

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 102

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-73340</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>FIRST NIGHTER</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-35-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>2910</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>09/30/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>10/08/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>10/12/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>10/16/1943</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>10/15/1943</u>	MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>10/24/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>04/22/1944</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>04/26/1944</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/529</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u></u>
STATION:	<u>Long Strip</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>05/26/1944</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Manokwari</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>41 AU + 31 PH = 72</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>05/18/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Salvaged after Flak Damage</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Taichu, Formosa</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>08/29/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>UCIP</u>

NOTES:

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD													
TYPE MODEL SERIES		A. A. F. SERIAL NUMBER		MANUFACTURER AND LOCATION		CONDITION							
B-24J		42-73340		Consolidated		1943 Accepted 10-15 Available F Delivered 10-16 1944 3-3 3-313 Request Crew 3-4 3-428 90 Arrived 3-17 42nd Arrived 4-20 542nd Departed U.S. 4-22 P.P.R. 542nd - F 42 73340 42244 42644 5 42 73340 5 644 51044 5 42 73340 51045 P 145							
SERIAL NUMBER		FOREIGN SERIAL NUMBER		FINAL DESTINATION IN U.S.								PROJECT OR LEASE REGISTRATION NUMBER	
AC-30461				Fairfield, California								96324-R	
REGISTRATION PREFIX		COUNTRY NUMBER		UPPER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR HAND POSTED OPERATION IN AERIDE		LOWER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR T.M. POSTED OPERATION IN VERTICAL CABINETS							
USA													
RECIPIENT		NEXT DESTINATION		CRATED OR FLY AWAY		CONDITION		DATE		ACTION			
Consolidated								1943					
STATION		GAINED FROM OR LOST TO		SERIAL NUMBER		MO DA		STATION NO.		ICR SCII			
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W.C.S.													
LEFT				CON 9A1									
LEFT				R R24J M									
UCIP													

MAINTENANCE CREW

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	34268653	M/Sgt	Lester C. Joiner

	SSN	Rank	Name
Mechanic(s):	34269532	Cpl	Wallis B. Keckley

Notes:

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Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 143.



Notice the vertical scuff marks left when the OD paint scheme was removed from #340 *First Nighter*.
George Harper Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 322.



Source:
<http://www.halun.com/images/dal12.JPG>



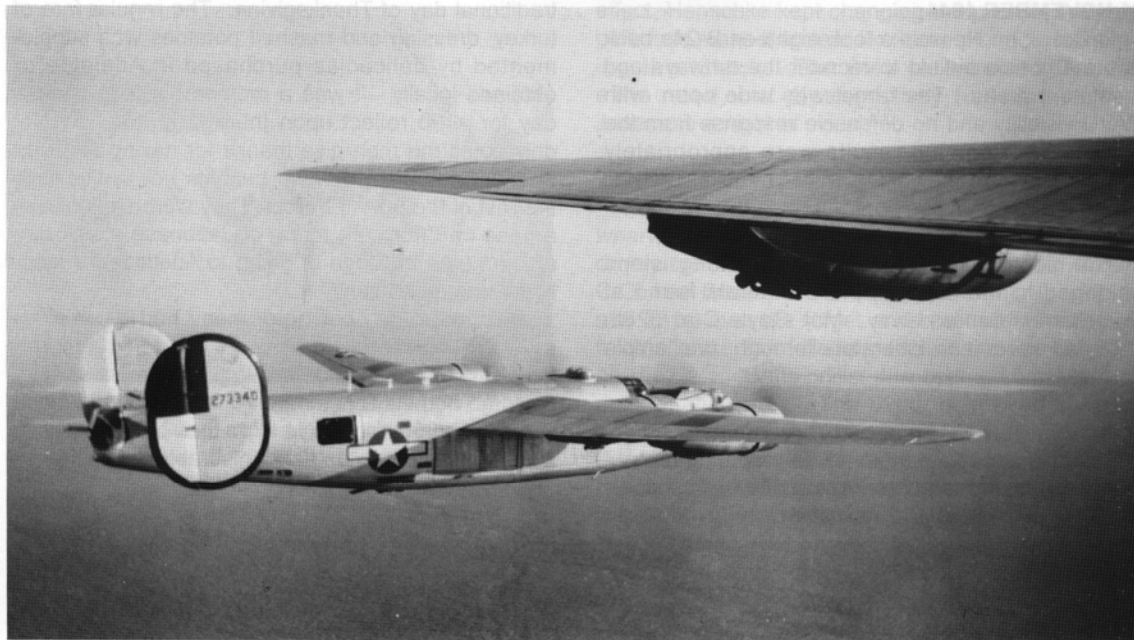
Source: Horton/Horton, King of the Heavies, p. 91.



Standing, L-R: Vince Davison-NAV, Bob Hamilton-CP, Cliff Davis-BOMB, Morabito-P; Kneeling: Steve Senger-ENG, Jim Temple-G, Bob Cassin-G, Sebastian F. DiMauro-R/O, Ed Tunnell-G.

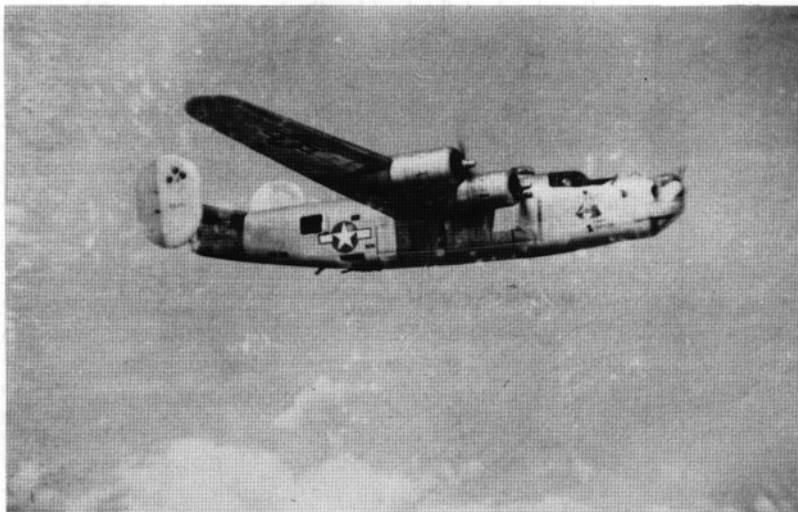
Edgar Smith Collection – Gregory J. Maier

Source: Horton/Horton, King of the Heavies, p. 162; Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 296.



