

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

No. 109

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-73485</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>LUCKY DON</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-50-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>3055</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>10/19/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>10/25/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>10/28/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>11/01/1943</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>10/29/1943</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>11/13/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>11/29/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>12/02/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/529</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u></u>
STATION:	<u>Long Strip</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>01/31/1944</u>	WHERE (1 <sup>ST</sup> MISSION):	<u>Shipping, Ceram Sea</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>55 AU + 16 PH = 71</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>04/07/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Take-off Crash</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Murtha Strip, Mindoro, Philippines</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>04/07/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>UCIP</u>

NOTES:        RAAF, RCM Receiver Installed



**MAINTENANCE CREW**

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	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Crew Chief(s):</b>	33116236	M/Sgt	Carl L. Yohn

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

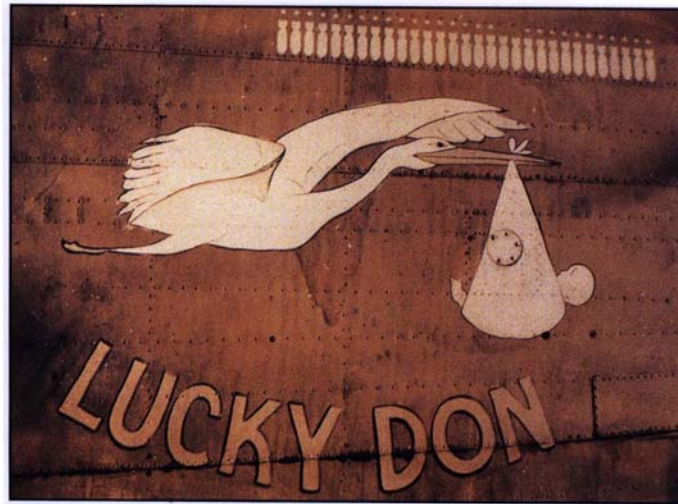
**Notes:**

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*All Pictures are Right Side and OD Finish*



#485 Lucky Don long before it crashed on take-off 7 Apr. 45.  
Glenn Horton Collection

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 122; Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.



Source: Unknown



*Source: Pete Burris  
Collection.*



*Source: Horton/Horton, King of the Heavies, p. 139.*



**ROBERT DAFFER'S 529th CREW**

Daffer is standing at the far left.

*Larry Famum Collection*

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 336.*



**CECIL WELLS' 529th CREW**

Wells rotated home and Harold Thornton inherited the crew. All would die with him 5 July 44. Standing, L to R: Max Rubin-BOMB, Wells-P, Thornton-CP, Douglas McMillin-NAV. Kneeling: Steve Buccia-G, Richard Corbin-ENG, Peter Kosciuszek-G, Harry Reed-R/O, Clarence Johnson-G.  
*Larry Famum Collection*

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 252.*



*Source: Horton/Horton, King of the Heavies, p. 87.*



F/O Harold Thornton in front of his regular ship "Lucky Don".  
*Geo. Swartz Collection*

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 226.*



*Back: Max Rubin, KIA, Cecil W. Wells, Harold A. Thornton, KIA, Douglas G. McMillin, KIA, Front: Steve J. Buccia, KIA, Richard W. Corbin, KIA, Peter P. Kosciuszek, KIA, Harry H. Reed, KIA, Clarence H. Johnson.*

*Source: The Flying Circus, p. 139.*

## MISSION RECORD

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	01/31/1944	FEN IV-20	Recce	Shipping, Ceram Sea	39	J. Thomas	529	
2	02/09/1944	FEN IV-27	Strike	Halong	37	Wells	529	First Mission for this Crew, Checked out Co-pilot, Craddock Crew
3	02/15/1944	FEN IV-29	Strike	Halong	37	Wells	529	
4	02/19/1944	FEN IV-32	Recce	Kaoe Bay, Halmahera	37	Wells	529	
5	02/27/1944	FEN IV-40	Recce	Shipping, Sumba	35	Tosch	529	
6	03/25/1944	FEN VI-4	Recce	Photo, Babo	43	Levandoski	529	
7	3/28/1944	FEN VI-7	Strike	Penfoei A/D, Timor	37	Wells	529	
8	03/30/1944	FEN VI-8	Strike	Kai Islands	37	Wells	529	
9	04/03/1944	FEN VI-11	Strike	Langgoer A/D, Kai Islands	37	Wells	529	
10	04/05/1944	FEN VI-13	Recce	Geelvink Bay	37	Wells	529	
11	04/07/1944	FEN VI-16	Strike	Langgoer A/D	37	Wells	529	



