

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

No. 117

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-109986</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>ROBERTA AND SON / FIRE POWER</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-120-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>3782</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>01/15/1944</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>01/21/1944</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>01/24/1944</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>01/28/1944</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>01/26/1944</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>02/16/1944</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>03/20/1944</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>03/22/1944</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/528</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u></u>
STATION:	<u>Fenton</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>05/13/1944</u>	WHERE (1 <sup>ST</sup> MISSION):	<u>Noemfoor Island</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>41 AU + 50 PH = 91</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>09/27/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Salvaged</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u></u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>10/11/1946</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>UCIP</u>

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# AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD											
TYPE MODEL SERIES		A.A.F. SERIAL NUMBER		MANUFACTURER AND LOCATION							
B-24J-120		42-109986		Consolidated, San Diego, Calif.							
CONTROL NUMBER		FOREIGN SERIAL NUMBER		FINAL DESTINATION IN U.S.							
A-35312				Fairfield							
REQUISITION SYMBOL		PRIORITY NUMBER		PROJECT OR LEASE REQUISITION NUMBER							
CAF		Pri 12-1		46460R							
UPPER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR HAND-POSTED OPERATION IN KARDEX LOWER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR I.B.M. POSTED OPERATION IN VERTICAL CABINETS											
LOCATION	ORGANIZATION	RECIPIENT	NEXT DESTINATION	CRATED OR FLY AWAY	CONDITION	DATE 1944	ACTION	REMARKS			
STATION	COMMAND	PARENT UNIT	SUB UNIT		SERIAL NUMBER	MO	DA	STATION NO	DCA	NO	NO
San Diego	Consolidated										
			<i>4/24/46</i>		Accepted	1-26					
					A, available	1-29	1-2367				
					Delivered	1-28					
<i>Lucerne</i>	<i>ATC</i>				<i>Arrived</i>	<i>2-16</i>	<i>2-992</i>				
<i>Hamilton Fld</i>	<i>ATC</i>	<i>42-86</i>	<i>4/ Hamilton Fld</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>Arrived</i>	<i>2-15</i>	<i>Apr.</i>			<i>2-18 SAW</i>	
<i>Fairfield</i>	<i>Section</i>		<i>42-117 1st Area</i>		<i>Departed</i>	<i>3-7</i>	<i>Apr</i>				
<i>884J</i>	<i>42109986</i>	<i>A LEFT</i>			<i>Arrived</i>	<i>3-10</i>	<i>Apr.</i>				
<i>884J</i>	<i>42109986</i>	<i>R LEFT</i>			<i>Departed U.S.</i>	<i>3-20</i>	<i>Apr.</i>				
HCIP		EXC INV LST	R B24J	5	42 109986			123145		21044	
HCIP		CON SAL OBSOLK	884J X	03	42 109986					10114	

**MAINTENANCE CREW**

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FIRE POWER

	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Crew Chief(s):</b>			Not Available in Current Records

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

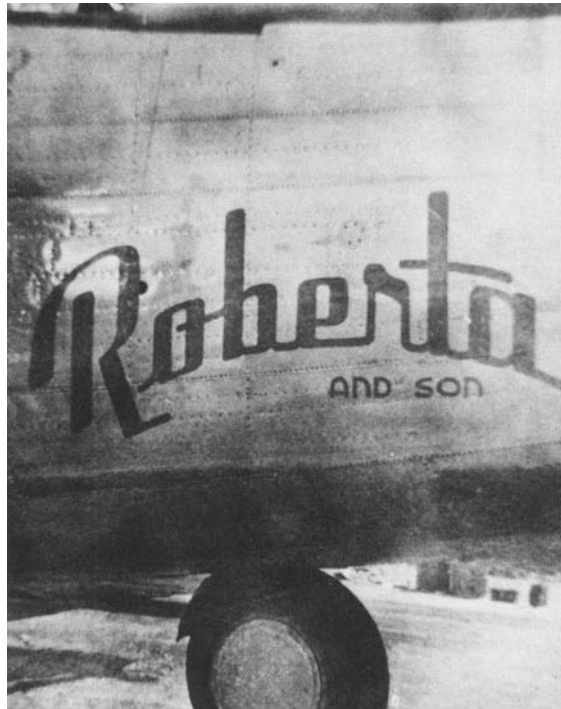
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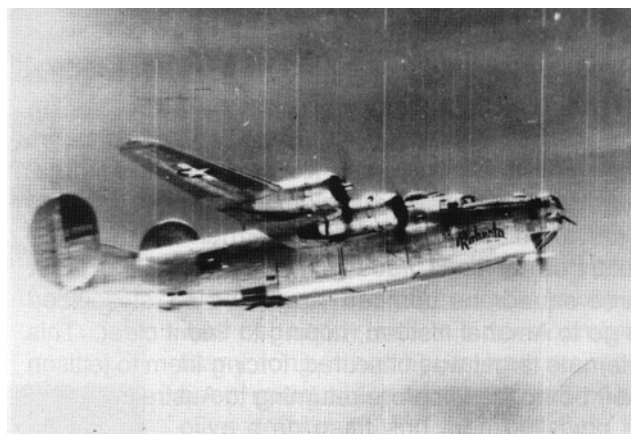
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*First Nose Art  
All Right Side*