#340 *First Nighter* of the 529th heading back to Darwin after another long day over Celebes.
Robert Chandler Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 285.



#340 *First Nighter*. Note the "juggler" tail markings of the 529th and the shortened anti-glare panel left on top of the forward fuselage when the OD paint scheme was removed.

Robert Chandler Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 338.



The gutted out belly of #340 *First Nighter* being examined by amazed 529th maintenance men.

Emmett Stanley Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 359.



Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.



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MISSION RECORD

SN 42-73340 **NOSE ART** FIRST NIGHTER **MODEL** J-35-CO

SQDN ASSGD 529 **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego **M#** 340

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: Missions 7 and 10: Special Missions-Australia

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	05/26/1944	FEN VII-23	Strike	Manokwari	17	Toepperwein	529	Abort, Mechanical
2	06/03/1944	FEN VII-29	Strike	Halong	44	McCombe (RAAF)	529	
3	06/08/1944	FEN VII-32	Strike	Shipping, Jefman	41	Morabito	529	Abort, #1 Supercharger Out
4	06/12/1944	FEN VII-33	Strike	Liang	41	Morabito	529	
5	06/29/1944	FEN VII-45	Strike	Babo	41	Morabito	529	
6	07/04/1944	FEN VIII-6	Strike	Namlea	41	Morabito	529	
7	07/06/1944	FEN II-94	Search	Search for Missing B-24	41	Morabito	529	
8	07/07/1944	FEN VIII-14	Recce	Shipping, Flores	43	Black (RAAF)	529	
9	07/19/1944	FEN VIII-31	Strike	Namlea	41	Morabito	529	
10	07/21/1944	FEN III-54	Search	Search for Missing Catalina	40	Ivey	529	

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LOCATION: Australia

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
11	07/27/1944	FEN VIII-46	Search "H"	Shipping, Banda Sea	41	Morabito	529	
12	07/28/1944	FEN VIII-49	Strike	Namlea	27	Van Pelt	529	Robertson Crew
13	07/31/1944	FEN IX-5	Strike	Namlea	41	Morabito	529	
14	08/03/1944	FEN IX-15	Strike	Langgoer	41	Morabito	529	
15	08/06/1944	FEN IX-18	Search "H"	Banda Sea	41	Morabito	529	
16	08/10/1944	FEN IX-24	Strike	Laha	41	Morabito	529	
17	08/12/1944	FEN IX-27	Strike	Amahai	42	Kingwell (RAAF)	529	
18	08/23/1944	FEN IX-46	Strike	Langgoer	44	McDouall	529	
19	08/25/1944	FEN IX-47	Strike	Laha	28	Fry	529	
20	08/31/1944	FEN X-3	Strike	Liang	27	Dow	529	

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NOTES: Mission 29: Special Missions-Australia

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
21	09/04/1944	FEN X-9	Strike	Kendari	34	Bilotti	529	
22	09/08/1944	FEN X-15	Strike	Kai Islands	41	Morabito	529	
23	09/16/1944	FEN X-35	Strike	Kendari	41	Morabito	529	Abort, Propeller Governor and Oil Leak
24	10/02/1944	DAR I-4	Strike	Macassar	41	Morabito	529	
25	10/09/1944	DAR I-22	Strike	Koepang	41	Morabito	529	
26	10/14/1944	DAR I-37	Strike	Pomelaa	32	Hughes	529	
27	10/17/1944	DAR I-42	Search H-2	Molucca Sea	42	Hockings (RAAF)	529	
28	10/19/1944	DAR I-48	Strike	Pare Pare	41	Morabito	529	
29	10/29/1944	DAR-52	Search	Search for Missing B-24	30	Johnson	529	
30	11/02/1944	DAR II-46	Strike	Macassar	37	Mansfield	529	

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31	11/05/1944	DAR III-1	Strike	Bima	33	Davis	529	
32	11/07/1944	DAR III-6	Strike	Raba	44	Onley	529	
33	11/11/1944	DAR III-17	Strike	Pinrang	41	Morabito	529	
34	11/14/1944	DAR III-27	Strike	Macassar	43	MacKellar (RAAF)	529	First Mission for this Crew
35	11/16/1944	DAR III-36	Search H-1- Red	Banda Sea	43	MacKellar (RAAF)	529	
36	11/21/1944	DAR III-47	Strike	Ambesia	46	Portway (RAAF)	529	First Mission for this Crew
37	12/27/1944	DAR V-46	Search H-2- Red	Banda Sea	45	Dixon (RAAF)	529	
38	12/30/1944	DAR VI-9	Strike	Limboeng A/D, Celebes	28	Fry	529	

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39	01/01/1945	DAR VI-19	Recce	Shipping, Macassar Strait	41	Morabito	529	
40	01/07/1945	DAR VI-34	Strike	Guns, Lombok Straits	41	Harrison	529	Morabito Crew
41	01/10/1945	DAR VI-45	Search G-1- Red	Flores Sea	27	Daffer	529	
								Transfer, Mindoro, Philippines