

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 106

SERIAL NO.: <u>42-73474</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME: <u>"PATCHES"</u>
MODEL: <u>B-24J-50-CO</u>	MFR: <u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
	CONTRACTOR'S NO.: <u>3044</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE: <u>10/18/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE: <u>10/23/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE: <u>10/27/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE: <u>10/29/1943</u>
	MOD CENTER PLACE: <u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE: <u>10/28/1943</u>	
TO STAGING AREA DATE: <u>11/09/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE: <u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE: <u>12/01/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE: <u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE: <u>12/05/1943</u>	DESTINATION: <u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS: _____	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE: _____
ASSIGNMENT: <u>380/531</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE: _____
STATION: <u>Long Strip</u>	
FIRST MISSION: <u>02/26/1944</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION): <u>Waigeo Island, NG</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS: <u>45 AU/NG + 17 PH = 62</u>	TERMINATION DATE: <u>04/20/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED: <u>Ditched, Engine Failure, Never Found</u>	
WHERE TERMINATED: <u>South China Sea, Palawan, Philippines</u>	
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE: <u>04/20/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED: <u>Biak</u>

NOTES: RAAF, RCM Receiver Installed

Serial No.: 42-73474 **Nose Art:** “PATCHES”

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Serial		Condition	Location	Date		Age	Flying Time						Transferred		Authority	Remarks	
No.	Number			F.Y.	C. Mo.		This Month		Since Last Depot Work		Since First Commissioned		TO	Date			
							Hours	T	Hours	T	Hours	T		Shipped	Rec'd		
														Tucson Mod. Centr. (By air)	10-29-43		
														Topeka, Kans.	11-9-43		
														LEFT A	12144	12544	
														LEFT A	20244	20544	
														CON COMBAT UCIP A	42046	7245	

MAINTENANCE CREW

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	34169458	Sgt	Hugh P. Reynolds

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

Notes:

"PATCHES"

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Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 154.



#474 sporting 45 mission marks and the 3 kills gained by Bob Blake's 529th crew over Dagua back on 8 March 1944. This has to be the last known photo of Patches. William Camp Collection



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 88.

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 339.



Source: <http://oldcmp.net>.



#474 *Patches* would bring the Sternke crew back safely from Hong Kong, 2 April 1945. Eighteen days later, it would be lost trying to return from Saigon.
Lee Brissey Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 331.



Bob Blake's mount on 8 Mar. 44, #474. It was christened *Patches* after the fight over Dagua. The three fighter kills obtained that day are recorded on the fuselage.
Hugh Reynolds Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 194.



Almost Heaven ! The 531st's #474 *Patches* being worked on in a hangar at Darwin. This would be the only time the 380th ever had such facilities to protect them.
Lee Brissey Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 503.



Source: <http://www.b24bestweb.com/patches-v3.htm>

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-73474 **NOSE ART** "PATCHES" **MODEL** J-50-CO
SQDN ASSGD 531 **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego **M#** 474

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: Missions 2-5: New Guinea Deployment IV

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	02/26/1944	FEN IV-38	Recce	Waigeo Island	77	Lurty	531	
2	03/01/1944	61-F	Strike	Awar Plantation, Hansa Bay, NG	77	Lurty	531	
3	03/03/1944	64-C	Strike	Hollandia	92	Henderson	531	
4	03/05/1944	65-K	Strike	Los Negros	40	Ivey	529	Abort, Ailerons
5	03/08/1944	68-I	Strike	Boram, Wewak	19	Blake	529	
6	04/17/1944	FEN VI-22	Strike	Kai Islands	87	Smith	531	Baptist Crew
7	04/18/1944	FEN VI-23	Strike	Babo	78	Deaton	531	
8	04/20/1944	FEN VI-27	Strike	Noemfoor Island	87	Smith	531	Baptist Crew
9	04/21/1944	FEN VI-30	Strike	Noemfoor Island	89	Stutt (RAAF)	531	
10	04/22/1944	FEN VI-31	Strike	Noemfoor Island	83	Buia	531	

