

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 049

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-41125</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>GUS'S BUS II</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24D-135-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>2202</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>06/22/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>06/30/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>07/02/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>07/28/1943</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Oklahoma City</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>07/03/1943</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>09/17/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Lincoln, NE</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>09/21/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>09/27/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/530</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>11/1943</u>
STATION:	<u>Fenton</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>11/09/1943</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Sourabaja, Java</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>67 AU</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>10/11/1944</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Take-off Crash. Salvaged</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Darwin</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>10/11/1944</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>AFMSC</u>

NOTES: Oklahoma Nose Installed

MAINTENANCE CREW

Serial No.: 42-41125

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	39166059	M/Sgt	Ralph (NMI) Castillo

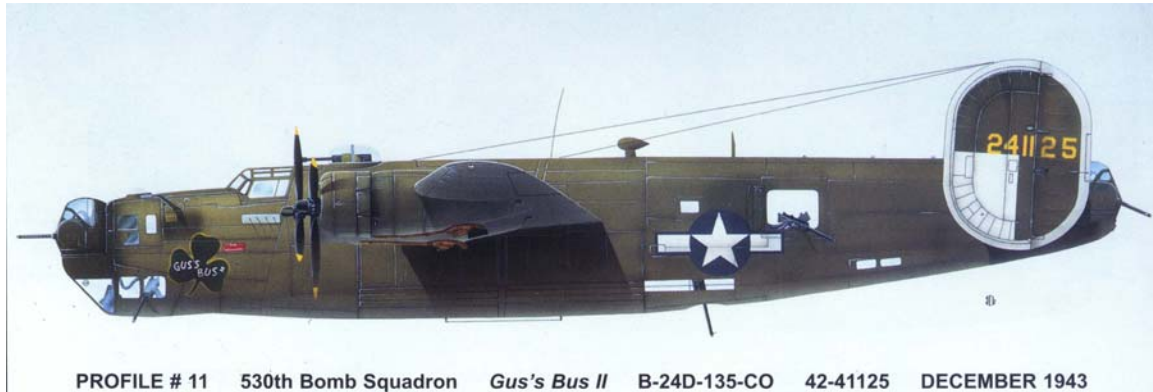
	SSN	Rank	Name
Mechanic(s):	34269228	Sgt	Emory B. Manor

Notes:

GUS BUS II

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Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.

Right Side



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 150.



Conner, Leiser and Ming.

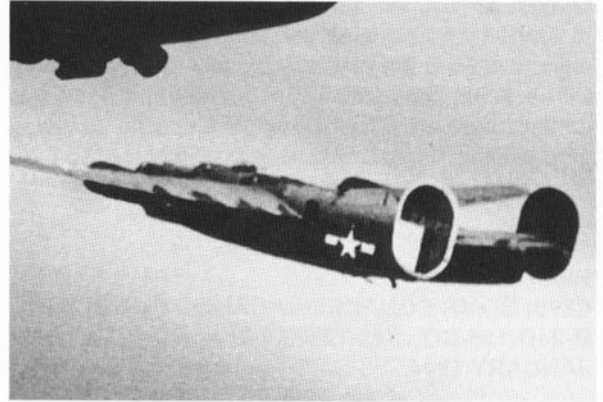
Source: *The Flying Circus*, p. 155.

Left Side



#125 Gus's Bus II nicely illustrating the Oklahoma City modification
Ed Loy Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 467.



Note the enlarged serial number on the vertical stabilizer and the new squadron tail markings on #125, Gus's Bus II.
William Thompson Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 475.



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 74.



All that remained of *Gus's Bus II* after the fire was put out.
Larry Roberts Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 276.



#125 *Gus' Bus II* burned furiously after crashing at
Darwin.
Larry Roberts Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 276.

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-41125 **NOSE ART** GUS'S BUS II **MODEL** D-135-CO
SQDN ASSGD 530 **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego **M#** 125

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: Missions 7-12: New Guinea Deployment III

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	11/09/1943	FEN III-21	Strike	Sourabaja	25	Connery	530	
2	11/11/1943	FEN III-22	Strike	Sourabaja	25	Connery	530	
3	11/17/1943	FEN III-24	Strike	Tjepoe, Java	25	Connery	530	
4	11/21/2943	FEN III-28	Strike	Maikor	25	Connery	530	
5	11/24/1943	FEN III-30	Strike	Kaoe Bay, Halmahera	25	Connery	530	
6	12/07/1943	FEN III-35	Strike	Pelauw Village, Haroekoe Island	25	Connery	530	
7	12/14/1943	347GG	Strike	Arawe Plantation	20	Cunningham	530	
8	12/15/1943	348DD	Strike	Cape Gloucester	20	Cunningham	530	
9	12/16/1943	349AA	Strike	Cape Gloucester	20	Cunningham	530	
10	12/18/1943	351DD	Strike	Cape Hoskins Airdrome	20	Cunningham	530	
11	12/19/1943	352GG	Strike	Cape Gloucester Strip #2	64	Piper	530	
12	12/20/1943	353GG	Strike	Gloucester Target #3	20	Cunningham	530	

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-41125 NOSE ART GUS'S BUS II MODEL D-135-CO

SQDN ASSGD 530 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 125

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: Missions 13-15: New Guinea Deployment III