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12	04/18/1944	FEN VI-23	Strike	Babo	42	Overhue (RAAF)	529	
13	04/20/1944	FEN VI-27	Strike	Noemfoor Island	19	Blake	529	Abort, Fire in Tail Turret
14	04/21/1944	FEN VI-30	Strike	Noemfoor Island	40	Ivey	529	
15	04/22/1944	FEN VI-31	Strike	Noemfoor Island	38	C. Reed	529	First Mission for this Crew
16	04/23/1944	FEN VI-34	Strike	Noemfoor Island	40	Ivey	529	
17	04/24/1944	FEN VI-36	Strike	Kamiri A/D, Noemfoor Island	19	Thorton	529	Abort, Oil Leak; First Mission for this Crew, Checked out Co-pilot
18	04/26/1944	FEN VI-38	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	19	Thorton	529	
19	05/01/1944	FEN VI-47	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	19	Thorton	529	
20	05/03/1944	FEN VI-49	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	43	Napier (RAAF)	529	

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21	05/07/1944	FEN VII-6	Strike	Utoram A/D, Dutch NG	39	Thomas	529	
22	05/09/1944	FEN VII-11	Strike	Langgoer A/D, Kai Islands	44	Van Pelt	529	McComb Crew (RAAF)
23	05/11/1944	FEN VII-12	Strike	Ambon, Amboinia	44	Van Pelt	529	McComb Crew (RAAF)
24	05/16/1944	FEN VII-16	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	19	Thornton	529	Landed Hollandia
25	05/17/1944			Return from Hollandia	19	Thornton	529	
26	05/19/1944	FEN VII-19	Strike	Manokwari	34	Bilotti	529	
27	05/21/1944	FEN VII-21	Strike	Manokwari	44	Van Pelt	529	Abort, Oxygen Leak; McComb Crew (RAAF)
28	05/26/1944	FEN VII-23	Strike	Manokwari	19	Thornton	529	
29	05/31/1944	FEN VII-26	Strike	Liang	19	Thornton	529	
30	06/12/1944	FEN VII-33	Strike	Liang	44	McCombe (RAAF)	529	

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31	06/13/1944	FEN VII-34	Strike	Halong	39	Thomas	529	Abort, Gas Leak
32	06/22/1944	FEN VII-38	Strike	Liang	45	Evans (RAAF)	529	First Mission for this Crew
33	07/04/1944	FEN VIII-6	Strike	Namlea	45	Evans (RAAF)	529	Abort, #3 Engine
34	08/26/1944	FEN IX-48	Strike	Liang	37	Mansfield	529	
35	09/2/1944	FEN X-8	Strike	Amahai	44	McDouall (RAAF)	529	
36	09/10/1944	FEN X-20	Strike	Laha	46	Wright (RAAF)	529	
37	09/21/1944	FEN XI-3	Strike	Laha	34	Horton	529	First Mission for this Crew
38	09/24/1944	FEN XI-8	Strike	Haroekoe	44	McDouall (RAAF)	529	
39	09/27/1944	FEN XI-19	Strike	Haroekoe	34	Horton	529	

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40	10/01/1944	FEN XI-32	Search I	Banda and Arafura Seas	34	Horton	529	
41	10/12/1944	DAR I-30	Strike	Ambesia	34	Horton	529	
42	10/25/1944	DAR II-22	Strike	Ambesia	32	Hughes	529	
43	10/27/1944	DAR II-27	Strike	Palopo	42	Hockings (RAAF)	529	
44	10/30/1944	DAR II-36	Strike	Macassar	32	Hughes	529	
45	11/2/1944	DAR II-46	Strike	Macassar	44	Onley (RAAF)	529	
46	11/05/1944	DAR III-1	Strike	Bima	32	Hughes	529	
47	11/11/1944	DAR III-17	Strike	Pinrang	42	Hockings (RAAF)	529	
48	11/14/1944	DAR III-27	Strike	Macassar	42	Hockings (RAAF)	529	

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49	11/21/1944	DAR III-47	Strike	Ambesia	26	Cox	529	Trimble Crew
50	11/27/1944	DAR IV-12	Strike	Kendari and Boro Boro	26	Cox	529	Trimble Crew
51	12/01/1944	DAR IV-28	Strike	Kendari, Harass	26	Cox	529	Trimble Crew
52	12/12/1944	DAR V-12	Strike	Kendari	45	Dixon (RAAF)	529	
53	12/20/1944	DAR V-25	Strike	Mandalan Power Plant, Java	26	Cox	529	Trimble Crew
54	12/30/1944	DAR VI-9	Strike	Limboeng A/D, Celebes	26	Cox	529	Trimble Crew
55	01/01/1945	DAR VI-16	Search G-2- Green	Flores Sea	37	Huet	529	Mansfield Crew
								Transfer, Mindoro, Philippines