

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 045

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-40979</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>"ROBBIE L" II</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24D-120-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>2056</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>05/29/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>06/07/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>06/09/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>06/12/1943</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>06/10/1943</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>06/21/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>07/31/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>08/09/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Amberly Field, Brisbane, AUS</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u>Nose turret</u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u>Townsville</u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/531</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>08/1943</u>
STATION:	<u>Manbulloo</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>08/29/1943</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Babo, New Guinea</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>57</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>08/08/1944</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Salvaged</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Townsville, Australia</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>10/02/1944</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>Townsville</u>

NOTES: Had radar, tri-metragon cameras.

MAINTENANCE CREW

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	19067832	M/Sgt	William C. Hughes (531)

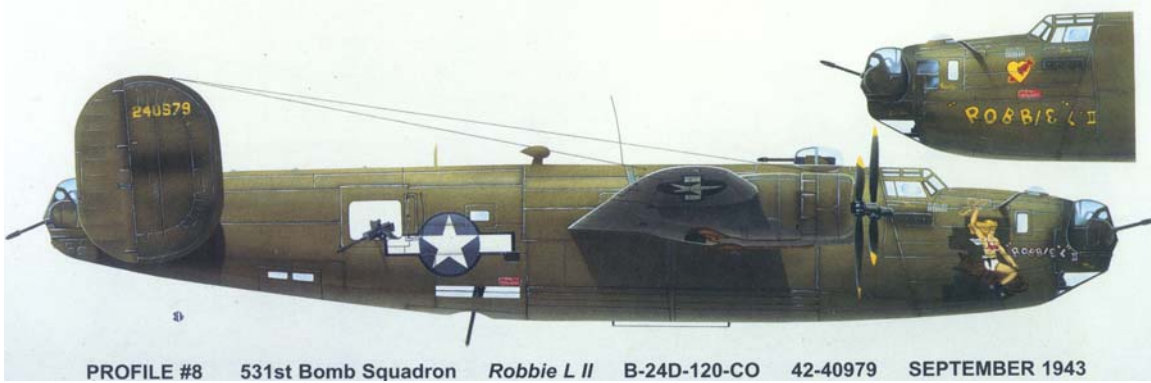
	SSN	Rank	Name
Mechanic(s):	37017847	Sgt	Clifton A. Wiles
	16062696	Cpl	Ralph M. Park
	38291266	Cpl	Burton L. Potter

Notes:

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Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.

Right Side, OD



Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.



Note how the censor has cut out the radar antennae just below the co-pilot's side window on #979 *Robbie L.*
George Harper Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 473.



GEORGE DOW'S 529th CREW

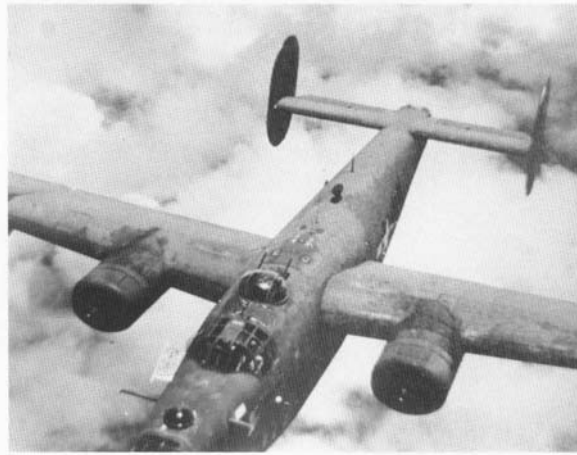
Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 196.



Source: *Matthew D. Willman*



Source: Albert Nielson Collection.



Again, the censor has cut out the radar antennae on the left side of *Robbie L.*

Jack R. Banks Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 473.

Left Side, OD



Bob Fleming and Carl Kohrt

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 104.

*Changed Nose Art After Stripping Paint
Left Side*



Kill markings after the April 30th battle.
Richard J. Smith Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 220.



Source: Unknown

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-40979 **NOSE ART** "ROBBIE L" II **MODEL** D-120-CO

SQDN ASSGD 531 **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego **M#** 979

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: First Replacement Aircraft

Missions 10-11: Second Deployment to New Guinea with 43rd BG

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	08/29/1943	FEN II-29	Strike	Babo	29	Fleming	531	
2	09/03/1943	FEN II-33	Strike	Ambon	29	Fleming	531	
3	09/08/1943	FEN II-36	Strike	Babo	29	Fleming	531	
4	09/11/1943	FEN II-38	Strike	Macassar	29	Fleming	531	
5	09/14/1943	FEN II-39	Strike	Kendari	29	Fleming	531	
6	09/19/1943	FEN II-42	Strike	Ambon	29	Fleming	531	
7	09/22/1943	FEN II-45	Strike	Ambon	29	Fleming	531	
8	10/05/1943	FEN III-1	Recce	Manokwari, Jefman, Kokas	76	Seale	531	First Mission for this Crew
9	10/09/1943	FEN III-2	Strike	Macassar	76	Seale	531	
10	10/13/1943	285-L	Strike	Rabaul	29	Fleming	531	Abort, Weather
11	10/17/1943	290-H	Strike	Vunakanau A/D-Rabaul	29	Fleming	531	Abort, Weather

