

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 127

SERIAL NO.:	<u>44-40342</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>THE K.O. KID</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-155-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>4278</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>03/13/1944</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>03/18/1944</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>03/21/1944</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>03/25/1944</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>03/22/1944</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>04/24/1944</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>05/06/1944</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>05/10/1944</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/528</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>05/1944</u>
STATION:	<u>Fenton</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>06/06/1944</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Shipping, Waigeo Island, NG</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>33 AU + 56 PH = 89</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>09/30/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Salvaged</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Clark Field, The Philippines</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													
E-210		A. F. SERIAL NUMBER		44-40342		MANUFACTURER AND LOCATION						Consolidated, San Diego, California	
PROJECT NUMBER		AG-10033		FOREIGN SERIAL NUMBER		FINAL DESTINATION IN U.S.						Fairfield	
LOCATION BLOCK		P.A.F. 8-1		PROJECT OR LEASE REQUISITION NUMBER		Proj. 96537-R							
MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBER													
UPPER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR HAND-POSTED OPERATION IN KARDEX LOWER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR I. B. M. POSTED OPERATION IN VERTICAL CABINETS													
LOCATION	ORGANIZATION		RECIPIENT	NEXT DESTINATION		CRATED OR FLY-AWAY	CONDITION	DATE		ACTION	REMARKS		
STATION	CORNER	PARENT UNIT	SUB-UNIT	GAINED FROM OR LOST TO			SERIAL NUMBER	MO	DA	STATION NO	DOCA		
San Diego	Consolidated			9/Convair, Tucson			Accepted		3-22				
"	"			"			Available	3-26	3-2041	Rec. Pur O			
Tucson	Trac Pilot			"			Delivered	3-25					
"	A.F.C.			4 th A.F. C. ^{Hamilton}			Arrived	3-26	3-2041	Records only.			
"	"			Deleted due to checkup			Available	4-15	4-1136	C.E. 2.			
"	"		4 th A.F. C.	From Unit, Hamilton, Cal.			Deleted	4-16	4-1081	AAFRR. Deleted			
"	"			Brought back from Hamilton, Cal.			Available	4-17	4-1306	C.E. 2.			
"	A.F.C.			Hamilton, Cal.			Arrived	4-17					
"	"			Deleted - Class of Inv. Orders			Reported	4-17					
"	mch		4 th A.F. C.	Proposed by Hamilton, Cal.			Delivered	4-22	4-1539	AAFRR. Deleted			
"	A.F.C.			of Proc. Unit, Hamilton, Cal.			Arrived	4-23	4-1689	CE 2			
Hamilton	"			"			Reported	4-24					
"	"			"			Arrived	4-24		D.P.			
"	"			"			Arrived	4-24		L.A. W.	4 th A.F. C.		
Fairfield	West Coast Sector			"			Reported	4-28		L.A. W.	4 th A.F. C. by area		
"	"			"			Arrived	4-29		W+L			
"	"			"			Dep. U.S.	5-7		W+L			
LEFT	"			B24J		5	44	40342	5	644	51044		
LEFT	"			B24J		5	44	40342	5	144	51544		
UCIP	EXC INV LBT			R B24J		5	44	40342	123145	21046			
UCIP	CON BAL OHSOLN			B24J X 05		44	40342		51044	101146			

MAINTENANCE CREW

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	17008675	M/Sgt	Leroy B. Gaston

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

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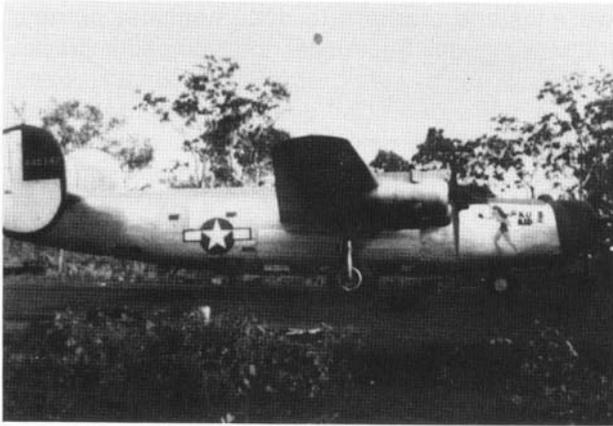


Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.

