

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

No. 114

SERIAL NO.: <u>42-100214</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME: <u>"SIX BITTS"</u>
MODEL: <u>B-24J-80-CO</u>	MFR: <u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
	CONTRACTOR'S NO.: <u>3363</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE: <u>11/25/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE: <u>12/01/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE: <u>12/06/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE: <u>12/09/1943</u>
	MOD CENTER PLACE: <u>Tucson</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE: <u>12/07/1943</u>	
TO STAGING AREA DATE: <u>12/25/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE: <u>Herington, KS</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE: <u>01/18/1944</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE: <u>Fairfield, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE: <u>01/24/1944</u>	DESTINATION: <u>Townsville</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS: _____	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE: _____
ASSIGNMENT: <u>380/529</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE: _____
STATION: <u>Long Strip</u>	
FIRST MISSION: <u>03/02/1944</u>	WHERE (1 <sup>ST</sup> MISSION): <u>Shipping, Timor Sea</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS: <u>56 AU + 44 PH = 100</u>	TERMINATION DATE: <u>07/28/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED: <u>Salvaged</u>	
WHERE TERMINATED: <u>Biak Island, New Guinea</u>	
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE: <u>10/02/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED: <u>UCIP</u>

NOTES: RAAF, RCM Receiver Installed



## MAINTENANCE CREW

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	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Crew Chief(s):</b>	34205741	T/Sgt	Albert L. Andrews

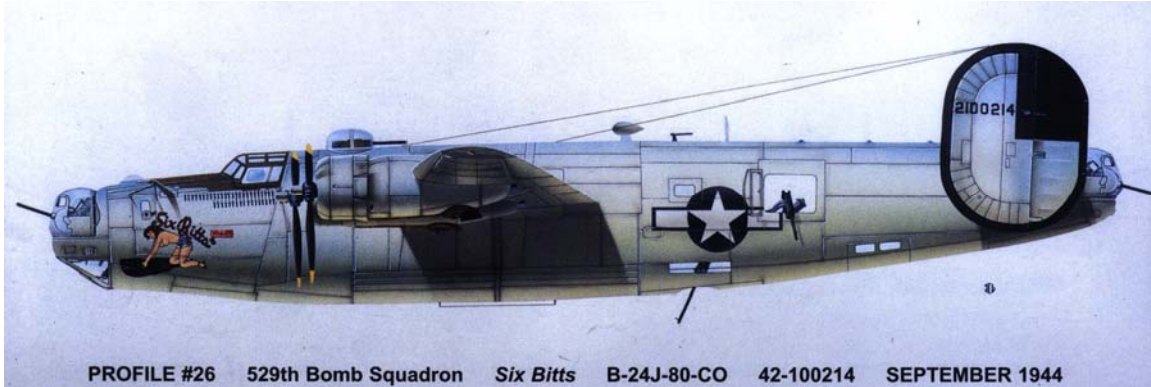
	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Mechanic(s):</b>			Not Available in Current Records

**Notes:**

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Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.

## *Right Side*



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 142.



#214 *Six Bitts* would become the only 529th ship to fly 100 missions.  
Note the vertical scrape marks just forward of the woman's head that were sustained during the removal of the OD camouflage paint.

*Robert Duff Collection*

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 142; Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 251.



The 529th's #214 *Six Bitts* in the more usual work setting.  
*Verle Lawler Collection*

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



M/Sgt. Albert "Andy" Andrews  
*Verle Lawler Collection*

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 349.



*Source: Unknown*



*Rear: Harold J. Apgar, Marvin D. Nony, William W. Herndon, Charles B. Colby, Angelo P. Loschiaro, Leonard H. March, Alfonso E. Lucero; Front: Paul J. Dzunyn, Robert L. Chandler, Marion Buchanan, Raymond W. Wells.*

