

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 068

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-63991</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>THE DUCHESS OF PADUCAH</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24D-20-CF</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-Fort Worth</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>240</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u></u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>08/16/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>08/20/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>08/31/1943</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>08/21/1943</u>	MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u></u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u></u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>12/22/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>12/27/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u>Nose turret</u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u>Townsville</u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/530</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>01/19/1944, 5th AF</u>
STATION:	<u>Fenton</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>05/19/1944</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>RCM</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>30 AU/NG</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>05/31/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Salvaged, 05/31/1945</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Biak Island, New Guinea</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>05/31/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>SOB</u>

NOTES: (1) Initial Mfg Date: Not recorded at Fort Worth

(2) Ferret Ship. This was a specially modified aircraft for detecting, stratifying, and locating enemy radar installations. They were called "Ferrets." Some of our other aircraft carried RCM (radar countermeasures) sets, but not to the capability of these special systems.

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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PADUCAH

Model B-24D Serial Number 42-63991
 A. A. F. Order No. AC-25932 Cost \$235,423.00 Date Received 8-23-43 Manufacturer Consolidated Pt. W.
 Branch AS Status S Date Dropped _____ Reason _____

SERIAL No.	Condition	LOCATION	DATE F. Y. C. Mo.	AGE	FLYING TIME			TRANSFERRED		REMARKS
					This Month Hours	Since Last Dental Work Hours	Since First Commissioned Hours	TO	Date Shipped Rec'd Authority	
42-63991	AS	MOB	8-23-43					Transferred (By Air)	8-31-43	
42-63991	AS	MOB	12-22-43					Mod. Center	12-22-43	12-22-43
42-63991	AS	MOB	12-27-43						12-27-43	12-27-43
42-63991	AS	MOB	1-31-44						1-31-44	1-31-44

MAINTENANCE CREW

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PADUCAH

	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	33107728	T/Sgt	Hugh J. McLeish

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

Notes:

THE DUCHESS OF PADUCAH

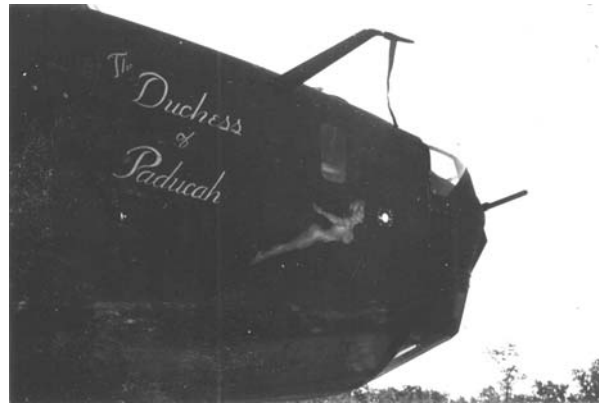
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Model: B-24D-20-CF

Right Side



Source: Ann Debevec Collection.

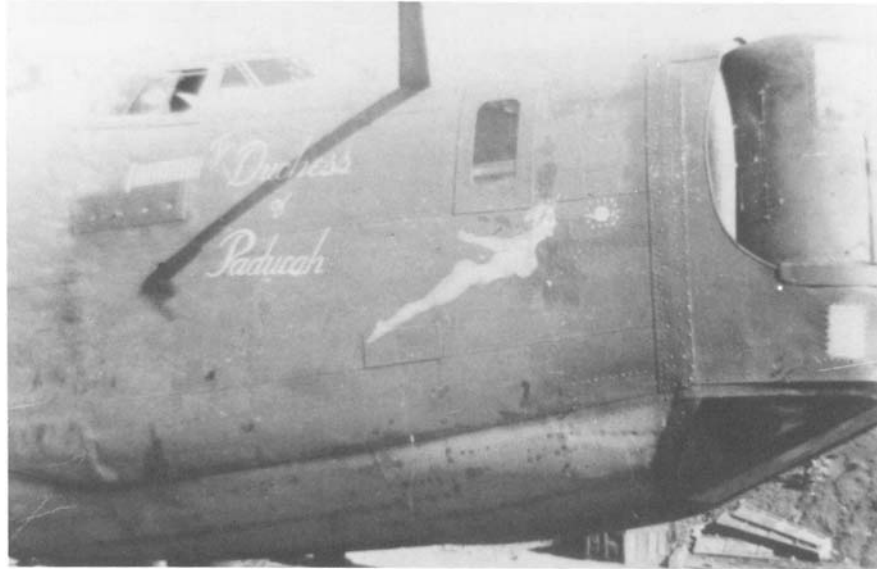


Source: Joe Dally Collection.



