

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 039

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-40532</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>"LITTLE JOE"</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24D-70-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>1609</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>03/08/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>03/18/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>03/22/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>03/27/1943</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>03/23/1943</u>	MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>04/19/1943</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>05/24/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Amberly Field, Brisbane, AUS</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u>Nose turret</u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u>Townsville</u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/530</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>Initial Deployment</u>
STATION:	<u>Fenton</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>Unknown</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>New Guinea</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>17 AU</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>09/21/1943</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Shot Down</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Langgoer, Kai Islands</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>11/22/1943</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>Fenton</u>

NOTES: Note discrepancy in aircraft record card: which is wrong-our aircraft # or the card?

MAINTENANCE CREW

Serial No.: 42-40532

Nose Art: "LITTLE JOE"

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	16041860	M/Sgt	William V. Clarke

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

Notes:

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Left Side Only



Source: Livingstone, Under the Southern Cross, p. 135.



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 147; Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 71.



Source: Pete Burris Collection.



Paul Stansbury, Bombardier

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 110.



Wilbur Morris, Pilot

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 29.



Source: Jim Leddy.

MILLER CREW

Crew members of a Consolidated B-24 of the 530th Bomb Squadron, 380th Bomb Group, who participated in a bombing mission over Balikpapan, Borneo from their base at Fenton Field, Australia, pose in a jeep beside their plane. They are, left to right: Cpl. Irvin J. Blessinger, of Helena, Mont., waist gunner; M/Sgt. Lester V. Lowe of Langley, S.C., tail gunner; Lt. Willard Nichols of Staten Island, N.Y., tail gunner; Lt. Col. William A. Miller of St. Louis, Mo., pilot; 2nd Lt. Edwin S. Beall of Las Gatos, Calif., navigator; 2nd Lt. Frank Robertson of Rockville, Ind., co-pilot and S/Sgt. J.J. Wilkinson of Barnesville, Minn., turret gunner. 31 August 1943.

Missing from the picture are T/Sgt Cater, Engineering; T/Sgt Dunlap, Radio; and Lt. Poor, Group Personnel Officer, who went along as a gunner (for the thrill). Col. Miller led the first night mission of three total in the Balikpapan Missions.

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-40532 NOSE ART "LITTLE JOE" MODEL D-70-CO

SQDN ASSGD 530 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 530

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: Average of 6 missions carried out by New Guinea Deployment Group during May/June 1943, No Complete Record by Plane Available

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
7	07/20/1943	FEN II-7	Recce	Macassar, Celebes	21	Bratton	530	Abort, Turrets
8	08/08/1943	FEN II-18	Recce	Kokas, Sorong, Larat	8	D. Craig	528	
9	08/09/1943	FEN II-19	Strike	Ambon	23	Dennis	530	
10	08/13/1943	FEN II-21	Strike	Balikpapan	HDQ	W. Miller	HDQ	
11	08/17/1943	FEN II-24	Strike	Balikpapan	24	Morris	530	
12	08/21/1943	FEN II-23	Strike	Pomelaa	22	Lippincott	530	
13	09/01/1943	FEN II-30	Recce	Lombok Straits, Waingepoe	22	R. Craig	530	Lippincott Crew
14	09/11/1943	FEN II-36	Strike	Macassar	5	Roth	528	
15	09/14/1943	FEN II-39	Strike	Kendari	26	M. Baker	530	
16	09/19/1943	FEN II-42	Strike	Ambon	24	Morris	530	
17	09/21/1943	FEN II-44	Strike	Langgoer A/D, Kai Island	24	Morris	530	Shot Down