*Source: The Flying Circus, p. 143; Pete Burris Collection.*



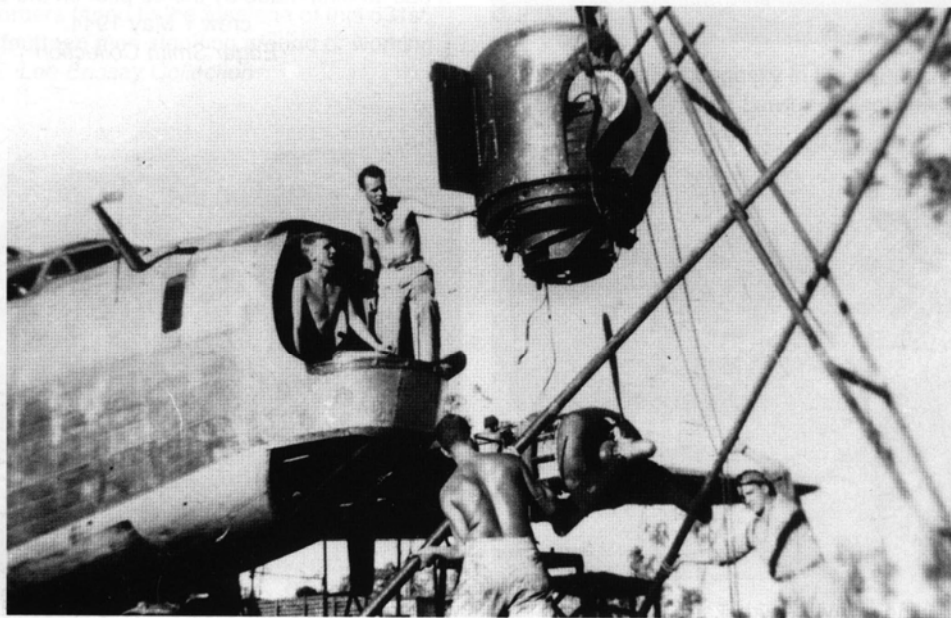


**JAY VANCE'S INCREDIBLY LUCKY 529th CREW**

Standing, L to R: Lyle Millhollin-R/O, Tom Irwin-NAV, Larry Jennings-WG,  
Houston Knight-TOP, Ray Dickason-BOMB, Steve Toth-ENG/WG. Kneeling:  
Henry Fischer-NOSE, Ernest Seydow-CP, Vance-P, Harold LeDuc-TAIL.

*Thomas K. Irwin Collection*

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



Installing an early A6 turret, note the evenly lengthed barrels that will change on the A6A model. *Jack West Collection*

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 502.

*Left Side*

*Note Changing Mission Record*



Source: *Pete Burris Collection*.





#214 *Six Bitts* early in its career with the 529th  
*Peter Nielsen Collection*

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.*



*Source: Joe Dally Collection.*



*Six Bitts'* fighter kills came early in its career. Note the variations in the aluminum used on the fuselage.  
*Joe Dally Collection*

*Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 485.*



*Source: Unknown*



Source: <http://www.b24bestweb.com/sixbitts1.htm>

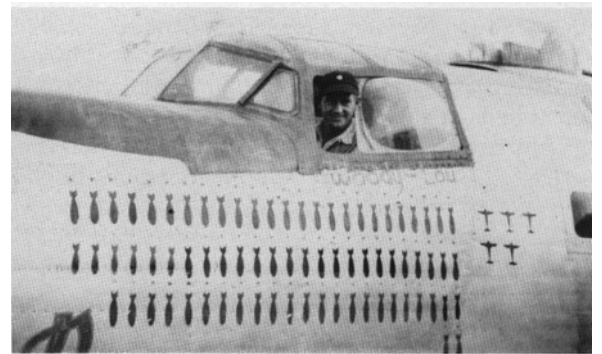


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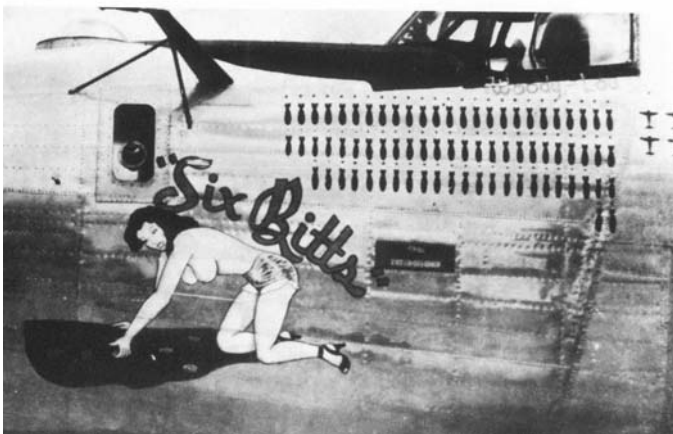
#214 with its A6B turret, braced pitots and no bombardier side windows.  
Don Sheets Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 484.

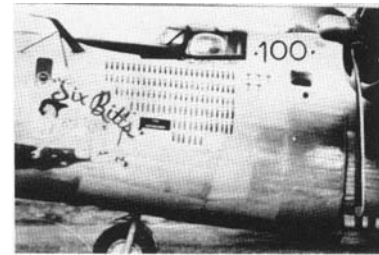


Maj. Herb "Woody" Woodward, a 529th legend.  
James Bejoian Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 349.



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 107.



Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 498.



Source: *Pete Burris Collection*.

## MISSION RECORD

**SN** 42-100214      **NOSE ART** "SIX BITTS"      **MODEL** J-80-CO  
**SQDN ASSGD** 529      **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego      **M#** 214

**LOCATION:** Australia

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

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	03/03/1944	FEN IV-44	Recce	Shipping, Timor Sea	17	Toepperwein	529	
2	03/11/1944	FEN V-10	Recce	Shipping, Timor Sea	11	Wells	529	
3	03/15/1944	FEN V-18	Strike	Soerabaja	41	Woodward	529	
4	03/17/1944	FEN V-30	Strike	Soerabaja	41	Woodward	529	
5	03/23/1944	FEN VI-2	Recce	Vogelkopf	41	Woodward	529	
6	03/25/1944	FEN VI-4	Recce	Photo, Babo	41	Woodward	529	
7	03/28/1944	FEN VI-7	Strike	Penfoei A/D, Timor	41	Woodward	529	
8	03/30/1944	FEN VI-8	Strike	Kai Islands	27	Dow	529	
9	04/03/1944	FEN VI-11	Strike	Longgoer A/D, Kai Islands	41	Woodward	529	
10	04/09/1944	FEN VI-20	Strike	Shipping, Manipa Straits, Ceram	41	Woodward	529	
11	04/17/1944	FEN VI-22	Strike	Kai Islands	41	Woodward	529	

