

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 024

SERIAL NO.: <u>42-40512</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME: <u>SHE 'ASTA</u>
MODEL: <u>B-24D-65-CO</u>	MFR: <u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
	CONTRACTOR'S NO.: <u>1589</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE: <u>03/03/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE: <u>03/15/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE: <u>03/17/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE: <u>03/21/1943</u>
	MOD CENTER PLACE: <u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE: <u>03/18/1943</u>	
TO STAGING AREA DATE: <u>04/18/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE: <u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE: <u>04/26/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE: <u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE: <u>05/02/1943</u>	DESTINATION: <u>Amberly Field, Brisbane, AUS</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS: _____	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE: _____
ASSIGNMENT: <u>380/530/531/530</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE: <u>Initial Deployment, In 531 07/09/1943</u>
STATION: _____	
FIRST MISSION: <u>06/11/1943</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION): <u>Koepang, Timor</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS: <u>28 AU</u>	TERMINATION DATE: <u>12/13/1943</u>
WHY TERMINATED: <u>Transferred to RAAF, A72-5 (03/03/1944)</u>	
WHERE TERMINATED: <u>Townsville, Australia</u>	
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE: <u>03/03/1944</u>	WHERE REMOVED: <u>Townsville</u>

NOTES: Salvaged by RAAF at Tocumwal in February 1949.
Cunningham transferred from 530th to 531st and then back again.
Apparently took his ship with him when he moved.

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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MODEL		SERIAL NUMBER							
MODEL <u>B-24D</u>		SERIAL NUMBER <u>42-40512</u>							
ORDER NO. <u>W335-80-24620</u>	COST <u>\$ 297,627.00</u>	DATE RECEIVED <u>3-15-43</u>	MANUFACTURER <u>Consolidated</u>						
STATE <u>S</u>	DATE DROPPED	REASON							
LOCATION	DATE	AGE	FLYING TIME			TRANSFERRED		REMARKS	
			TIME MONTH	SINCE LAST DEPT WORK	SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONED	TO	DATE AUTHORITY		
			HOURS	T	HOURS	T	HOURS	T	
									Tucson (By Air) 3-21-43
									Center
									Long Beach
									Amarillo 4-15-43
									Topeka 4-18-43
									Left A 4-26-43 5-2-43
									Proj. #96082
									LEFT A 50430
									LEFT 5 843 5 843
									LEFT A 30144 30344
									Australia 3/3/44

MAINTENANCE CREW

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	17033911	M/Sgt	Howard M. Thomason (530)

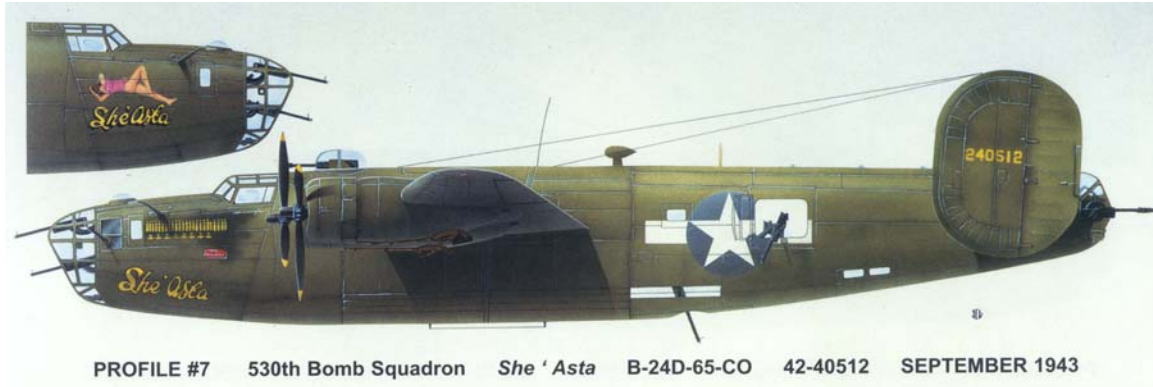
	SSN	Rank	Name
Mechanic(s):	33200668	Sgt	Herman R. Benchoff (530)
	34330556	Sgt	James T. Mixon (530)

Notes:

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Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.