*Source: Horton/Horton, King of the Heavies, p. 136.*



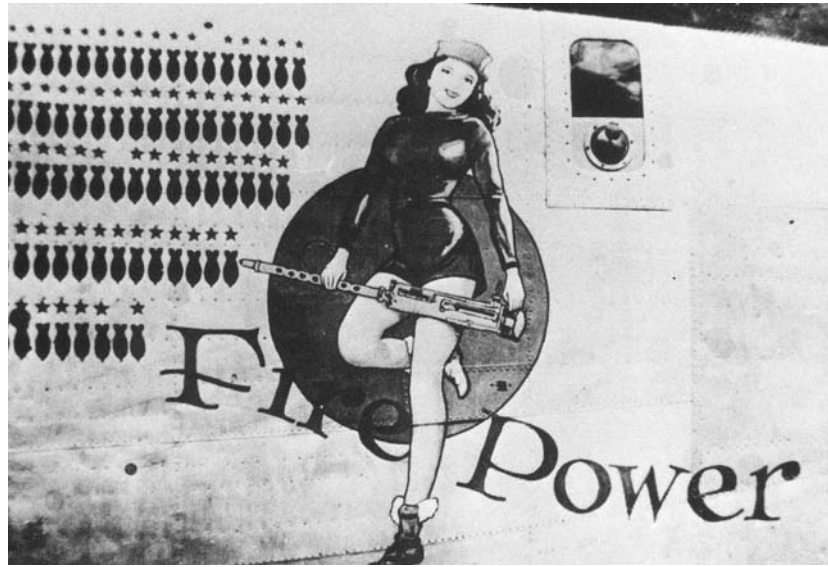
#986 *Roberta and Son*. Note the lack of national insignia on the fuselage and the "tunnel" guns.  
*James Clark Collection*

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 249.*

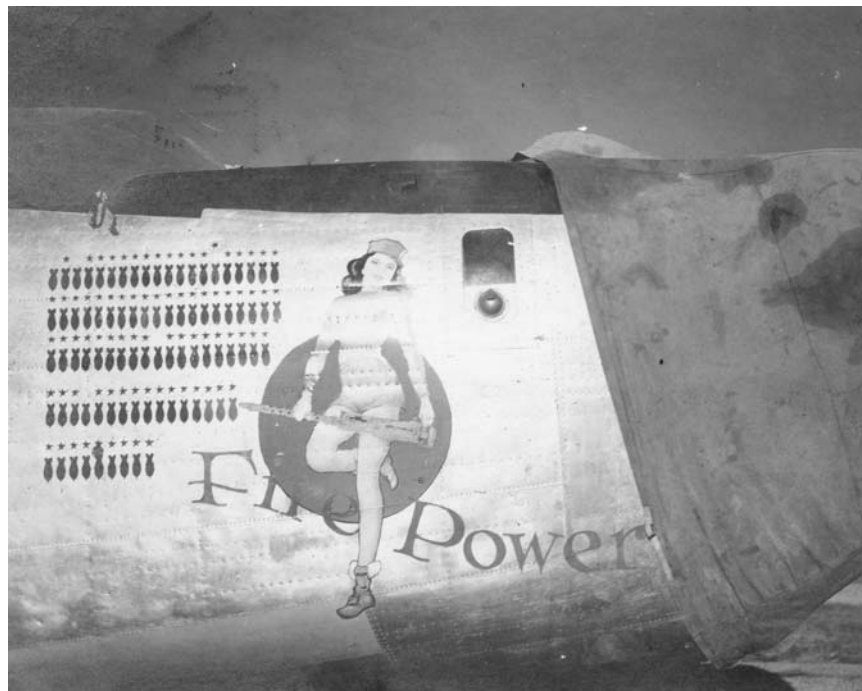


Source: <http://oldcmp.net>

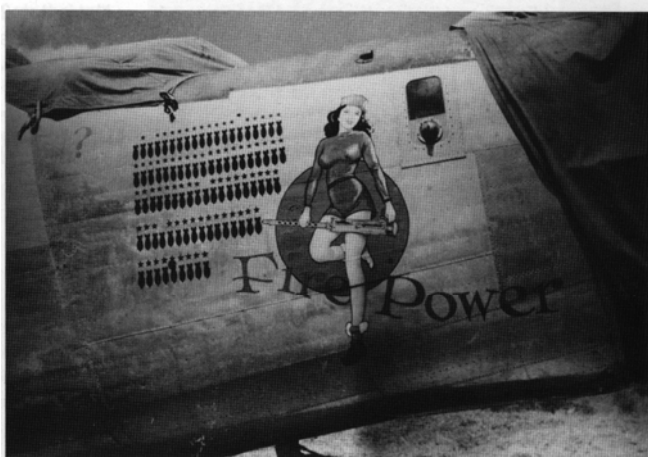
Second Nose Art



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 136.



Source: *Pete Burris Collection*.