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
13	12/21/1943	354FF	Strike	Gloucester	20	Cunningham	530	
14	12/22/1943	355JJ	Strike	Gloucester	20	Cunningham	530	
15	12/23/1943	356FF	Strike	Gloucester	20	Cunningham	530	
16	12/27/1943	FEN III-42	Strike	Shipping, Pomelaa	65	Tovarez	530	First Mission for this Crew
17	01/19/1944	FEN II-63	Search	Search for Missing B-24	52	R. Craig	530	Cesario Crew; Special Missions-Australia
18	01/02/1944	FEN III-44	Strike	Pomelaa	MIX	R. Craig	MIX	
19	01/28/1944	FEN IV-19	Recce	Shipping, Banda Sea	57	M. Ross	530	
20	01/31/1944	FEN IV-20	Recce	Shipping, Ceram Sea	6	Bousfield	528	
21	02/04/1944	FEN IV-22	Strike	Namlea	19	Blake	529	
22	02/07/1944	FEN IV -25	Strike	Ambon	57	Ross	530	
23	02/16/1944	FEN IV-31	Strike	Shipping, Banda Sea	59	J. Black	530	First Mission for this Crew

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SQDN ASSGD 530 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 125

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: Missions 24-26: New Guinea Deployment IV

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
24	03/01/1944	61-F	Strike	Awar Plantation, Hansa Bay, NG	68	Kiel	530	
25	03/03/1944	64-C	Strike	Hollandia	91	Magee	531	
26	03/08/1944	68-I	Strike	Boram, Wewak	13	Burns	528	
27	03/15/1944	FEN V-18	Strike	Soerabaja	57	M. Ross	530	Abort, Weather
28	03/17/1944	FEN V-30	Strike	Soerabaja	57	M. Ross	530	
29	03/20/1944	FEN V-42	Strike	Shipping, Timor Sea	57	M. Ross	530	
30	03/23/1944	FEN V-49	Recce	Photo, Halmahera	59	J. Black	530	
31	03/27/1944	FEN VI-6	Recce	Armed, Waigeo	53	Louden	530	Abort, Lost Formation
32	03/30/1944	FEN VI-8	Strike	Kai Islands	53	Louden	530	
33	04/03/1944	FEN VI-11	Strike	Langgoer A/D, Kai Islands	53	Louden	530	
34	04/07/1944	FEN VI-16	Strike	Langgoer A/D	53	Louden	530	

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SQDN ASSGD 530 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 125

LOCATION: Australia

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
35	04/17/1944	FEN VI-22	Strike	Kai Islands	51	Huet	530	
36	04/22/1944	FEN VI-31	Strike	Noemfoor Island	62	Bailey	530	First Mission for this Crew
37	04/23/1944	FEN VI-34	Strike	Noemfoor Island	57	Connery	530	Ross Crew
38	04/24/1944	FEN VI-35	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	53	Louden	530	
39	04/27/1944	FEN VI-41	Strike	Babo	17	Fleming	528	
40	04/28/1944	FEN VI-43	Strike	Jefman A/D	53	Louden	530	
41	04/29/1944	FEN VI-44	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	59	Black	530	
42	05/06/1944	FEN VII-4	Recce	Photo, Halmahera	62	Bailey	530	Abort, Lost Formation
43	05/08/1944	FEN VII-7	Recce	Shipping, Halmahera	54	Murphy	530	
44	05/09/1944	FEN VII-10	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	63	Marshall	530	
45	05/11/1944	FEN VII-12	Strike	Ambon, Amboina Island	55	Rayment (RAAF)	530	First Mission for this Crew

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SQDN ASSGD 530 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 125

LOCATION: Australia

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
46	05/15/1944	FEN VII-15	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	9	Dally	528	Abort, Turret Out
47	05/17/1944	FEN VII-17	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	57	Garrison	530	Ross Crew
48	05/18/1944	FEN II-75	Search	Search for Missing B-24	1	Hunt	528	Special Missions-Australia
49	05/21/1944	FEN VII-21	Strike	Manokwari	57	Connery	530	Ross Crew
50	05/26/1944	FEN VII-23	Strike	Manokwari	42	Connery	530	Taylor Crew
51	06/01/1944	FEN VII-27	Strike	Laha	66	Connery	530	Planck Crew
52	06/06/1944	FEN VII-31	Strike	Shipping, Waigeo Island	55	Rayment (RAAF)	530	
53	06/09/1944	FEN VIII-16	Strike	Namlea	67	MacDonald (RAAF)	530	Abort, Prop Governor Stuck First Mission for this Crew
54	06/20/1944	FEN VIII-35	Strike	Amahai	53	Louden	530	
55	08/17/1944	FEN IX-36	Strike	Namlea	72	Duigan (RAAF)	530	Hirst Crew

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SQDN ASSGD 530 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 125

LOCATION: Australia

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
56	08/22/1944	FEN IX-45	Strike	Amahai	59	Henschke	530	Black Crew
57	08/25/1944	FEN IX-47	Strike	Laha	72	Hirst (RAAF)	530	
58	08/26/1944	FEN IX-48	Strike	Liang	67	Petre	530	
69	09/02/1944	FEN X-8	Strike	Amahai	72	Hirst (RAAF)	530	
60	09/05/1944	FEN X-13	Search I	Ceram Sea	64	DeLoache	530	
61	09/17/1944	FEN X-36	Search I	Ceram Sea	54	Cullen	530	
62	09/21/1944	FEN X-49	Search H-1	Banda Sea	59	Garrett	530	
63	09/28/1944	FEN XI-22	Search I	Banda Sea	60	Brenholtz	530	
64	10/01/1944	FEN XI-31	Search H-1	Banda Sea	54	McHale	530	
65	10/04/1944	DAR I-8	Search H-1	Banda Sea	64	Kreuger	530	
66	10/07/1944	DAR I-15	Search I	Banda Sea	60	Winans	530	Brenholtz Crew, Checked out Copilot
67	10/11/1944	DAR I-27	Search H-1	Banda Sea	54	McHale	530	Crashed on Take-Off