W.C. Bartlett, Frank Witry, Jr., and D.R. Binns

Source: Alfred Price, The History of US Electronic Warfare, Volume I, The Association of Old Crows, 1984, p. 216D.

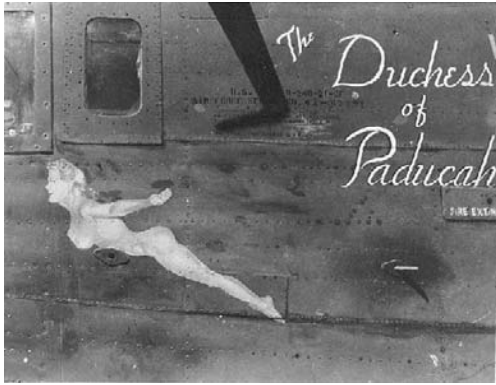


Source: Alwyn T. Lloyd, *LIBERATOR: America's Global Bomber*, 1993, p. 110.

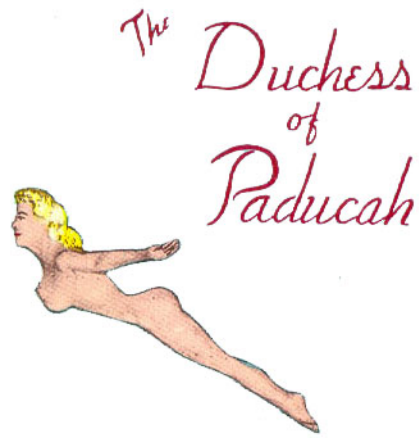
Left Side



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 149.



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MISSION RECORD

SN 42-63991 **NOSE ART** THE DUCHESS OF PADUCAH **MODEL** D-20-CF
SQDN ASSGD 530 **MFR** Consolidated-Fort Worth **M#** 991

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: All Missions: Special Missions-Australia

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	05/19/1944	FEN II-76	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	First Mission for this Crew; Abort, Radar Out
2	05/26/1944	FEN II-80	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	
3	05/31/1944	FEN II-81	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	
4	06/02/1944	FEN II-82	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	
5	06/06/1944	FEN II-84	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	
6	06/09/1944	FEN II-85	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	
7	06/13/1944	FEN II-86	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	
8	06/15/1944	FEN II-87	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	
9	06/19/1944	FEN II-88	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	
10	06/21/1944	FEN II-89	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	
11	06/26/1944	FEN II-91	Search	RCM	X,55	F. Thompson	530	
12	06/23/1944	FEN II-92	Search	RCM	63	Marshall	530	

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LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: All Missions: Special Missions-Australia

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
13	06/30/1944	FEN II-93	Search	RCM	52	Cesario	530	
14	07/07/1944	FEN II-96	Search	RCM	63	Marshall	530	
15	07/10/1944	FEN II-98	Search	RCM	38	Harkins	530	
16	07/11/1944	FEN III-51	Search	RCM	41	Roberts	530	
17	07/16/1944	FEN III-52	Search	RCM	63	Marshall	530	
18	07/19/1944	FEN III-53	Search	RCM	38	Harkins	530	
19	07/25/1944	FEN III-56	Search	RCM	59	Black	530	
20	07/29/1944	FEN III-57	Search	RCM	53	Louden	530	
21	07/31/1944	FEN III-58	Search	RCM	63	Marshall	530	
22	08/03/1944	FEN III-60	Search	RCM	63	Marshall	530	
23	08/06/1944	FEN III-63*	Ferry	Fenton to OW1	62	Bailey	530	

* Number used twice

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SQDN ASSGD 530 MFR Consolidated-Fort Worth M# 991

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: All Missions: Special Missions-Australia

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
24	08/07/1944	FEN III-64*	Ferry	RCM	62	Bailey	530	
25	08/09/1944	FEN III-65*	Ferry	RCM	62	Bailey	530	
26	08/11/1944	FEN III-66*	Ferry	RCM	62	Bailey	530	
27	08/13/1944	FEN III-67*	Ferry	RCM	62	Bailey	530	
28	08/16/1944	FEN III-68*	Ferry	OW1 to Fenton	62	Bailey	530	
29	08/26/1944	FEN III-66	Search	RCM	53	Louden	530	
30	08/31/1944	FEN III-70	Search	RCM	62	Bailey	530	
	09/1944							Transferred to 43 rd GP

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