

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

No. 122

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-110116</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>"LADY LUCK"</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-135-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>3912</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>01/31/1944</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>02/05/1944</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>02/08/1944</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>02/10/1945</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>02/09/1944</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>03/29/1944</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>04/21/1944</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>04/26/1944</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u>Tri-Met Camera</u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u>Darwin</u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/528</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>05/1944</u>
STATION:	<u></u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>05/09/1944</u>	WHERE (1 <sup>ST</sup> MISSION):	<u>Search for Missing B-24</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>42 AU + 48 PH = 90</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>10/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>ACFH-RFC</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Kingman, AZ</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>12/05/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>Kingman</u>

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**MAINTENANCE CREW**

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	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Crew Chief(s):</b>	39606404	M/Sgt	Theodore E. Holmquist

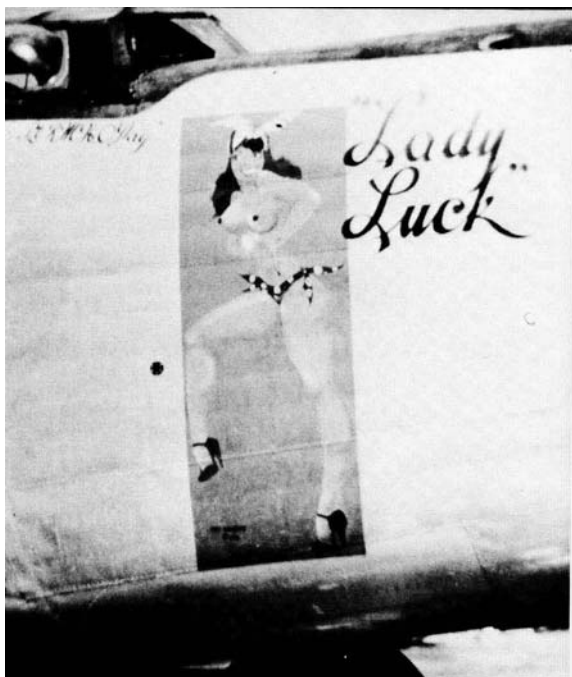
	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Mechanic(s):</b>			Not Available in Current Records

**Notes:**

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



Bill Vance, leader of the 528th strike on Takao standing beside his "own" plane, #0116 *Lady Luck*.  
*Robert Schmitz Collection*

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 313.



Source: Dr. Gossard's film/videotape (with credit to Tim Frye, Purdue University, for converting video to still photo).



The 528th's pink elephant on 42-110116 *Lady Luck*.  
James Clark Collection



Armament men working on the nose turret of the 528th plane *LADY LUCK* 42-110116. (Bob Beitling)

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 441.

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 103.



#0116 *Lady Luck* proved to be as good as her name and flew at least 90 missions before the end of the war. It was flown back to CONUS for salvage at Kingman, Arizona. James Ruth Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 282.

## MISSION RECORD

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**SQDN ASSGD** 528      **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego      **M#** 116

**LOCATION:** Australia

**NOTES:** Missions 1-2: Special Missions-Australia

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	05/09/1944	FEN II-73	Search	Search for Missing B-24	6	Bousfield	528	
2	05/10/1944	FEN II-74	Search	Search for Missing B-24	17	D. Fleming	528	
3	05/13/1944	FEN VII-13	Strike	Kamiri and Namber A/D, Noemfoor	13	Burns	528	
4	05/15/1944	FEN VII-15	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	5	Sheehan	528	
5	05/21/1944	FEN VII-21	Strike	Manokwari	9	Dally	528	
6	05/26/1944	FEN VII-23	Strike	Manokwari	2	Vance	528	First Mission for this Crew
7	06/06/1944	FEN VII-31	Strike	Shipping, Waigeo Island	16	Haydon (RAAF)	528	
8	06/12/1944	FEN VII-33	Strike	Liang	2	Vance	528	
9	06/27/1944	FEN VII-42	Tri-Met	Tanimbar Island	19	Hawkesford (RAAF)	528	
10	06/29/1944	FEN VII-45	Strike	Babo	2	Vance	528	

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**NOTES:** Mission 17: Special Missions-Australia

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
11	07/06/1944	FEN VIII-11	Recce	Banda Sea	5	Connery	528	Sheehan Crew
12	07/09/1944	FEN VIII-16	Strike	Namlea	2	Vance	528	
13	07/15/1944	FEN VIII-25	Strike	Namlea	2	Vance	528	
14	07/18/1944	FEN VIII-30	Recce	Shipping, Flores	4	DiDomenico	528	
15	07/27/1944	FEN VIII-45	Strike	Laha	2	Vance	528	
16	08/01/1944	FEN IX-8	Search I	Arafura Sea	2	Vance	528	
17	08/09/1944	FEN III-62	Search	Search for Missing B-24	16	Spencer	528	
18	08/17/1944	FEN IX-36	Strike	Namlea	2	Vance	528	
19	08/26/1944	FEN IX-48	Strike	Liang	10	Herbst	528	First Mission for this Crew
20	09/02/1944	FEN X-8	Strike	Amahai	2	Vance	528	
21	09/08/1944	FEN X-15	Strike	Kai Islands	22	Ross (RAAF)	528	

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
22	09/12/1944	FEN X-23	Strike	Haroekoe	10	Herbst	528	
23	09/20/1944	FEN X-45	Strike	Haroekoe	2	Vance	528	
24	09/21/1944	FEN XI-3	Strike	Laha	10	Herbst	528	
25	09/28/1944	FEN XI-20	Search H-1	Banda Sea	21	Dunne (RAAF)	528	
26	09/30/1944	FEN XI-27	Search I	Banda Sea	5	Sheehan	528	
27	10/02/1944	DAR I-4	Strike	Macassar	2	Vance	528	
28	10/09/1944	DAR I-20	Search H-1	Banda Sea	2	Vance	528	
29	10/12/1944	DAR I-30	Strike	Ambesia	6	Hartley	528	
30	10/19/1944	DAR I-48	Strike	Pare Pare	2	Vance	528	
31	10/27/1944	DAR II-27	Strike	Malili	2	Vance	528	



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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
32	10/30/1944	DAR II-36	Strike	Macassar	2	Vance	528	
33	11/02/1944	DAR II-46	Strike	Macassar	13	Garrison	528	Burns Crew
34	11/05/1944	DAR III-1	Strike	Bima	2	Vance	528	
35	11/14/1944	DAR IV-27	Strike	Macassar	15	Sullivan	528	First Mission for this Crew
36	12/20/1944	DAR V-25	Strike	Malang A/D, Java	2	Vance	528	
37	12/27/1944	DAR V-49	Search I-1-Red	Banda Sea	6	Hartley	528	
38	12/30/1944	DAR VI-10	Search G-2-Green	Flores Sea	2	Vance	528	
39	01/03/1945	DAR VI-25	Search I-2-Green	Banda and Molucca Seas	2	Vance	528	

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40	01/26/1945	DAR VII-5	Strike	Lembar, Soemba	3	Brissey	528	Abort, Heating System Malfunction Pedersen Crew
41	01/28/1945	DAR VII-8	Strike	Lembar, Soemba	3	Brissey	528	Pedersen Crew
42	02/02/1945	DAR VIII-10	Strike	Malempoeng A/D, Celebes	2	Vance	528	
								Transfer, Mindoro, Philippines