Right Side



Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.



Ken Hunt's plane, #342 *The K.O. Kid*, the first natural metal finished plane to enter the 528th.
Tom Howard Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 486.



Source: Pete Burris Collection.



KEN HUNT'S 528th CREW

Standing, L to R: Chas. Bright-WG, Hunt-P, David Davenport-CP, Douglas Johnston-NAV. Kneeling: Lilas McColl-ENG, Max Juroff-R/O, Elmer Smith-TAIL, Thayne Hill-G/Asst. Eng. Missing: Florian Nalepka-BOMB and Art Roach-G/Asst. R/O.

Lilas McColl Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 487.



Source: Horton/Horton, King of the Heavies, p. 135.



#342 *The K.O. Kid* graphically showing the inherent structural weakness of the small nose gear strut. Note the fragmentation clusters and ammo boxes taken out of the plane.

William Vance Collection

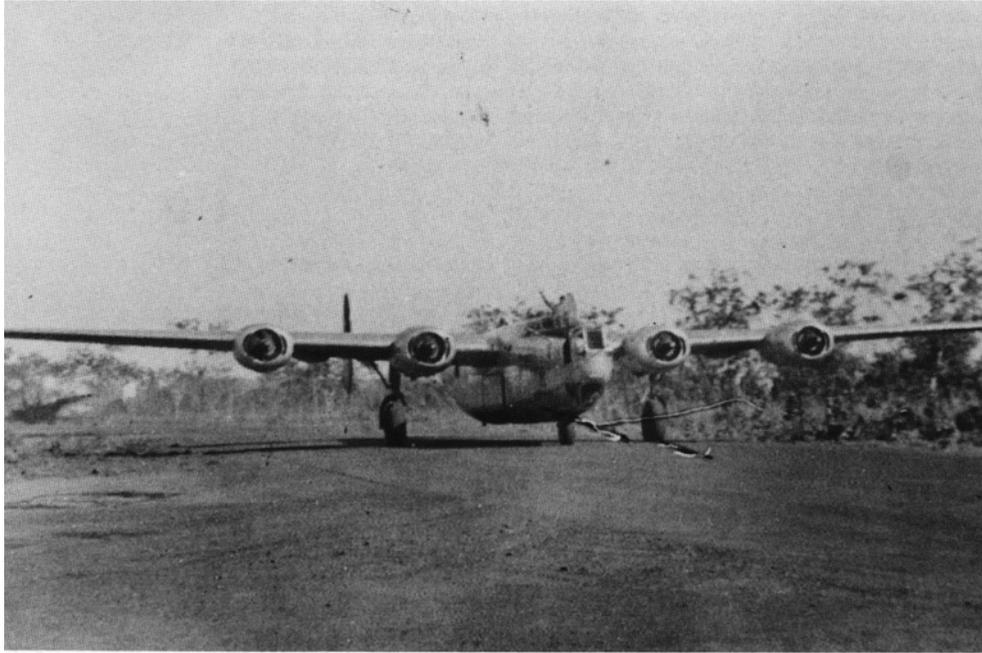
Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 284.



Will Moran and his 528th crew were extremely lucky flying #432 *The K. O. Kid* on 29 May 1945.

Clyde Osborn Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 364.

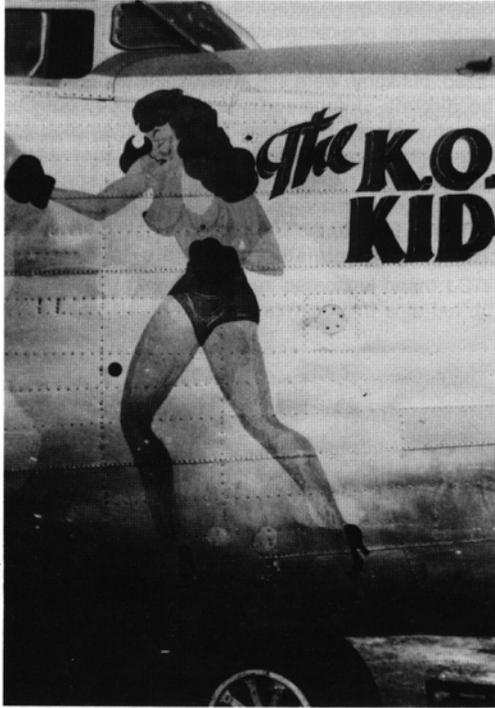


#342 *The K. O. Kid* taxiing out of its revetment for another mission. Note the flight engineer waving "good bye" from the upper escape hatch. The aircraft's name came from the first and middle initial of the plane's primary 528th pilot, Kenneth O. Hunt. *Robert Beach Collection*

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 345.



