

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 084

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-73116</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>HEAVENLY BODY</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-15-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>2686</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>09/01/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>09/08/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>09/11/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>09/20/1943</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>09/15/1943</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>09/26/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>10/16/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>10/21/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/528</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u></u>
STATION:	<u>Fenton</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>01/02/1944</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Pomelaa, Celebes</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>59 AU/NG + 4 PH = 63</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>03/14/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Ditched, Engine Failure</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>South China Sea</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>05/10/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>UCIP</u>
NOTES:	<u>Tri-Met Cameras</u>		

MAINTENANCE CREW

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Nose Art: HEAVENLY BODY

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	37129670	M/Sgt	William E. Seale

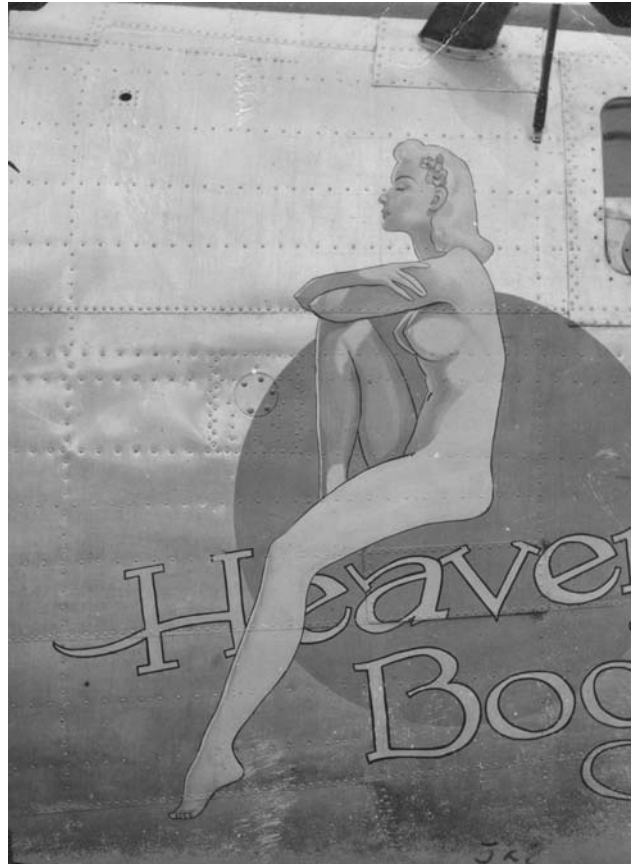
	SSN	Rank	Name
Mechanic(s):			Not Available in Current Records

Notes:

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Source: Pete Burris Collection.



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 136.



The artwork of 528th artist, Dick Ebbeson, a cartoonist before and after the war. No one in the 380th was better.
Clyde Osborn Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 213, 320.



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 85.



1st row, left to right: S/Sgt. Albert S. McKinney, S/Sgt. Ellie V. Hester, S/Sgt. Thomas E. Murray, T/Sgt. John H. Miller, S/Sgt. James L. Edwards, T/Sgt. Robert G. Gjerstad. 2nd row, left to right: Lt. Paul W. Norris, Lt. Everett D. Bever, Lt. John (Tiny) Reid, Lt. John S. DiDomenico.

Source: *The Flying Circus*, p. 131.

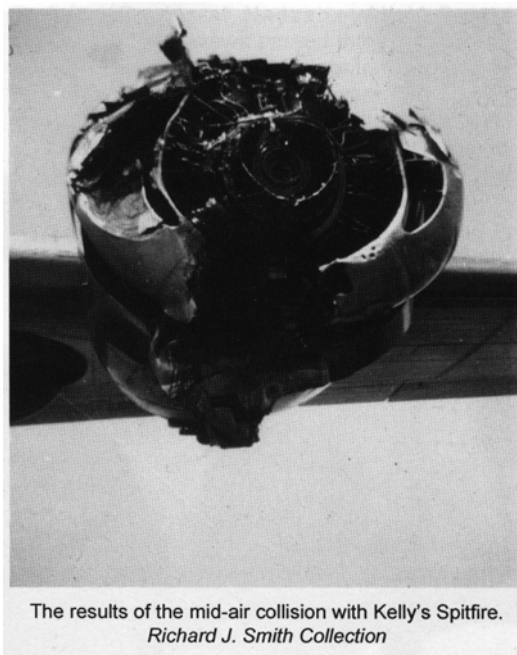


Source: <http://www.b24bestweb.com/heavenlybody-v2.htm>



Although lucky on 18 Sept. 44, #116 *Heavenly Body*
would be lost in March 1945.
Robert Chandler Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 268.



The results of the mid-air collision with Kelly's Spitfire.
Richard J. Smith Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 268.

MISSION RECORD

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SQDN ASSGD 528 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 116

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: Missions 10-11: New Guinea Deployment IV

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	01/02/1944	FEN III-44	Strike	Pomelaa	15	Benbow	528	Abort, Mechanical
2	01/04/1944	FEN III-47	Recce	Shipping, Tenaou	23	R. Craig	530	Dennis Crewe
3	01/19/1944	FEN IV-11	Strike	Ambon	6	Bousfield	528	
4	01/27/1944	FEN IV-18	Strike	Shipping, Dilli, Atapoepoe	15	Benbow	528	
5	01/31/1944	FEN IV-20	Recce	Shipping, Ceram Sea	13	Burns	528	Abort, Early Return
6	02/04/1944	FEN IV-23	Strike	Liang	4	DiDomenico	528	First Mission for this Crew
7	02/07/1944	FEN IV-26	Strike	Ambon	17	Fleming	528	
8	02/09/1944	FEN IV-27	Strike	Halong	11	Kemp	528	
9	02/20/1944	FEN IV-33	Strike	Laha	1	Hunt	528	
10	03/03/1944	64C	Strike	Hollandia	4	DiDomenico	528	
11	03/05/1944	65-K	Strike	Los Negros	4	DiDomenico	528	

