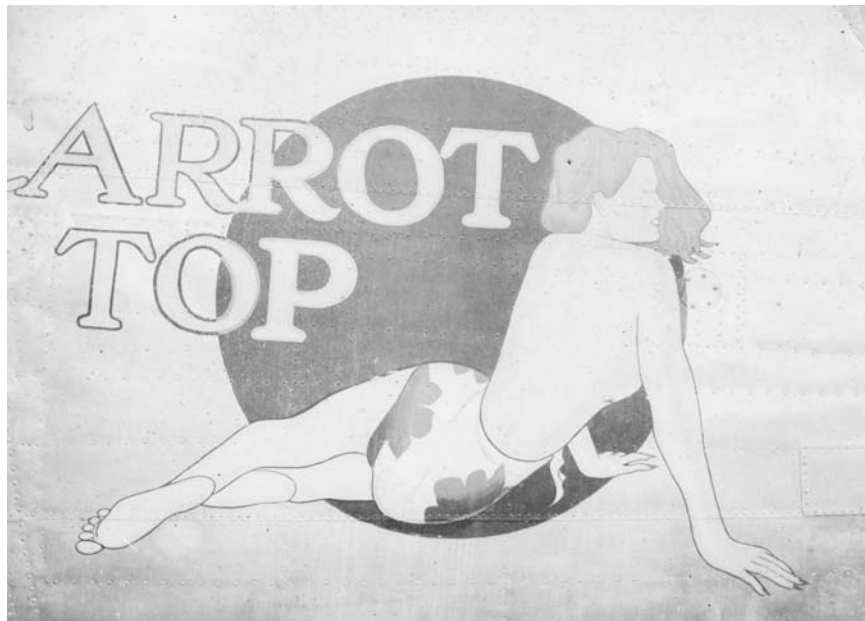
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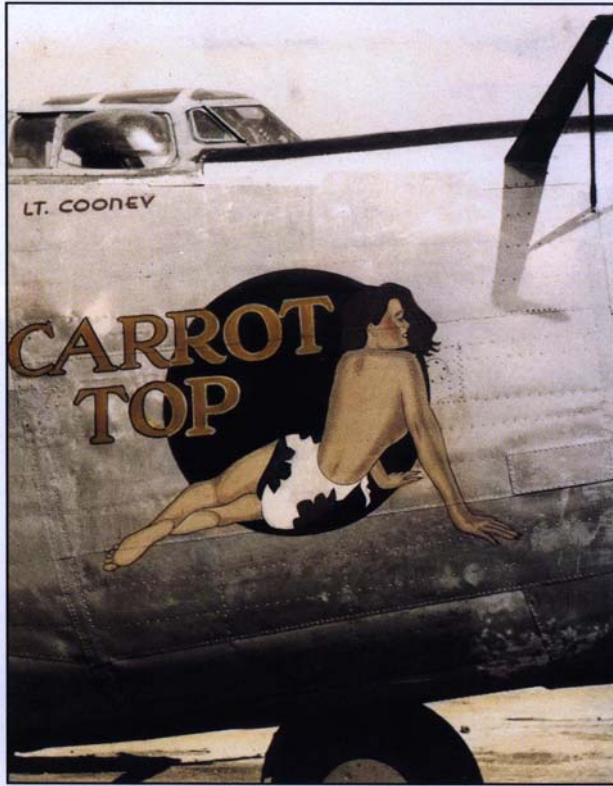