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12	04/19/1944	FEN VI-25	Strike	Manokwari	41	Woodward	529	
13	04/20/1944	FEN VI-27	Strike	Noemfoor Island	43	Napier (RAAF)	529	
14	04/23/1944	FEN VI-34	Strike	Noemfoor Island	41	Woodward	529	
15	04/24/1944	FEN VI-36	Strike	Kamiri A/D, Noemfoor Island	39	Thomas	529	
16	04/27/1944	FEN VI-41	Strike	Babo	39	Thomas	529	
17	05/06/1944	FEN VII-3	Strike	Penfoei A/D, Timor	44	Van Pelt	529	McCombe Crew (RAAF)
18	05/07/1944	FEN VII-6	Strike	Utoram A/D, Dutch NG	41	Woodward	529	
19	05/11/1944	FEN VII-12	Strike	Ambon, Amboinia	41	Woodward	529	
20	05/13/1944	FEN VII-13	Strike	Kamiri and Namber A/D, Noemfoor	41	Woodward	529	Abort, Fuel Transfer System

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21	05/19/1944	FEN VII-19	Strike	Manokwari	41	Woodward	529	
22	05/21/1944	FEN VII-21	Strike	Manokwari	39	Thomas	529	
23	05/28/1944	FEN VII-25	Strike	Jefman	41	Woodward	529	
24	06/03/1944	FEN VII-27	Strike	Halong	41	Woodward	529	
25	06/15/1944	FEN VII-36	Strike	Latem, Timor	41	Woodward	529	
26	06/27/1944	FEN VII-43	Strike	Babo	41	Woodward	529	
27	07/01/1944	FEN VIII-1	Strike	Shipping, Banda Sea	41	Woodward	529	
28	07/04/1944	FEN VIII-10	Strike	Shipping, North Coast, Ceram	38	Reed	529	
29	08/31/1944	FEN X-3	Strike	Liang	41	Woodward	529	
30	09/02/1944	FEN X-8	Strike	Amahai	41	Woodward	529	



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31	09/04/1944	FEN X-9	Strike	Kendari	41	Woodward	529	
32	09/09/1944	FEN X-16	Search H-1	Banda Sea	41	Woodward	529	
33	09/14/1944	FEN X-29	Search I	Arafura Sea	27	Daffer	529	
34	09/16/1944	FEN X-34	Search I	Arafura Sea	30	Johnson	529	
35	09/21/1944	FEN XI-3	Strike	Laha	39	Harrison	529	
36	09/24/1944	FEN XI-8	Strike	Haroekoe	32	Hughes	529	
37	10/02/1944	DAR I-4	Strike	Macassar	32	Hughes	529	
38	10/05/1944	DAR I-10	Strike	Macassar	38	Reed	529	
39	10/09/1944	DAR I-22	Strike	Koepang	38	Reed	529	
40	10/12/1944	DAR I-30	Strike	Ambesia	39	Woodward	529	Harrison Crew
41	12/14/1944	DAR I-37	Strike	Pomelaa	27	Daffer	529	

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42	10/16/1944	DAR I-41	Strike	Macassar	38	Reed	529	
43	10/21/1944	DAR II-6	Strike	Pare Pare	31	Rollings	529	
44	10/25/1944	DAR II-22	Strike	Ambesia	26	Van Pelt	529	Trimble Crew
45	10/28/1944	DAR II-30	Strike	Macassar	31	Rollings	529	
46	10/30/1944	DAR II-36	Strike	Macassar	33	Davis	529	
47	11/02/1944	DAR II-44	Search H-1-Red	Banda Sea	31	Rollings	529	
48	11/11/1944	DAR III-17	Strike	Pinrang	31	Rollings	529	
49	11/30/1944	DAR IV-23	Strike	Malimpoeng A/D	31	Rollings	529	
50	12/06/1944	DAR IV-43	Strike	Kendari and Boro Boro	31	Rollings	529	
51	12/12/1944	DAR V-12	Strike	Kendari	46	Portway (RAAF)	529	Abort, #4 Engine Out

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52	12/18/1944	DAR V-21	Strike	Bima	33	Boyle	529	
53	12/28/1944	DAR VI-4	Search I-2- Green	Banda and Molucca Seas	31	Rollings	529	
54	01/09/1945	DAR VI-41	Strike	Guns, Lombok Straits	31	Rollings	529	
55	01/10/1945	DAR VI-49	Strike	Kendari, Harass	29	Goude-lock	529	
56	01/28/1945	DAR VII-6	Strike	Lembar, Soemba	31	Rollings	529	
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