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12	03/15/1944	FEN V-18	Strike	Soerabaja	17	Toepperwein	529	
13	03/17/1944	FEN V-30	Strike	Soerabaja	17	Toepperwein	529	
14	04/18/1944	FEN VI-24	Strike	Manokwari	4	DiDomenico	528	
15	04/20/1944	FEN VI-27	Strike	Noemfoor Island	4	DiDomenico	528	
16	04/22/1944	FEN VI-31	Strike	Noemfoor Island	17	Fleming	528	
17	04/23/1944	FEN VI-34	Strike	Noemfoor Island	4	DiDomenico	528	
18	05/08/1944	FEN VII-8	Recce	Photo, Jefman	7	Raggio	528	Abort, Flight Indicators
19	05/13/1944	FEN VII-13	Strike	Kamiri and Namber A/D, Noemfoor	3	Stovell	528	Abort, Gas Leak
20	05/15/1944	FEN VII-15	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	6	Bousfield	528	Abort, Generator Out
21	05/18/1944	FEN VII-18	Recce	Photo, Halmahera	4	DiDomenico	528	

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NOTES: Mission 22: Special Missions-Australia

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
22	05/21/1944	FEN II-77	Search	Search for Missing Catalina	15	Benbow	528	
23	05/28/1944	FEN VII-25	Strike	Jefman	4	DiDomenico	528	
24	06/08/1944	FEN VII-32	Strike	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	4	DiDomenico	528	
25	06/12/1944	FEN VII-33	Strike	Liang	8	Manning (RAAF)	528	
26	06/15/1944	FEN VII-36	Strike	Lautem, Timor	19	Hawkesford (RAAF)	528	
27	06/27/1944	FEN VII-42	Recce	Tri-Met, Tanimbar	19	Hawkesford (RAAF)	528	
28	06/29/1944	FEN VII-45	Strike	Babo	4	DiDomenico	528	
29	07/03/1944	FEN VIII-4	Recce	Tri-Met, Tanimbar	5	Sheehan	528	
30	07/11/1944	FEN VIII-21	Recce	Tri-Met, Tanimbar	5	Sheehan	528	

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31	07/27/1944	FEN VIII-45	Strike	Laha	18	Synar	528	Abort, Gas Leak
32	08/02/1944	FEN IX-14	Strike	Laha	4	DiDomenico	528	
33	08/10/1944	FEN IX-24	Strike	Laha	4	DiDomenico	528	
34	08/31/1944	FEN X-3	Strike	Liang	19	Bell (RAAF)	528	
35	09/04/1944	FEN X-12	Tri-Met	Kai Islands	19	Schmitt	528	
36	09/08/1944	FEN X-15	Strike	Kai Islands	6	Hartley	528	
37	09/10/1944	FEN X-20	Strike	Laha	22	Ross (RAAF)	528	
38	09/20/1944	FEN X-45	Strike	Haroekoe	21	Dunne (RAAF)	528	
39	09/24/1944	FEN XI-8	Strike	Haroekoe	19	Bell (RAAF)	528	
40	09/27/1944	FEN XI-17	Search H-2	Banda and Molucca Seas	19	Bell (RAAF)	528	

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NOTES: Mission 48: Special Missions-Australia

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
41	09/28/1944	FEN XI-20	Search H-1	Banda and Molucca Seas	21	Dunne (RAAF)	528	
42	10/02/1944	DAR I-4	Strike	Macassar	21	Dunne (RAAF)	528	
43	10/05/1944	DAR I-10	Strike	Macassar	7	Navran	528	
44	10/09/1944	DAR I-22	Rescue Search	Banda Sea	10	Herbst	528	
45	10/12/1944	DAR I-30	Strike	Ambesia, Celebes	7	Navran	528	
46	10/16/1944	DAR I-41	Strike	Macassar	7	Navran	528	
47	10/23/1944	DAR II-13	Search I-1- Red	Banda and Molucca Seas	7	Navran	528	
48	10/29/1944	DAR I-52	Search	Search for Missing B-24	8	Rice	528	

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49	10/31/1944	DAR II-37	Search G-1-Red	Flores Sea	4	DiDomenico	528	
50	11/05/1944	DAR III-1	Strike	Bima. Soembawa	4	DiDomenico	528	
51	11/09/1944	DAR III-10	Strike	Shipping, Celebes	3	Stovell	528	
52	11/16/1944	DAR III-33	Strike	Pinrang	7	Navran	528	
53	11/29/1944	DAR IV-20	Strike	Kendari	12	Adams	528	
54	12/06/1944	DAR IV-43	Strike	Kendari and Boro Boro	12	Adams	528	
55	12/12/1944	DAR V-12	Strike	Kendari	12	Adams	528	
56	12/18/1944	DAR V-21	Strike	Bima	12	Adams	528	
57	12/20/1944	DAR V-28	Recce	Search H-2-Green	12	Adams	528	
58	12/26/1944	DAR V-41	Search I-2-Green	Banda and Molucca Seas	3	Isaak	528	Stovell Crew

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59	12/31/1944	DAR VI-15	Strike	Ambesia, Celebes	12	Adams	528	
								Transferred, Mindoro, Philippines