

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 092

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-73134</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>"MILADY"</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-15-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>2704</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>09/03/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>09/10/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>09/14/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>09/21/1943</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>09/16/1943</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>09/29/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>10/29/1945</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>11/03/1945</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/531</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u></u>
STATION:	<u>Long Strip</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>12/17/1943</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Selaru, Utoram</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>56 AU</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>01/17/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Crash</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Charles Point, Darwin, NT, Australia</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>04/03/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>UCIP</u>

NOTES:

MAINTENANCE CREW

Serial No.: 42-73134

Nose Art: “MILADY”

Model: B-24J-15-CO

	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	39304134	M/Sgt	William B. Camp

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

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PROFILE #12 531st Bomb Squadron *Milady* B-24J-15-CO 42-73134 DECEMBER 1943

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.

Left Side – OD



#134 *Milady* at Fairfield-Susin before going overseas.
John White Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.



Source: *The Flying Circus*, p. 163.



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BILL ZAGROBSKI'S 531st CREW

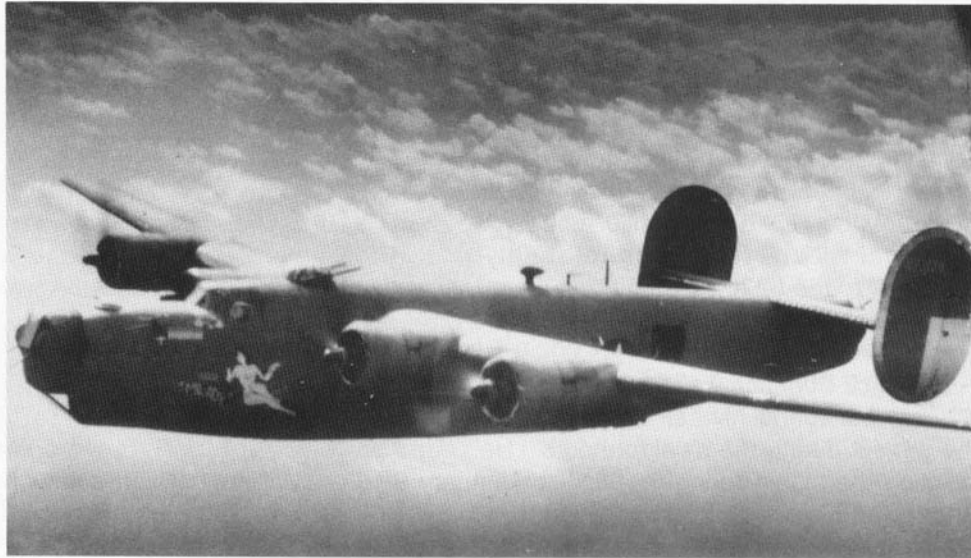
Standing, L to R: Peter Parlo-WG, Jack Irby-WG, Evert Pair-R/O, Chester Badowski-TAIL. Kneeling: John Sauer-NOSE, Francis Flaim-ENG, Bob Swartz-CP, Bill Gould-BOMB, Zagrobski-P.

Lee Brissey Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 195; *The Flying Circus*, p. 167.



Source: *Anne Debevec Collection*.



A beautiful in-flight shot of *Milady*.
Richard Walsh Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 475.



The 531st flight line at Darwin. #134 *Milady* is closest to the photographer.
Lee Brissey Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 260.

Right Side – OD



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 156.



The right side of #134 *Milady* showing 3 mission markers
and the names "Monie" and "Red".
James Clark Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 475.



Source:
<http://www.b24bestweb.com/milady1.htm>



Source: Unknown

Right Side – NMF



Source: <http://www.b24bestweb.com/milady3.htm>



Source: Livingstone, *Under the Southern Cross*, p. 83.



Cunningham Crew
Source: Craig Bellamy.



Source: <http://www.halun.com/images/dal2.JPG>



Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.



Source: Gossard/Frye Videotape.

Left Side – NMF



Source: Horton/Horton, King of the Heavies, p. 78.



*F/O Gillespie's crew while with the 531st.
Irving Glass Collection*

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 234.



#134 Milady up on jacks for some landing gear work.
William Camp Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 302.



#134 Milady, stripped of its OD paint scheme.
James Clark Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 253.



