

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 017

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-40504</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>GUS'S BUS</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24D-65-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>1581</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>03/02/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>03/13/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>03/16/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>03/21/1943</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>03/17/1943</u>	MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>04/19/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>04/26/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>05/01/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Amberly Field, Brisbane, AUS</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/530</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>Initial Deployment</u>
STATION:	<u>Fenton</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>Unknown</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>New Guinea</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>28 AU</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>10/20/1943</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Damaged, Crash Landing-Salvaged</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Fenton, NT, Australia</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>12/16/1943</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>MISS</u>

NOTES: Did not have nose turret

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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Nose Art: GUS'S BUS

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MODEL <u>B-24D</u>		SERIAL NUMBER <u>42-40504</u>	
FUNDS <u>F-1</u>	A.C. ORDER NO. <u>W535-BC-24620</u>	COST <u>\$ 297,627.00</u>	DATE RECEIVED <u>3-17-43</u>
MANUFACTURER <u>Consolidated</u>		<i>H</i>	
BRANCH <u>RA</u>	STATUS <u>S</u>	DATE DROPPED	REASON
DATE	LOCATION	DATE	REASON
Tucson (By Air) 5-21-43 Mod. Proj. #95022 4/17			
Center			
Topeka, Kans. 4-19-43			
Left A 4-26-43 5-1-43			
LEFT A 501430			
LEFT 5-11-43 5-11-43			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Missing 12-13-43 Continued U.S. </div>			

MAINTENANCE CREW

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	30166059	M/Sgt	Ralph (NMI) Castillo
	34269228	M/Sgt	Emory B. Manor

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

Notes:

GUS'S BUS

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Left Side



Source: Joe Dally Collection.



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 150;
Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 91.



Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 75.



Source: Pete Burris Collection.

Crew members of the Consolidated B-24 'Gus's Bus', who participated in a bombing mission over Balikpapan, Borneo. They are (left to right): 2Lt James C. Wright of Weatherford, TX, bombardier; Captain Augustus V. Connery, Jr. of Providence, RI, pilot; Capt L.K. Garron of Oakland, CA, flight surgeon; 2Lt Patrick J. Mullins of Sommerville, MA, navigator; (back row); S/Sgt Robert S. McDonald of Sterling, IL., tail gunner; T/Sgt Talley P. Koumarelos of Detroit, MI, engineer; S/Sgt John W. Tackett of Sioux City, IA, asst engineer; S/Sgt D.M. Greenwood of Quincy, MA, tail gunner; T/Sgt Arthur C. Welsch of Lewistown, MT, radio operator; and S/Sgt Thomas J. Farley of Atlantic City, NJ, waist gunner. 31 August 1943. (Source for caption: Jim Leddy)



Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 128.

***Right Side
Indicates Shamrock on Both Sides***



Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 46.



Source: Livingstone, *Under the Southern Cross*, p. 81.

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-40504 NOSE ART GUS'S BUS MODEL D-65-CO

SQDN ASSGD 530 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 504

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: Average of 6 missions carried out by New Guinea Deployment Group during May/June 1943, No Complete Record by Plane Available

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
7	07/03/1943	FEN I-43	Strike	Kendari, Celebes	25	Connery	530	
8	07/10/1943	FEN II-1	Recce	Selaroe, Boela, Ceram	25	Connery	530	Abort, Engine
9	07/14/1943	FEN II-2	Strike	Koepang, Timor	25	Connery	530	
10	07/18/1943	FEN II-4	Strike	Macassar, Celebes	25	Connery	530	
11	07/28/1943	FEN II-11	Recce	Nabiri, Manokwari, Fak Fak	HDQ	W. Miller	HDQ	
12	07/31/1943	FEN I-54	Search	Search for Missing B-24	25	Connery	530	Special Missions-Australia; Abort, Gas Leak
13	08/03/1943	FEN II-16	Recce	Nabiri, Manokwari, Larat	25	Connery	530	
14	08/09/1943	FEN II-19	Strike	Ambon	25	Connery	530	
15	08/17/1943	FEN II-24	Strike	Balikpapan	16	R. Craig	529	Fleming Crew; Abort, Gas Leak
16	08/19/1943	FEN II-25	Recce	Nabiri, Manokwari	5	Roth	528	

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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
17	08/23/1943	FEN II-27	Strike	Shipping Strike, Banda Sea	22	Lippincott	530	
18	09/01/1943	FEN II-30	Recce	Lombok Straits, Waingepoe	25	Connery	530	Abort, Oil Pump
19	09/05/1943	FEN II-34	Recce	Nabire, Manokwari, Sorong	25	Connery	530	
20	09/11/1943	FEN II-38	Strike	Macassar	8	Craig	528	
21	09/21/1943	FEN II-44	Strike	Langgoer, Kai Islands	52	Cesario	530	
22	09/24/1943	FEN II-46	Recce	Nabire, Manokwari, Sorong	25	Connery	530	
23	09/30/1943	FEN II-48	Recce	Boela, Sorong, Kokas	25	Connery	530	
24	10/02/1943	FEN II-49	Strike	Ambon	1	F. Miller	528	Hastings Crew
25	10/04/1943	FEN I-59	Search	Search for Missing Catalina	20	Cunningham	530	Special Missions-Australia

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SQDN ASSGD 530 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 504

LOCATION: Australia

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
26	10/12/1943	FEN III-5	Strike	Penfoei A/D, Koepang	25	Connery	530	
27	10/15/1943	FEN III-7	Recce	Ceram, Kai Islands	25	Connery	530	
28	10/17/1943	FEN III-8	Recce	Shipping, Hermahera	57	Ross	530	First Mission for this Crew
	10/20/1943							Crash Landing, Salvaged