#986 *Fire Power* was originally named *Roberta and Son* by Frank Raggio for his wife and child. It was the only plane engaged with a fighter on 20 April 1945 over Saigon.  
Clarence Frankford Collection



Ray Hill taxis out #986 *Firepower* for the flight to Tokyo.  
Clarence Frankford Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 404

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 340.



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

## MISSION RECORD

**SN** 42-109986      **NOSE ART** ROBERTA AND SON / FIRE POWER      **MODEL** J-120-CO

**SQDN ASSGD** 528      **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego      **M#** 986

**LOCATION:** Australia

**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>NO.</b>	<b>DATE (M/D/Y)</b>	<b>MISSION #</b>	<b>MISSION TYPE</b>	<b>TARGET</b>	<b>CREW #</b>	<b>ACFT CMDR</b>	<b>SQDN</b>	<b>RESULTS/NOTES</b>
1	05/13/1944	FEN VII-13	Strike	Kamiri and Namber A/D, Noemfoor	15	Benbow	528	Abort, Gas Leak
2	05/15/1944	FEN VII-14	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay	14	Cox	528	Russell Crew
3	05/18/1944	FEN VII-18	Recce	Photo, Halmahera	13	Burns	528	
	05/21/1944	FEN VII-21	Strike	Manokwari	13	Burns	528	
5	05/26/1944	FEN VII-23	Strike	Manokwari	7	Raggio	528	
6	05/28/1944	FEN VII-25	Strike	Jefman	19	Hawkesford (RAAF)	528	
7	06/01/1944	FEN VII-27	Strike	Laha	7	Raggio	528	
8	06/06/1944	FEN VII-31	Strike	Shipping, Waigeo Island	8	Manning (RAAF)	528	
9	06/15/1944	FEN VII-36	Strike	Lautem Timor	7	Raggio	528	
10	06/27/1944	FEN VII-43	Strike	Babo	20	Rule (RAAF)	528	First Mission for this Crew



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11	07/01/1944	FEN VII-49	Strike	Namlea	7	Raggio	528	
12	07/10/1944	FEN VIII-18	Strike	Laha	7	Raggio	528	
13	07/15/1944	FEN VIII-25	Strike	Namlea	8	Rice	528	
14	07/18/1944	FEN VIII-30	Recce	Shipping, Flores	7	Raggio	528	Abort, Engine Out, Push Rod
15	07/20/1944	FEN VIII-35	Strike	Amahai	7	Raggio	528	
16	07/25/1944	FEN VIII-41	Strike	Namlea	16	Spencer	528	
17	07/27/1944	FEN VIII-45	Strike	Laha	7	Raggio	528	
18	07/29/1944	FEN IX-1	Search I	Shipping, Banda Sea	6	Bousfield	528	
19	07/31/1944	FEN IX-6	Search I	Shipping, Banda Sea	14	McLain	528	First Mission for this Crew
20	08/02/1944	FEN IX-14	Strike	Laha	1	Hunt	528	
21	08/08/1944	FEN IX-20	Search I	Banda Sea	20	Rule (RAAF)	528	

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22	08/13/1944	FEN IX-29	Strike	Namlea	7	Raggio	528	
23	09/02/1944	FEN X-8	Strike	Amahai	6	Hartley	528	
24	09/04/1944	FEN X-9	Strike	Kendari	18	Synar	528	
25	09/08/1944	FEN X-15	Strike	Kai Islands	19	Bell (RAAF)	528	
26	09/10/1944	FEN X-20	Strike	Laha	7	Raggio	528	
27	09/21/1944	FEN XI-3	Strike	Laha	6	Hartley	528	
28	10/01/1944	FEN XI-33	Strike	Laha	17	Huet	528	Schmitt Crew
29	10/28/1944	DAR II-30	Strike	Macassar	9	Tate	528	
30	11/09/1944	DAR III-10	Strike	Shipping, Flores Sea	1	Huet	528	Hunt Crew
31	11/12/1944	DAR III-21	Search H-1-Red	Molucca Sea	7	Huet	528	Raggio Crew
32	11/16/1944	DAR III-33	Strike	Pinrang	9	Tate	528	

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33	11/19/1944	DAR III-41	Strike	Boro Boro	7	Huet	528	Raggio Crew
34	11/28/1944	DAR IV-17	Search I-2-Green	Banda and Molucca Seas	7	Raggio	528	
35	12/02/1944	DAR IV-25	Strike	Boro Boro	7	Raggio	528	
36	12/09/1944	DAR V-5	Recce	Shipping, Banda Sea	7	Dyson	528	Raggio Crew
37	12/18/1944	DAR V-21	Strike	Bima	7	Raggio	528	
38	12/23/1944	DAR V-36	Search I-2-Green	Banda and Molucca Seas	6	Hartley	528	
39	12/31/1944	DAR VI-15	Strike	Ambesia	10	Herbst	528	
40	01/12/1945	DAR VII-1	Strike	Lembar, Soemba	1	Steinkamp	528	First Mission for this Crew
41	02/02/1945	DAR VII-10	Strike	Malimpoeng A/D, Celebes	10	Herbst	528	
								Transfer, Mindoro, Philippines