PROFILE #37 528th Bomb Squadron Carrot Top B-24J-10-CO 42-73114 MARCH 1945

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.*



*Source: Pete Burris Collection.*

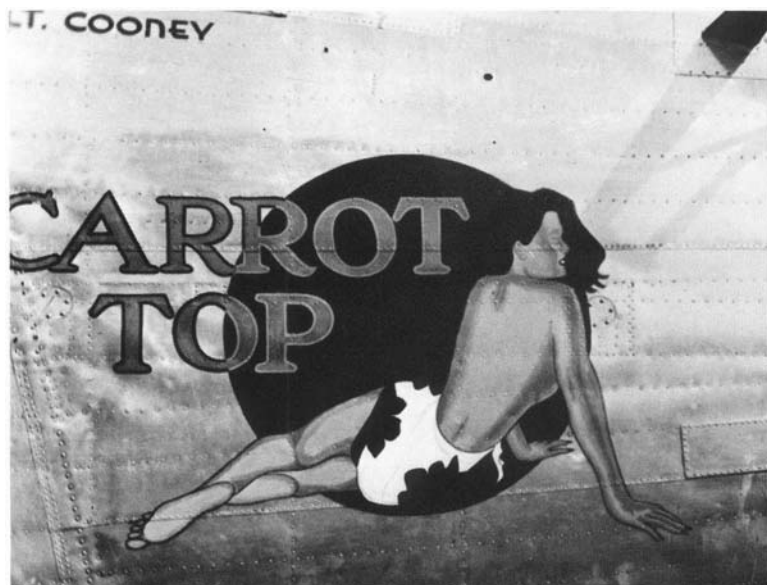


Sherwood Sheehan's *Carrot Top* from the 528th.  
Irving Rowe Collection



Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 314.

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Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 138.



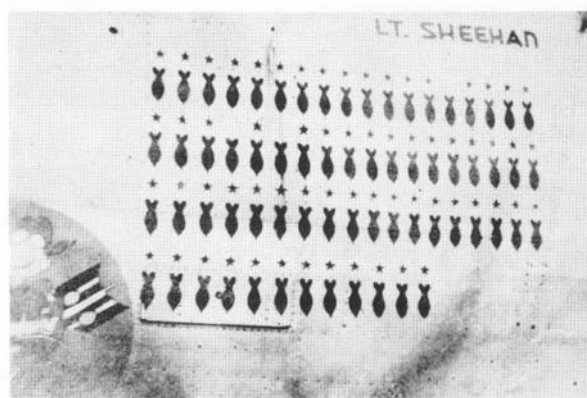
Sheehan Crew

Standing, L to R: Harry Kulp-WG, Chas. Bixby-ENG/TOP, John Cullen-R/O,  
 Bob Walter-NOSE, Herb Gerstner-TAIL, Gene Bucki-WG. Kneeling:  
 Sherwood Sheehan-P, Bob Schmitz-NAV, Irv Rowe-BOMB, Chas. Cooney-CP

Source: *Joe Dally Collection*; Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 160;  
 Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 213



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The left side of #114 showing the scoreboard, "Herky" and  
 pilot, Sherwood Sheehan's name.  
 Tom Howard Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 491.



#114 *Carrot Top* flew 77 missions before crashing on Mindoro.

*James Ruth Collection*

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 491.*



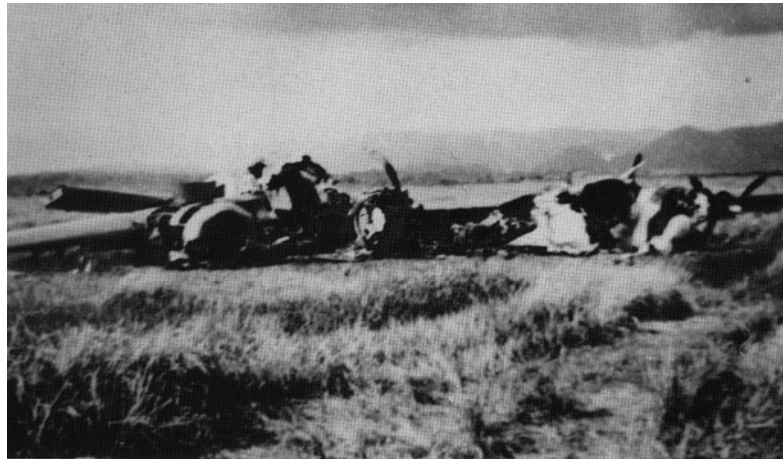
*Source: <http://www.b24bestweb.com/carrottop1.htm>*



*Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.*



*Source: Unknown*



All that remained of *Carrot Top* after the fires died out.  
*Harry Bright Collection*