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11	04/24/1944	FEN VI-36	Strike	Kamiri A/D, Noemfoor Island	92	Henderson	531	
12	04/28/1944	FEN VI-43	Strike	Jefman A/D	93	Moody	531	Abort, Aileron Control
13	05/26/1944	FEN VII-23	Strike	Manokwari	87	Williams	531	Baptist Crew
14	05/31/1944	FEN VII-26	Strike	Liang	83	Buia	531	
15	06/03/1944	FEN VII-29	Strike	Halong	80	Hamilton	531	
16	06/08/1944	FEN VII-32	Strike	Shipping, Jefman	80	Hamilton	531	
17	06/12/1944	FEN VII-33	Strike	Liang	87	Williams	531	Baptist Crew
18	06/22/1944	FEN VII-38	Strike	Liang	77	Ericksen (RAAF)	531	
19	06/27/1944	FEN VII-43	Strike	Babo	82	Parker (RAAF)	531	First Misson for this Crew; Abort, Gas Cap

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20	06/29/1944	FEN VII-45	Strike	Babo	87	Williams	531	Baptist Crew
21	07/01/1944	FEN VII-49	Strike	Namlea	78	Deaton	531	
22	07/04/1944	FEN VIII-10	Strike	Shipping, North Coast, Ceram	89	Strauss (RAAF)	531	
23	7/07/1944	FEN VIII-13	Recce	Weather, Banda Sea	93	Moody	531	
24	07/31/1944	FEN IX-5	Strike	Namlea	79	Grover	531	
25	08/02/1944	FEN IX-14	Strike	Laha	87	Williams	531	Baptist Crew
26	08/23/1944	FEN IX-46	Strike	Langgoer	96	Bowman (RAAF)	531	
27	08/25/1944	FEN IX-47	Strike	Laha	91	Moore (RAAF)	531	First Misson for this Crew
28	10/28/1944	DAR II-29	Search I-2- Green	Banda Sea	77	Forssell	531	First Misson for this Crew

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29	10/30/1944	DAR II-36	Strike	Macassar	89	Swain (RAAF)	531	
30	11/02/1944	DAR II-46	Strike	Macassar	91	Blum	531	First Mission for this Crew
31	11/05/1944	DAR III-1	Strike	Bima	76	Boyd	531	
32	11/07/1944	DAR III-6	Strike	Raba	82	Hulsey	531	
33	11/09/1944	DAR III-13	Search H-2- Green	Banda and Molucca Seas	88	Halliday (RAAF)	531	
34	11/11/1944	DAR III-17	Strike	Pinrang	102	Wilson	531	First Mission for this Crew
35	11/20/1944	DAR III-45	Search H-2- Green	Banda Sea	102	Wilson	531	
36	11/27/1944	DAR IV-12	Strike	Kendari and Boro Boro	102	Wilson	531	
37	11/29/1944	DAR IV-20	Strike	Kendari	102	Wilson	531	

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38	12/06/1944	DAR IV-44	Search G-2- Green	Flores Sea	79	Deaton	531	Grover Crew
39	12/27/1944	DAR V-48	Strike	Kendari, Harass	79	Garn	531	Grover Crew
40	12/30/1944	DAR VI-9	Strike	Limboeng A/D, Celebes	78	Neal	531	
41	12/31/1944	DAR VI-15	Strike	Ambesia	102	Wilson	531	
42	01/08/1945	DAR VI-39	Search H-1- Red	Banda Sea	92	Brown (RAAF)	531	
43	01/09/1945	DAR VI-44	Search I-2- Green	Banda and Molucca Seas	82	Hamilton	531	Hulsey Crew
44	01/28/1945	DAR VII-6	Strike	Lembar, Soemba	84	Hinman	531	
45	02/02/1945	DAR VII-10	Strike	Malimpoeng A/D, Celebes	102	Wilson	531	
								Transfer, Mindoro, Philippines