Right Side



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 148.



Source: Livingstone, *Under the Southern Cross*, p. 89.



Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 57.

Paul Olson, Navigator, is on the left,
with his Pilot, Clete Cunningham.
The man in the copilot's window is
unidentified.

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



Clete Cunningham's Crew

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 26; Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 90.

Left Side



Source: Livingstone, *Under the Southern Cross*, p. 88.



Source: Livingstone, *Under the Southern Cross*, p. 82.



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



Source: Joe Dally Collection.



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 149;
Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 94.



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



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 36.

MISSION RECORD

SN 42-40412 NOSE ART SHE 'ASTA MODEL D-65-CO

SQDN ASSGD 530/531 MFR Consolidated-San Diego M# 512

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: Familiarization Mission with 90/319 prior to Activation (No records extant showing 380th planes carrying out missions under 90BG control)

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	06/11/1943	FEN I-35	Strike	Koepang, Timor	20	Cunningham	530	
2	07/03/1943	FEN I-45	Strike	Kendari, Celebes	20	Cunningham	530	
3	07/10/1943	FEN I-49	Recce	Babo, New Guinea	20	Cunningham	530	Abort, Weather
4	07/18/1943	FEN II-4	Strike	Macassar, Celebes	28	Cunningham	531	Crew Transferred to 531st
5	07/30/1943	FEN II-15	Strike	Waingepoe, Soemba	28	Cunningham	531	
6	08/06/1943	FEN II-17	Strike	Laha, Amboina	28	Cunningham	531	
7	08/13/1943	FEN II-21	Strike	Balikpapan	28	Cunningham	531	Abort, Weather
8	08/16/1943	FEN II-22	Recce	Balikpapan	31	Hahn	531	
9	08/21/1943	FEN II-23	Strike	Pomelaa	28	Cunningham	531	
10	09/03/1943	FEN II-33	Strike	Ambon	28	Cunningham	531	

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
11	09/08/1943	FEN II-36	Strike	Babo	48	Brissey	531	Farrington Crew, Abort, Prop Gov.
12	09/11/1943	FEN II-38	Strike	Macassar	48	Brissey	531	Farrington Crew
13	09/19/1943	FEN II-42	Strike	Ambon	27	Parris	530	First Mission for this Crew
14	09/16/1943	FEN II-43	Search	Missing B-24, Macassar	20	Cunningham	530	Crew Transferred to 530th
15	10/12/1943	FEN III-5	Strike	Penfoei A/D, Koepang	20	Cunningham	530	
16	10/15/1943	FEN III-7	Recce	Ceram, Kai Islands	52	Cesario	530	
17	10/17/1943	FEN III-8	Recce	Shipping, Halmahera	20	Cunningham	530	
18	10/26/1943	FEN III-12	Strike	Pomelaa	1	F. Miller	528	Hastings Crew
19	10/27/1943	FEN III-13	Search	Missing Aircraft, Banda and Arafura Seas	20	Cunningham	530	
20	10/29/1943	FEN III-15	Recce	Kokas, Sorong, Boela	20	Cunningham	530	

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21	11/09/1943	FEN III-21	Strike	Sourabaja	20	Cunningham	530	
22	11/11/1943	FEN III	Strike	Sourabaja	23	Dennis	530	
23	11/17/1943	FEN III-24	Strike	Tjepoe, Java	57	Ross	530	
24	11/24/1943	FEN III-31	Strike	Shipping, Ambon	41	Roberts	530	First Mission for this Crew
25	12/03/1943	FEN III-33	Strike	Koepang	20	Cunningham	530	
26	12/07/1943	FEN III-35	Strike	Pelauw Village, Haroekoe Island	20	Cunningham	530	
27	12/10/1943	FEN III-36	Strike	Balikpapan	8	Craig	528	
28	12/17/1943	FEN III-39	Recce	Selaru, Utoram	25	Connery	529	
	12/13/1943							Transferred RAAF, A72-5