

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 026

SERIAL NO.: <u>42-40514</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME: <u>LUCKY</u>
MODEL: <u>B-24D-65-CO</u>	MFR: <u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
	CONTRACTOR'S NO.: <u>1591</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE: <u>03/04/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE: <u>03/15/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE: <u>03/18/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE: <u>03/24/1943</u>
	MOD CENTER PLACE: <u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE: <u>03/19/1943</u>	
TO STAGING AREA DATE: <u>04/15/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE: <u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE: <u>04/24/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE: <u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE: <u>04/29/1943</u>	DESTINATION: <u>Amberly Field, Brisbane, AUS</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS: <u>Nose turret</u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE: <u>Townsville</u>
ASSIGNMENT: <u>380/529</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE: <u>Initial Deployment, To 529 08/06/1943</u>
STATION: <u>Manbulloo/Long</u>	
FIRST MISSION: <u>Unknown</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION): <u>New Guinea</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS: <u>12 AU</u>	TERMINATION DATE: <u>10/18/1943</u>
WHY TERMINATED: <u>Damaged in Landing, Repaired, Transferred to RAAF, A72-11 (11/12/1944)</u>	
WHERE TERMINATED: <u>Darwin, NT, Australia</u>	
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE: <u>08/24/1944</u>	WHERE REMOVED: <u>Darwin</u>

NOTES: Suffered engine failure enroute to Biak in 11/1945. Remaining engines salvaged and hulk dumped at sea by RAAF.

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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MODEL <u>B-24D</u>		SERIAL NUMBER <u>42-40514</u>							
TYPE <u>P-1</u>	ORDER NO. <u>W535-80-24620</u>	COST <u>\$297,627.00</u>	DATE RECEIVED <u>3-19-43</u>						
STATUS <u>S</u>	DATE DROPPED	REASON							
MANUFACTURER <u>Consolidated</u>	<u>H</u>								
NAME	LOCATION	DATE	AGE	FLYING TIME			TRAINING PERIOD		REMARKS
				THRU MONTH	SINCE LAST PERIOD BEGAN	SINCE FIRST TRAINING BEGANN	STATE	AUTHORITY	
									Tucson (By Air) 3-21-43
									Proj. #96082 4/14
									Mod. Center
									Amarillo
									Topeka 4-15-43
									Hamilton, Cal. 4-20-43
									Left A 4-24-43 4-29-43
									Proj. #96082
									LEFT A 501230
									DEL. RAAF 5 543 5 543
									EXC/NVAU STADOR 111244 111444
									MON 82444 4 944
									on Topeka, Kans.
									SI-16531 dated
									4-11-43.
									Condensed 2/10/46
									Has been 4/17/46

MAINTENANCE CREW

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Nose Art: LUCKY

Model: B-24D-65-CO

	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	38062190	M/Sgt	Gilbert N. Murdock (529)

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

Notes:

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Left Side



Source: Livingstone, *Under the Southern Cross*, p. 92.



42-40514 *Lucky* and in the background, 42-40502 *Hell's Angel*, two 529th aircraft that did not exchange their "greenhouse" noses for a turret.
William Thomas Collection

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 144; Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 465.

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-40514 NOSE ART LUCKY MODEL D-65-CO

SQDN ASSGD 529 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 514

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	09/19/1943	FEN II-42	Strike	Ambon	14	Horn	529	
8	09/22/1943	FEN II-45	Strike	Ambon	14	Horn	529	
9	10/02/1943	FEN II-49	Strike	Ambon	11	Kelly	529	
10	10/11/1943	FEN III-4	Recce	Japen Island, Manokwari	11	Kelly	529	
11	10/13/1943	FEN III-6	Strike	Shipping, Banda Sea	14	Horn	529	
12	10/17/1943	FEN III-8	Recce	Shipping, Halmahera	11	Kelly	529	Damaged in Landing at Darwin This Mission, Repaired, Transferred RAAF, A72-11