F/Lt. Law's crew in the 531st
William Camp Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 234; ;
William Weeks' Collection.



A shaky picture taken by a nervous gunner as the Zeke came
through the 529th formation, 17 July 1944.

Irving Glass Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 253.



Source: Joe Dally Collection.

Crash Remains and Memorial



Robert N. Alford Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.



Source: Livingstone, *Under the Southern Cross*, p. 83.

THE PLAQUE

Erected by the Northern Territory Government to commemorate the loss of the following American Airmen, who were members of the 531st Bombardment Squadron (H) of the 380th Bombardment Group (H) of the United States Army Air Force.

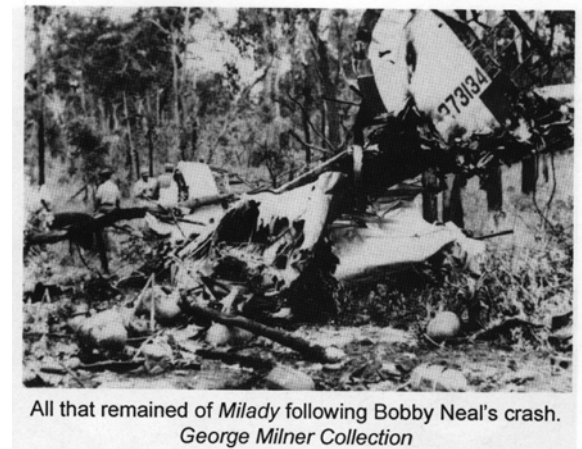
Second Lieutenant R.T. Neal - Pilot
Second Lieutenant W.E. Scanlan - Co-Pilot
Second Lieutenant W.J. Ward - Navigator
Second Lieutenant R.W. Walsh - Bombardier
Sergeant F. Gaballero - Mechanic/Gunner
Sergeant G. Sacre - Radio/Mechanic/Gunner

Their plane, A B-24J Consolidated Liberator 42-73134 ('Milady') crashed while returning from a practice bombing mission over Quail Island on 17 January 1945. (Bob Alford)

Source: Livingstone, *Under the Southern Cross*, p. 130.



Source: Livingstone, *Under the Southern Cross*, p. 84.



All that remained of *Milady* following Bobby Neal's crash.
George Milner Collection

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 78;
 Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 302.



Tail section wreckage of #134 *Milady* still lying where it crashed near Darwin, January 1945. *Robert N. Alford Coll.*

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.

MISSION RECORD

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SQDN ASSGD 531 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 134

LOCATION: Australia

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	12/17/1943	FEN III-39	Recce	Selaru, Utoram	87	Baptist	531	
2	12/21/1943	FEN III-40	Strike	Amahai, Ceram Island	78	Deaton	531	
3	12/23/1943	FEN III-41	Recce	Shipping, Nabire	89	Bates	531	
4	12/27/1943	FEN III-42	Strike	Shipping, Pomelaa	91	Magee	531	
5	01/02/1944	FEN III-44	Strike	Pomelaa	89	Bates	531	
6	01/04/1944	FEN III-47	Recce	Shipping, Tenaou	90	Nunan	531	
7	01/07/1944	FEN III-49	Recce	Shipping, Manokwari, Boela	53	F. Miller	531	
8	01/13/1944	FEN IV-6	Recce	Shipping, North of Ceram	88	Zagrobski	531	
9	01/24/1944	FEN IV-15	Recce	Sorong	88	Zagrobski	531	
10	02/11/1944	FEN IV-28	Strike	Kendari	77	Lurty	531	First Mission for this Crew
11	02/15/1944	FEN IV-30	Recce	Halmahera	88	Zagrobski	531	

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12	02/26/1944	FEN IV-38	Recce	Waigeo Island	93	Moody	531	
13	03/11/1944	FEN V-8	Recce	Tri-Met, Geelvink Bay	88	Zagrobski	531	
14	03/18/1944	FEN V-29	Strike	Babo	79	Grover	531	
15	03/28/1944	FEN VI-7	Strike	Penfoei A/D, Timor	88	Hahn	531	Abort, Engine; Swartz Crew
16	03/30/1944	FEN VI-8	Strike	Kai Islands	92	Henderson	531	
17	04/01/1944	FEN VI-9	Recce	Shipping	88	Swartz	531	
18	04/03/1944	FEN VI-11	Strike	Langgoer A/D, Kai Islands	92	Henderson	531	
19	04/21/1944	FEN VI-30	Strike	Noemfoor Island	92	Henderson	531	
20	04/22/1944	FEN VI-31	Strike	Noemfoor Island	88	Swartz	531	
21	04/24/1944	FEN VI-36	Strike	Kamiri A/D, Noemfoor Island	89	Stutt (RAAF)	531	