Source: <http://oldcmp.net>



#342, Bob Boeshaar's plane on 12 July 1945 proved to be very lucky and escaped destruction.
George Harper Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 397.



Source: <http://oldcmp.net>



Source: <http://oldcmp.net>



Source: Unknown

Left Side



Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.

MISSION RECORD

SN 44-40342 **NOSE ART** THE K.O. KID **MODEL** J-155-CO
SQDN ASSGD 528 **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego **M#** 342

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: _____

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	06/06/1944	FEN VII-31	Strike	Shipping, Waigoe Island	3	Stovell	528	
2	06/08/1944	FEN VII-32	Strike	Shipping, Jefman	1	Hunt	528	
3	06/13/1944	FEN VII-34	Strike	Halong	4	DiDomenico	528	
4	08/10/1944	FEN IX-24	Strike	Laha	8	Rice	528	
5	08/13/1944	FEN IX-29	Strike	Namlea	1	Hunt	528	
6	08/17/1944	FEN IX-36	Strike	Namlea	21	Dunne (RAAF)	528	
7	08/26/1944	FEN IX-48	Strike	Liang	6	Hartley	528	
8	08/31/1944	FEN X-3	Strike	Liang	13	Burns	528	
9	09/04/1944	FEN X-9	Strike	Kendari	19	Bell (RAAF)	528	
10	09/12/1944	FEN X-23	Strike	Haroekoe	17	Schmitt	528	
11	09/20/1944	FEN X-20	Strike	Haroekoe	17	Schmitt	528	

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12	09/21/1944	FEN XI-3	Strike	Laha	1	Hunt	528	
13	09/24/1944	FEN XI-8	Strike	Haroekoe	6	Hartley	528	
14	09/29/1944	FEN XI-23	Strike	Liang	9	Tate	528	
15	10/02/1944	DAR I-4	Strike	Macassar	6	Hartley	528	
16	10/09/1944	DAR I-19	Search H-2	Molucca Sea	1	Hunt	528	
17	10/12/1944	DAR I-32	Search I	Banda Sea	9	Tate	528	
18	10/16/1944	DAR I-41	Strike	Macassar	20	Miller (RAAF)	528	
19	10/18/1944	DAR I-45	Search H-2	Molucca Sea	1	Hunt	528	
20	10/21/1944	DAR II-6	Strike	Pare Pare	6	Hartley	528	
21	10/25/1944	DAR II-22	Strike	Ambesia	7	Raggio	528	

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22	10/30/1944	DAR II-36	Strike	Macassar	12	Adams	528	
23	11/05/1944	DAR III-1	Strike	Bima	20	Miller (RAAF)	528	
24	11/09/1944	DAR III-10	Strike	Shipping, Flores Sea	17	Schmitt	528	
25	11/14/1944	DAR III-27	Strike	Macassar	20	Miller (RAAF)	528	
26	11/19/1944	DAR III-41	Strike	Boro Boro	20	Miller (RAAF)	528	
27	11/28/1944	DAR IV-16	Search H-2-Green	Banda Sea	15	Sullivan	528	
28	11/30/1944	DAR IV-21	Search H-2-Green	Banda Sea	7	Navran	528	
29	12/09/1944	DAR V-5	Recce	Shipping, Banda Sea	7	Navran	528	
30	12/15/1944	DAR V-16	Search I-1-Red	Banda and Molucca Seas	7	Navran	528	

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31	12/20/1944	DAR V-25	Strike	Malang A/D, Java	10	Herbst	528	
32	12/31/1944	DAR VI-15	Strike	Ambesia	7	Navran	528	
33	02/02/1945	DAR VII-10	Strike	Malempoeng A/D, Celebes	7	Navran	528	
								Transfer, Mindoro, Philippines