

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

No. 132

SERIAL NO.:	<u>44-40434</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>FLAK FLED FLAPPER</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-160-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>4370</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>03/23/1944</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>03/30/1944</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>04/01/1944</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>04/06/1945</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>04/04/1944</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>05/07/1944</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>05/19/1944</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>05/23/1944</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/528</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>06/1944</u>
STATION:	<u>Fenton</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>06/22/1944</u>	WHERE (1 <sup>ST</sup> MISSION):	<u>Liang, Amboinia Island</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>36 AU + 42 PH = 78</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>09/28/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Salvaged</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Biak Island, New Guinea</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>10/11/1946</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>UCIP</u>

NOTES:

# AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD									
TYPE SERIAL NUMBER: <u>B-24J-160</u>		A. A. F. SERIAL NUMBER: <u>W-10131</u>		MANUFACTURER AND LOCATION: <u>Consolidated, San Diego, Calif.</u>					
CONTRACT NUMBER: <u>AC-10033</u>		FOREIGN SERIAL NUMBER:		FINAL DESTINATION IN U. S.: <u>Fairfield</u>			PROJECT OR LEND LEASE REGISTRATION NUMBER: <u>Proj. 96535-R</u>		
ALLOCATION BLOCK PRIORITY NUMBER: <u>A. A. F. P. 12-1</u>		MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBER:							
UPPER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR HAND-POSTED OPERATION IN KARDEX LOWER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR L. B. M. POSTED OPERATION IN VERTICAL CABINETS									
LOCATION	ORGANIZATION		RECIPIENT	NEXT DESTINATION	CREATED OR FLY-AWAY	CONDITION	DATE	ACTION	REMARKS
STATION	COMMAND	PARENT UNIT	SUB-UNIT	GAINED FROM OR LOST TO	SERIAL NUMBER		MO DA	STATION NO	
<u>San Diego</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>			<u>of Lewis, Arcam</u>		<u>Accepted</u>	<u>4-4</u>		
						<u>Available</u>	<u>4-7</u>	<u>4-484</u>	<u>none</u>
						<u>Delivered</u>	<u>4-6</u>		
<u>San Diego</u>	<u>San pilots</u>				<u>51</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>4-4</u>	<u>4-484</u>	<u>Records only</u>
	<u>Med.</u>			<u>of TRAF. Base, Hamilton, Ont.</u>		<u>Available</u>	<u>5-4</u>	<u>5-384</u>	<u>C.E.D.</u>
	<u>A.T.C.</u>					<u>Departed</u>	<u>5-6</u>		
<u>Palm Springs</u>					<u>18</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>5-6</u>		<u>D.P.</u>
<u>Hamilton, Ont.</u>					<u>73</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>5-7</u>		<u>D.P.</u>
						<u>Departed</u>	<u>5-10</u>		<u>Arr. 5/7 SAW</u>
<u>Fairfield</u>						<u>Arrived</u>	<u>5-11</u>		<u>Y+L</u>
	<u>W.C.S.</u>					<u>Dep. U.S.</u>	<u>5-19</u>		<u>C+L</u>
<u>LEFT</u>				<u>B24J</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>40434</u>	<u>51044</u>	<u>82344</u>
<u>LEFT</u>				<u>B24J</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>40434</u>	<u>52044</u>	<u>52944</u>
<u>W.C.L.P.</u>		<u>EXC</u>	<u>INV</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>B24J</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>40434</u>
							<u>1231</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>21046</u>
<u>NOIP</u>		<u>CON</u>	<u>SAL</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>SOL</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>B24J</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>05</u>
							<u>14</u>	<u>40434</u>	

SERIAL OVER MONTH—GREEN—U.S. ORANGE—BRITISH RED—RUSSIA PURPLE—CHINA DUTCH—TAN MISC—PINK  
 SAC—FACTORY—W.C.—MODIFICATION CENTER—DIP—DEPOL—STG—STAGING—INS—INSTALLATION—ENR—ENROUTE—FOR—PORT—GRO—GROUNDED  
 REPORTING OFFICE: A. F. M. & D. PATTERSON FIELD, OHIO FORM #88-1102

MONTH: JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC  
 STATUS:  OK  R  S  T  U  V  W  X  Y  Z  
 DAILY REPORTED:  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25  26  27  28  29  30  31

**MAINTENANCE CREW**

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**Nose Art:** FLAK FLED FLAPPER

**Model:** B-24J-160-CO

	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Crew Chief(s):</b>	34231057	M/Sgt	Emile V. Gaudet

	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Mechanic(s):</b>			Not Available in Current Records

**Notes:**

## FLAK FLED FLAPPER

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One of 528th artist Dick Ebbeson's masterpieces, #434 *Flak Fled Flapper*.  
George Grover Collection

*Source:* Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 118; Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.

