

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

No. 037

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-40527</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>THE LEILA BELLE</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24D-65-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>1604</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>03/06/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>03/18/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>03/19/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>03/25/1943</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>03/22/1943</u>	MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>04/21/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>05/05/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>05/11/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Amberly Field, Brisbane, AUS</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/531</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>Initial Deployment</u>
STATION:	<u>New Guinea</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>Unknown</u>	WHERE (1 <sup>ST</sup> MISSION):	<u>New Guinea</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>4 AU</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>06/11/1943</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Shot Down</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Rabaul</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>06/12/1943</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>AFMSC</u>

NOTES:



## MAINTENANCE CREW

**Serial No.:** 42-40527

**Nose Art:** THE LEILA BELLE

**Model:** B-24D-65-CO

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

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

**Notes:**

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*Source: Bob Livingstone Collection.*

## MISSION RECORD

SN 42-40527 NOSE ART THE LEILA BELLE MODEL D-65-CO

SQDN ASSGD 531 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 527

LOCATION: New Guinea Deployment I

NOTES: Average of 3 missions carried out by New Guinea Deployment Group before first entry listed below occurred,  
No Complete Record by Plane Available

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
4	06/11/1943		Recce	Rabaul	28	P. Smith	531	Dreier Crew, Shot Down