

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 136

SERIAL NO.:	<u>44-40920</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>SHY-CHI BABY</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-185-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>4856</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>05/20/1944</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>05/26/1944</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>05/29/1944</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>05/31/1944</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>05/30/1944</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>06/15/1944</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>06/26/1944</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>06/28/1944</u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/531</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>08/1944</u>
STATION:	<u>Darwin</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>08/28/1944</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Langgoer</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>37 AU + 55 PH = 92</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>10/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>ACFH-RFC</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Kingman, AZ</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>11/01/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>Kingman</u>

NOTES:

MAINTENANCE CREW

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	36321335	M/Sgt	Edmund S. Babinski
	37124815	T/Sgt	William (NMI) Nau

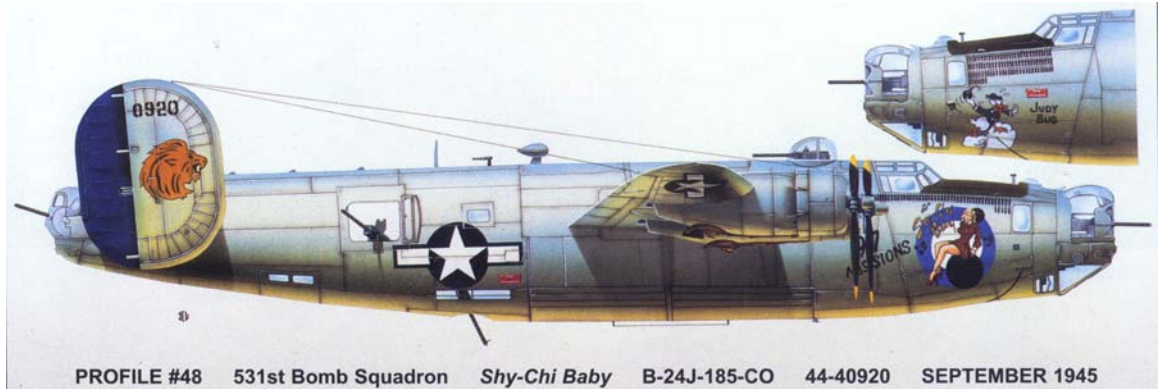
	SSN	Rank	Name
Mechanic(s):			Not Available in Current Records

Notes:

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Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.



#920 Shy-Chi Baby of the 531st.
James Acord Collection



Another view of #920
James Acord Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.



Source: <http://www.halun.com/images/dal42.JPG>



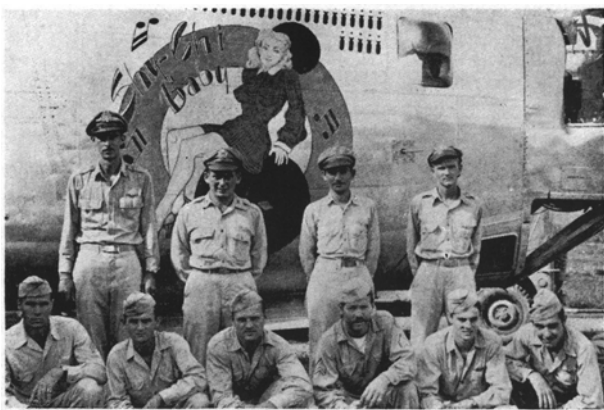
Source: Pete Burris Collection.



TOM COOK'S 531st CREW

They were forced to use parachutes to stop #226 Toddy on 18 May 1945. John Lawlor Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 360.



Front row: S/Sgt. Brown, S/Sgt. Beischel, S/Sgt. Evans, T/Sgt. Ricks, T/Sgt. Westlund, S/Sgt. Windsor. Back row: Lt. Winston, Lt. Wildenberg, Lt. Saunders, Lt. Leckie.

Source: *The Flying Circus*, p. 174.



DeVON BIGG'S 531st CREW

Standing, L to R: Chas. Webster-CP, Lester Cohen-NAV, Biggs-P, Don Sheets-BOMB. Kneeling: Wilfred Blanchette-ENG/TOP, Jim Gilbert-R/O, Bob White-WG, Ernie Marshall-TAIL, Ernie Scher-NOSE, Wes Merritt-WG.

Lee Brissey Collection

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 170; Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 298.



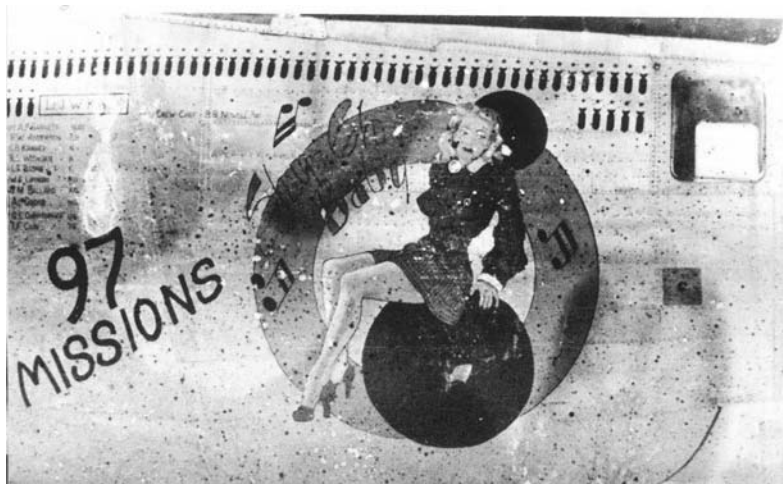
#920 *Shy-Chi Baby* already a veteran of 34 missions and still her artwork is not complete. Note the unpainted, concentric circles.