George Grover tells us that the "Flapper" was a real person -- her name was Helene Chilton; she was an entertainer at Earl Carroll's nightclub in Hollywood. Joe Synar (Acft Cmdr, Synar's Crew (18)) with several others went to Earl Carroll's; her picture was on the menu; they met her, and Joe took the menu with him to the SW Pacific area, where the artist (Dick Ebbeson) drew her from the menu picture. A chaplain suggested there were no decorations on her so Joe had Dick put on two strings of beads!



*Source: George Stevenson Collection.*



*Source: Pete Burris Collection.*



Weather almost claimed #434 on 26 Mar. 1945.  
 John Campbell Archives  
 Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 326.

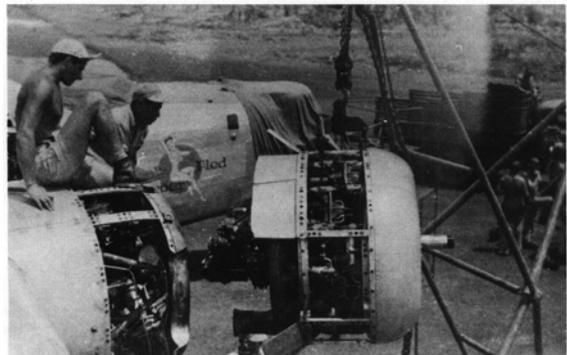


Note the lack of external nose wheel doors indicating the ship has a hydraulically powered nose turret.  
 Jack West Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 261.



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



528th mechanics change an engine on FLAK FLED FLAPPER 44-40434.  
 (Bob Beitling)

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 104.



Source: <http://www.b24bestweb.com/flakfledflapper1.htm>



**JOE SYNAR'S 528th CREW**

Standing, L to R: Larry May-ENG/TOP, Jim Hearron-R/O, Ralph Pauley-WG,  
George Grover-TAIL, Jim Warren-WG. Kneeling: Paul Russell-NOSE, Lloyd  
Oakes-BOMB, Bob Peterson-NAV, Ed Henry-CP, Synar-P.

*George Grover Collection*

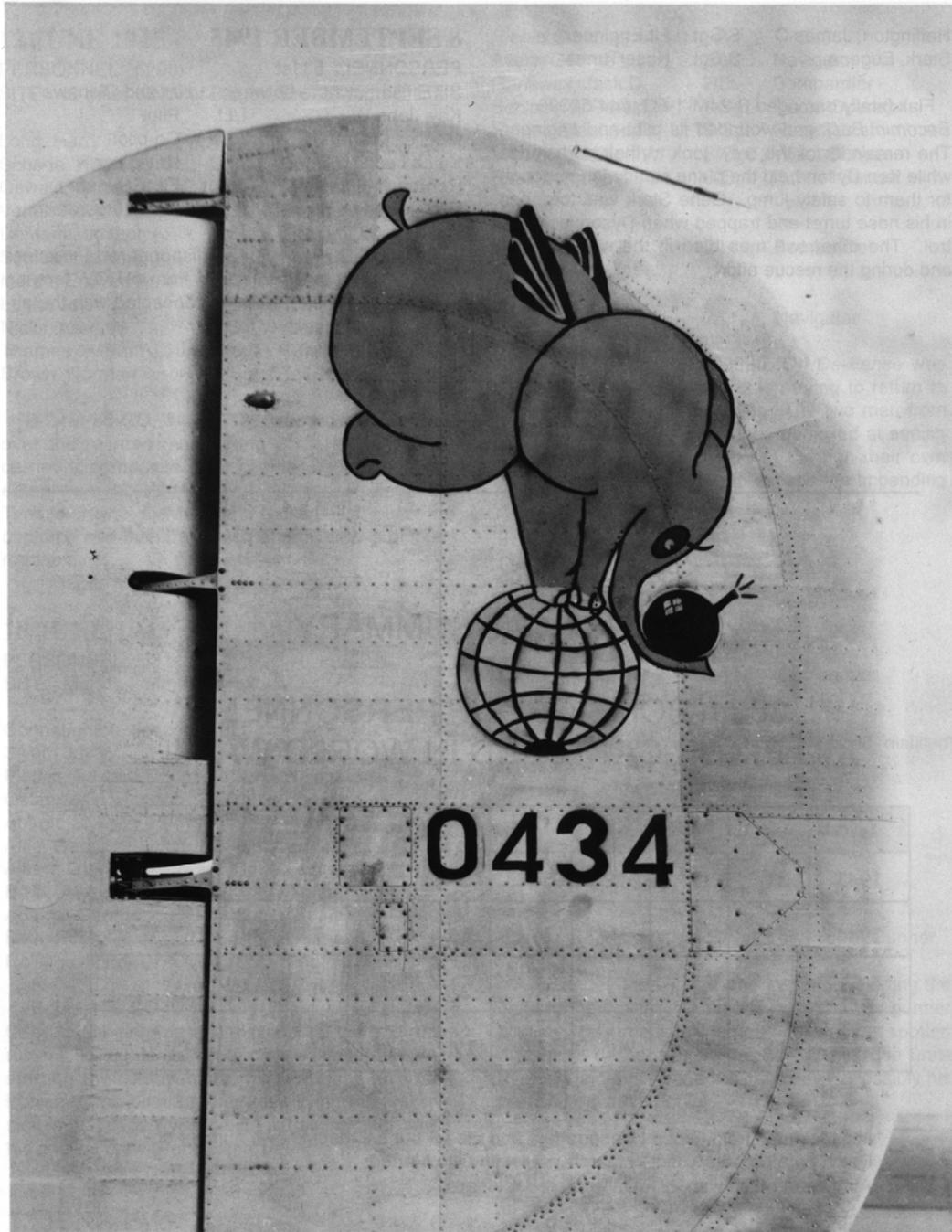
Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 160; Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 249.