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 314.*



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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	12/15/1943	FEN III-38	Strike	Balikpapan	5	Porter	528	Roth Crew
2	12/21/1943	FEN III-40	Strike	Amahai, Ceram Island	5	Craig	528	Roth Crew
3	12/27/1943	FEN III-42	Strike	Shipping, Pomelaa	9	Craig	528	Shaw Crew
4	01/02/1944	FEN III-44	Strike	Pomelaa	13	Burns	528	
5	01/03/1944	FEN III-46	Recce	Shipping, Flores Sea	1	Hastings	528	
6	01/08/1944	FEN IV-1	Strike	Kendari	31	W. Miller	GP Staff	
7	01/12/1944	FEN IV-3	Strike	Balikpapan	16	Martens	528	First Mission for this Crew
8	01/16/1944	FEN IV-10	Strike	Shipping, Ambon Harbor	16	Martens	528	
9	01/19/1944	FEN IV-11	Strike	Ambon	13	Burns	528	
10	02/04/1944	FEN IV-23	Strike	Liang	16	Martens	528	
11	02/07/1944	FEN IV-26	Strike	Ambon	16	Martens	528	

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12	02/09/1944	FEN IV-27	Strike	Halong	10	Dunseth	528	
13	02/11/1944	FEN IV-28	Strike	Kendari	13	Burns	528	
14	02/25/1944	FEN IV-37	Strike	Shipping, Ceram Sea	15	Benbow	528	
15	03/01/1944	61-F	Strike	Awar Plantation, Hansa Bay, NG	16	Martens	528	
16	03/02/1944	62-F	Strike	Nubia Plantation, Hansa Bay, NG	92	Henderson	531	
17	03/05/1944	65-K	Strike	Los Negros	16	Martens	528	
18	03/11/1944	FEN V-11	Recce	Shipping, Timor Sea	9	Dally	528	
19	03/15/1944	FEN V-18	Strike	Soerabaja	1	Hunt	528	Abort, Weather
20	03/22/1944	FEN V-48	Recce	Photo, Halmahera	12	Shaffer	528	Recalled, Insufficient Aircraft at Rendezvous

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21	03/23/1944	FEN VI-2	Recce	Photo, Halmahera	29	Stevens	529	
22	03/25/1944	FEN VI-4	Recce	Photo, Babo	34	Bilotti	529	Abort, Engine Trouble
23	03/30/1944	FEN VI-8	Strike	Kai Islands	5	Sheehan	528	
24	04/03/1944	FEN VI-11	Strike	Langgoer A/D, Kai Islands	5	Sheehan	528	
25	04/05/1944	FEN VI-14	Recce	Armed, Sorong and Boeroe	5	Sheehan	528	Abort, Gas Cap Safety
26	04/07/1944	FEN VI-16	Strike	Langgoer A/D	4	DiDomenico	528	
27	04/09/1944	FEN VI-19	Recce	Photo, Halmahera	10	Dunseth	528	
28	04/17/1944	FEN VI-22	Strike	Kai Islands	2	Parker	528	
29	04/19/1944	FEN VI-26	Strike	Babo	15	Benbow	528	
30	04/20/1944	FEN VI-27	Strike	Noemfoor Island	2	Parker	528	

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31	04/22/1944	FEN VI-31	Strike	Noemfoor Island	2	Parker	528	
32	04/24/1944	FEN VI-36	Strike	Kamiri A/D, Noemfoor Island	7	Raggio	528	
33	04/27/1944	FEN VI-41	Strike	Babo	12	Shaffer	528	
34	04/28/1944	FEN VI-42	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	6	Bousfield	528	
35	05/02/1944	FEN VI-48	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	9	Dally	528	Abort, AFCE Out
36	05/04/1944	FEN VII-1	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	15	Benbow	528	
37	05/07/1944	FEN VII-5	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	17	Fleming	528	
38	05/18/1944	FEN VII-18	Recce	Photo, Halmahera	6	Bousfield	528	
39	05/21/1944	FEN VII-21	Strike	Manokwari	11	Kemp	528	
40	05/26/1944	FEN VII-23	Strike	Manokwari	19	Hawkesford (RAAF)	528	Abort, Mechanical; First Mission for this Crew