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22	04/26/1944	FEN VI-39	Strike	Jefman A/D	83	Buia	531	
23	05/07/1944	FEN VII-6	Strike	Utoram A/D, Dutch NG	88	Swartz	531	
24	05/11/1944	FEN VII-12	Strike	Ambon, Amboinia Island	82	Parsons (RAAF)	531	
25	05/21/1944	FEN VII-21	Strike	Manokwari	87	Williams	531	Baptist Crew
26	05/25/1944	FEN VII-22	Recce	Shipping, Halmahera	88	Swartz	531	
27	06/08/1944	FEN VII-32	Strike	Shipping, Jefman	88	Swartz	531	Abort, Fuel Pressure, #2
28	06/22/1944	FEN VII-38	Strike	Liang	88	Swartz	531	
29	06/27/1944	FEN VII-43	Strike	Babo	94	Gillespie (RAAF)	531	First Mission for this Crew
30	06/29/1944	FEN VII-45	Strike	Babo	88	Swartz	531	
31	07/01/1944	FEN VII-49	Strike	Namlea	94	Gillespie (RAAF)	531	

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32	07/04/1944	FEN VIII-6	Strike	Namlea	77	Eriksen (RAAF)	531	
33	07/07/1944	FEN VIII-14	Recce	Shipping, Flores	33	Boyle	529	
34	07/09/1944	FEN VIII-16	Strike	Namlea	77	Eriksen (RAAF)	531	
35	07/15/1944	FEN VIII-25	Strike	Namlea	82	Parker (RAAF)	531	
36	08/02/1944	FEN IX-14	Strike	Laha	81	Lenihan	531	
37	08/10/1944	FEN IX-24	Strike	Laha	77	Prest	531	
38	08/12/1944	FEN IX-27	Strike	Amahai	86	Brasfield	531	First Mission for this Crew
39	08/22/1944	FEN IX-45	Strike	Amahai	82	Finlayson (RAAF)	531	First Mission for this Crew
40	09/16/1944	FEN X-35	Strike	Kendari	86	Brasfield	531	

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41	09/20/1944	FEN X-46	Search I	Banda Sea	87	Stephens	531	Baptist Crew
42	09/26/1944	FEN XI-14	Search H-2	Molucca Sea	96	Bowman (RAAF)	531	
43	10/02/1944	DAR I-1	Search H-2	Molucca Sea	91	Moore (RAAF)	531	
44	10/06/1944	DAR I-12	Search I	Banda Sea	80	Hamilton	531	
45	10/12/1944	DAR I-30	Strike	Ambesia	85	Sears	531	
46	10/16/1944	DAR I-41	Strike	Macassar	88	Halliday (RAAF)	531	
47	10/19/1944	DAR I-48	Strike	Pare Pare	86	Brasfield	531	
48	10/23/1944	DAR II-12	Search G-2- Green	Banda Sea	85	Sears	531	
49	10/25/1944	DAR II-22	Strike	Ambesia	86	Brasfield	531	

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50	11/23/1944	DAR IV-3/4	Search I-1-Red	Banda and Molucca Seas	76	Boyd	531	
51	12/02/1944	DAR IV-25	Strike	Boro Boro	93	Law (RAAF)	531	
52	12/19/1944	DAR V-24	Search H-1-Red	Banda Sea	93	Law (RAAF)	531	
53	12/30/1944	DAR VI-9	Strike	Limboeng A/D, Celebes	93	Law (RAAF)	531	
54	12/31/1944	DAR VI-15	Strike	Ambesia	82	Hulsey	531	
55	01/05/1945	DAR VI-31	Strike	Pomelaa	93	Law (RAAF)	531	
56	01/07/1945	DAR VI-37	Search I-2-Green	Banda and Molucca Seas	93	Law (RAAF)	531	
	01/17/1945							Lost in Crash, Training Mission