James Clark Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 272.



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 155.



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 106.



#920 *Shy-Chi Baby* proudly displaying its war record and crew names. A. P. Barnett, 530th, flew this plane back to the States with John Kay's 531st crew. They have honored their dead pilot by placing his name above theirs in a white, outlined box.

Henry Day Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 497.



Source: <http://www.b24bestweb.com/shy-chibaby.htm>



Smolek's Crew
Source: George Gerards.

MISSION RECORD

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SQDN ASSGD 531 **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego **M#** 920

LOCATION: Australia

NOTES: _____

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	08/23/1944	FEN IX-46	Strike	Langgoer	93	Moody	531	
2	08/26/1944	FEN IX-48	Strike	Liang	95	Biggs	531	
3	08/31/1944	FEN X-3	Strike	Liang	91	Moore (RAAF)	531	
4	09/04/1944	FEN X-9	Strike	Kendari	87	Williams	531	Baptist Crew
5	09/12/1944	FEN X-23	Strike	Haroekoe	79	Grover	531	
6	09/16/1944	FEN X-35	Strike	Kendari	95	Biggs	531	
7	09/20/1944	FEN X-45	Strike	Haroekoe	82	Finlayson (RAAF)	531	
8	09/21/1944	FEN XI-3	Strike	Laha	85	Sears	531	
9	09/24/1944	FEN XI-10	Search H-1	Banda Sea	78	Deaton	531	
10	09/27/1944	FEN XI-19	Strike	Haroekoe	95	Biggs	531	

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11	10/01/1944	FEN XI-33	Strike	Laha	83	Buia	531	
12	10/05/1944	DAR I-10	Strike	Macassar	86	Brasfield	531	
13	10/09/1944	DAR I-22	Strike	Koepang	84	Hinman	531	
14	10/14/1944	DAR I-37	Strike	Pomelaa	89	Swain (RAAF)	531	
15	10/16/1944	DAR I-41	Strike	Macassar	84	Hinman	531	
16	10/19/1944	DAR I-48	Strike	Pare Pare	84	Hinman	531	
17	10/21/1944	DAR II-9	Search I-1-Red	Banda and Molucca Seas	89	Swain (RAAF)	531	
18	10/25/1944	DAR II-21	Strike	Malili	95	Biggs	531	
19	10/26/1944	DAR II-25	Search G-2-Green	Ceram Sea	84	Hinman	531	
20	10/28/1944	DAR II-30	Strike	Macassar	95	Biggs	531	

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21	11/01/1944	DAR II-40	Search G-2-Green	Flores Sea	95	Biggs	531	
22	11/05/1944	DAR III-1	Strike	Bima	81	Lenihan	531	
23	11/07/1944	DAR III-6	Strike	Raba	88	Halliday (RAAF)	531	
24	11/14/1944	DAR III-27	Strike	Macassar	91	Blum	531	
25	11/18/1944	DAR III-37	Strike	Polewali	95	Biggs	531	
26	11/21/1944	DAR III-47	Strike	Ambesia	85	Sears	531	
27	11/26/1944	DAR IV-10A	Ferry	Mines to Morotai	80	Huet	531	Hamilton Crew
28	11/26/1944	DAR IV-10B	Ferry	Return to Darwin	80	Huet	531	Hamilton Crew
29	11/28/1944	DAR IV-10C	Ferry	Mines to Morotai	80	Huet	531	Hamilton Crew

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30	11/28/1944	DAR IV-10D	Ferry	Return to Darwin	80	Huet	531	Hamilton Crew
31	11/29/1944	DAR IV-20	Strike	Kendari	77	Forssell	531	
32	12/07/1944	DAR IV-46	Strike	Ambesia	95	Biggs	531	
33	12/12/1944	DAR V-12	Strike	Kendari	95	Biggs	531	
34	12/20/1944	DAR V-25	Strike	Malang A/D, Java	92	Brown (RAAF)	531	
35	12/30/1944	DAR VI-9	Strike	Limboeng A/D, Celebes	92	Brown (RAAF)	531	
36	12/31/1944	DAR VI-15	Strike	Ambesia	86	Brasfield	531	
37	01/05/1945	DAR VI-31	Strike	Pomelaa	86	Brasfield	531	
								Transfer, Mindoro, Philippines