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
12	10/22/1943	FEN III-10	Strike	Pomelaa	29	Fleming	531	
13	11/01/1943	FEN III-16	Search	Missing Air Crew	29	Fleming	531	
14	11/09/1943	FEN III-21	Strike	Sourabaja	85	Lasko	531	First Mission for this Crew
15	11/11/1943	FEN III-22	Strike	Sourabaja	29	Fleming	531	
16	11/17/1943	FEN III-24	Strike	Tjepoe, Java	29	Fleming	531	
17	11/22/1943	FEN III-29	Strike	Morotai Straits	29	Fleming	531	
18	11/25/1943	FEN III-31	Strike	Shipping, Ambon	29	Fleming	531	
19	12/03/1943	FEN III-33	Strike	Koepang	29	Fleming	531	
20	12/10/1943	FEN III-36	Strike	Balikpapan	29	Fleming	531	
21	12/15/1943	FEN III-38	Strike	Balikpapan	29	Fleming	531	
22	12/27/1943	FEN III-42	Strike	Shipping, Pomelaa	88	Zagrobski	531	First Mission for this Crew, Upgraded Copilot, Thomas Crew

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NOTES: Missions 32-33: New Guinea Deployment IV

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
23	01/02/1944	FEN III-44	Strike	Pomelaa	50	Paul	531	
24	01/04/1944	FEN III-47	Recce	Shipping, Tenaou	53	F. Miller	531	Staff Crew, First Mission for this Crew
25	01/06/1944	FEN III-48	Recce	Shipping, Manokwari, Boela	93	Moody	531	First Mission for this Crew; Abort, Weather
26	01/07/1944	FEN III-49	Recce	Shipping, Manokwari, Boela	93	Moody	531	
27	01/08/1944	FEN IV-1	Strike	Kendari	92	Henderson	531	First Mission for this Crew
28	01/12/1944	FEN IV-3	Strike	Balikpapan	92	Henderson	531	
29	02/11/1944	FEN IV-28	Strike	Kendari	92	Henderson	531	
30	02/15/1944	FEN IV-30	Recce	Halmahera	92	Henderson	531	
31	02/26/1944	FEN IV-38	Recce	Waigeo Island	86	Bruce	531	
32	03/05/1944	65-K	Strike	Los Negros	94	Moody	531	Abort, Oil Leak, No. 3 Prop

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33	03/08/1944	68-I	Strike	Borom, Wewak	27	Dow	529	
34	03/11/1944	FEN V-8	Recce	Tri-Met Geelvink Bay	78	Deaton	531	Abort, Supercharger
35	03/16/1944	FEN V-25	Recce	Shipping, Timor Sea	43	Levandoski	529	
36	03/18/1944	FEN V-29	Strike	Babo	86	Bruce	531	
37	04/05/1944	FEN VI-12	Recce	Tri-Met, SW New Guinea	81	Lenihan	531	Abort, Instruments
38	04/06/1944	FEN VI-15	Recce	Tri-Met, Tanimbar	79	Grover	531	Abort, Fuel Leak
39	04/08/1944	FEN VI-18	Recce	Tri-Met, Tanimbar	76	Hahn	531	Seale Crew
40	04/17/1944	FEN VI-22	Strike	Kai Island	76	Seale	531	
41	04/18/1944	FEN VI-23	Strike	Babo	86	Bruce	531	
42	04/19/1944	FEN VI-25	Strike	Manokwari	82	Parsons (RAAF)	531	First Mission for this Crew

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43	04/20/1944	FEN VI-27	Strike	Noemfoor Island	83	Buia	531	First Mission for this Crew
44	04/21/1944	FEN VI-30	Strike	Noemfoor Island	78	Deaton	531	
45	04/23/1944	FEN VI-33	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	80	Hamilton	531	
46	04/27/1944	FEN VI-40	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	80	Hamilton	531	
47	04/30/1944	FEN VI-46	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	83	Buia	531	
48	05/13/1944	FEN VII-13	Strike	Kamiri and Namber A/D, Noemfoor	88	Swartz	531	Checked out Copilot, Zagrobski Crew
43	05/17/1944	FEN VII-14	Strike	Soerabaja	92	Henderson	531	
50	06/06/1944	FEN VII-31	Strike	Shipping, Waigeo Island	88	Swartz	531	Abort, Fuel Transfer, Oxygen Ran Out
51	06/08/1944	FEN VII-32	Strike	Shipping, Jefman	90	Brody	531	
52	07/09/1944	FEN VIII-16	Strike	Namlea	86	Bruce	531	

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53	07/10/1944	FEN VIII-18	Strike	Laha	85	Lasko	531	
54	07/15/1944	FEN VIII-25	Strike	Namlea	89	Straus (RAAF)	531	
55	07/18/1944	FEN VIII-30	Recce	Shipping, Flores	94	Gillespie (RAAF)	531	
56	07/31/1944	FEN IX-5	Strike	Namlea	81	Lenihan	531	
57	08/02/1944	FEN IX-14	Strike	Laha	89	Straus (RAAF)	531	Abort, Compass Off
	08/08/1944							Horton says sent to Townsville for Salvage