*Correction to above picture caption from George Grover (October 2005) :*

Paul Russell was Top Turret Gunner, Larry May Nose Turret Gunner;  
when Russell left the crew, May moved to Top, Grover moved from tail to nose.



Source: <http://www.b24bestweb.com/flakfledflapper2.htm>



The 528th's pink elephant tail markings used from February 1945 - mid-July 1945. They appear in this picture on 44-40434  
*Flak Fled Flapper.*  
Clarence Frankford Collection

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 436.*

## MISSION RECORD

**SN** 44-40434      **NOSE ART** FLAK FLED FLAPPER      **MODEL** J-160-CO

**SQDN ASSGD** 528      **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego      **M#** 434

**LOCATION:** Australia

**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	06/22/1944	FEN VII-38	Strike	Liang	18	Synar	528	
2	06/27/1944	FEN VII-43	Strike	Babo	18	Synar	528	
3	07/01/1944	FEN VII-49	Strike	Namlea	18	Synar	528	
4	07/10/1944	FEN VIII-17	Recce	Weather, Arafura and Banda Seas	9	Dally	528	
5	07/11/1944	FEN VIII-20	Strike	Amahai	2	Vance	528	
6	07/18/1944	FEN VIII-30	Recce	Shipping, Flores	18	Synar	528	Abort, Fuel Leak, Bomb Bay
7	07/19/1944	FEN VIII-31	Strike	Namlea	18	Synar	528	
8	08/10/1944	FEN IX-24	Strike	Laha	21	Dunne (RAAF)	528	First Mission for this Crew
9	08/17/1944	FEN IX-36	Strike	Namlea	22	Ross (RAAF)	528	
10	08/26/1944	FEN IX-48	Strike	Liang	18	Synar	528	

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
11	09/12/1944	FEN X-23	Strike	Haroekoe	18	Synar	528	
12	09/16/1944	FEN X-32	Search H-1	Banda Sea	16	Spencer	528	
13	09/21/1944	FEN XI-3	Strike	Laha	16	Spencer	528	
14	09/24/1944	FEN XI-8	Strike	Haroekoe	9	Tate	528	
15	09/29/1944	FEN XI-23	Strike	Liang	18	Synar	528	
16	10/01/1944	FEN XI-33	Strike	Laha	8	Rice	528	
17	10/05/1944	DAR I-10	Strike	Macassar	18	Synar	528	
18	10/10/1944	DAR I-25	Search I	Banda Sea	18	Synar	528	
19	10/16/1944	DAR I-41	Strike	Macassar	18	Synar	528	
20	10/19/1944	DAR I-48	Strike	Pare Pare	10	Herbst	528	

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
21	10/28/1944	DAR II-30	Strike	Macassar	6	Hartley	528	
22	10/30/1944	DAR-53	Search	Search for Missing B-24	18	Synar	528	Special Missions-Australia
23	11/05/1944	DAR III-1	Strike	Bima	17	Schmitt	528	
24	11/09/1944	DAR III-10	Strike	Shipping, Flores Sea	18	Synar	528	
25	11/14/1944	DAR III-27	Strike	Macassar	18	Synar	528	
26	11/15/1944	DAR III-33	Strike	Pinrang	20	Miller (RAAF)	528	
27	11/22/1944	DAR IV-1	Strike	Maniang Island	18	Synar	528	
28	11/28/1944	DAR IV-19	Strike	Kendari, Harass	18	Henschke	528	Synar Crew
29	12/02/1944	DAR IV-25	Strike	Boro Boro	18	Synar	528	
30	12/06/1944	DAR IV-43	Strike	Kendari and Boro Boro	6	Hartley	528	

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31	12/12/1944	DAR V-12	Strike	Kendari	6	Hartley	528	
32	12/20/1944	DAR V-25	Strike	Malang A/D, Java	18	Synar	528	
33	12/31/1944	DAR VI-15	Strike	Ambesia	18	Synar	528	
34	01/05/1945	DAR VI-31	Strike	Pomelaa	6	Hartley	528	Abort, #4 Turbo Out
35	01/12/1945	DAR VII-1	Strike	Lembar, Soemba	18	Synar	528	
36	02/02/1945	DAR VII-10	Strike	Malempoeng A/D, Celebes	18	Synar	528	
								Transfer, Mindoro, Philippines