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41	06/01/1944	FEN VII-27	Strike	Laha	8	Manning (RAAF)	528	
42	06/08/1944	FEN VII-32	Strike	Shipping, Jefman	7	Raggio	528	
43	06/27/1944	FEN VII-43	Strike	Babo	5	Sheehan	528	
44	07/04/1944	FEN VIII-6	Strike	Namlea	4	DiDomenico	528	
45	07/10/1944	FEN VIII-18	Strike	Laha	1	Cox	528	Hunt Crew
46	07/11/1944	FEN VIII-20	Strike	Amahai	20	Rule (RAAF)	528	
47	07/15/1944	FEN VIII-25	Strike	Namlea	20	Rule (RAAF)	528	
48	07/18/1944	FEN VIII-30	Recce	Shipping, Flores	5	Sheehan	528	
49	07/26/1944	FEN VIII-43	Search "I"	Shipping, Banda Sea	5	Sheehan	528	
50	07/28/1944	FEN VIII-49	Strike	Namlea	5	Sheehan	528	

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51	07/31/1944	FEN IX-7	Strike	Amahai	5	Sheehan	528	Abort, #3 Engine, Blown Cylinder
52	08/13/1944	FEN IX-29	Strike	Namlea	19	Bell (RAAF)	528	
53	08/20/1944	FEN IX-42	Recce	Armed, Banda and Molucca Seas	5	Sheehan	528	
54	08/31/1944	FEN X-3	Strike	Liang	22	Ross (RAAF)	528	
55	09/02/1944	FEN X-8	Strike	Amahai	22	Ross (RAAF)	528	
56	09/12/1944	FEN X-23	Strike	Haroekoe	5	Sheehan	528	
57	09/20/1944	FEM X-45	Strike	Haroekoe	22	Ross (RAAF)	528	
58	09/29/1944	FEN XI-23	Strike	Liang	22	Ross (RAAF)	528	
59	10/01/1944	FEN XI-33	Strike	Laha	10	Herbst	528	
60	10/02/1944	DAR I-4	Strike	Macassar	22	Ross (RAAF)	528	

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61	10/05/1944	DAR I-10	Strike	Macassar	5	Sheehan	528	
62	10/12/1944	DAR I-30	Strike	Ambesia	5	Sheehan	528	
63	10/21/1944	DAR II-6	Strike	Pare Pare	5	Sheehan	528	
64	10/25/1944	DAR II-22	Strike	Ambesia	20	Miller (RAAF)	528	
65	10/28/1944	DAR II-30	Strike	Macassar	5	Sheehan	528	
66	10/30/1944	DAR II-36	Strike	Macassar	20	Miller (RAAF)	528	
67	11/02/1944	DAR II-46	Strike	Macassar	5	Sheehan	528	
68	11/14/1944	DAR III-27	Strike	Macassar	10	Herbst	528	
69	11/16/1944	DAR III-33	Strike	Pinrang	5	Sheehan	528	
70	11/22/1944	DAR IV-1	Strike	Maniang Island	6	Hartley	528	

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71	11/30/1944	DAR IV-22	Strike	Banda and Molucca Seas	16	Spencer	528	
72	12/07/1944	DAR IV-48	Search H-1- Red	Banda Sea	5	Sheehan	528	
73	12/12/1944	DAR V-12	Strike	Kendari	5	Sheehan	528	
74	12/18/1944	DAR V-21	Strike	Bima	5	Sheehan	528	
75	12/28/1944	DAR VI-5	Strike	Kendari Area, Harass	5	Sheehan	528	
76	01/12/1945	DAR VII-1	Strike	Lembar, Soemba	12	Adams	528	
77	01/29/1945	DAR VII-9	Recce	Photo, Lombok Straits	5	Sheehan	528	
								Transferred, Mindoro, Philippines