

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

No. 098

SERIAL NO.:	<u>42-73201</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>"TENN" SQUIRREL HUNTER / CRUISIN SUSAN / "CRUISIN' SUSAN"</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24J-20-CO</u>	MFR:	<u>Consolidated-San Diego</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>2771</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u>09/13/1943</u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u>09/20/1943</u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u>09/22/1943</u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>09/28/1943</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>09/24/1943</u>	MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Tucson</u>
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>10/09/1943</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Topeka</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>11/03/1943</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u></u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u>11/08/1943</u>	DESTINATION:	<u></u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/531</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u></u>
STATION:	<u>Long Strip</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>01/08/1944</u>	WHERE (1 <sup>ST</sup> MISSION):	<u>Kendari, Celebes</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>55 AU/NG + 17 PH = 72</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>04/07/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Crash Landing</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Lingayen, Philippines</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>07/02/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>UCIP</u>

NOTES:

# AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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Funds...FR..... A. A. F. Order No. AC-30461 Cost \$24,924.00 Model B-24 Serial Number 42-73201  
 Date Received 9-24-43 Manufacturer Cons.  
 Branch RA Status S Date Dropped \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

SERIAL		Condition	LOCATION	DATE		AGE	FLYING TIME						TRANSFERRED			REMARKS
F.Y.	Number			F.Y.	C. Mo.		This Month	Since Last	Since First	TO	Date	Authority				
							Hours	T	Hours	T	Hours	T	Shipped	Rec'd		
																Dixon Mod. Centr. (By air)
																9-26-43
																Topoka Kans. 10-9-43
																LEFT A 11 543 11843
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																CON COMBAT UCIP A 4 745 7 2 43
																Con. overman 7/2/45

**MAINTENANCE CREW**

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	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Crew Chief(s):</b>	36171949	M/Sgt	Michael P. Stasek

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

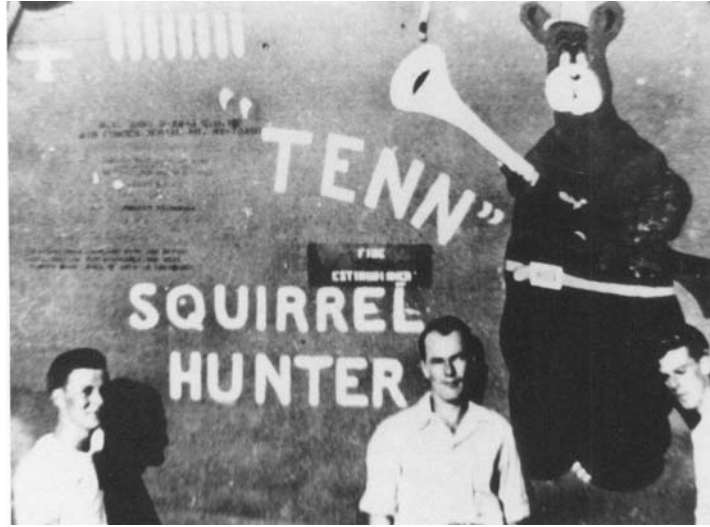
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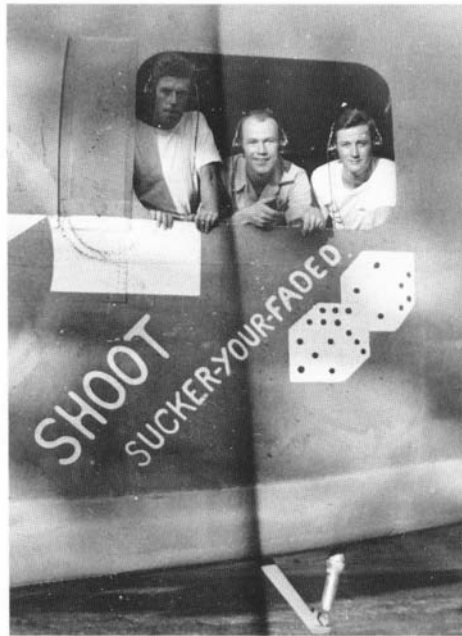
*First Nose Art – OD  
Left Side*



*Source: Horton/Horton, King of the Heavies, p. 158.*



*Source: Pete Burris Collection.*



Classic personal markings on 42-73201 *Tenn Squirrel Hunter* of the 531st.  
Jim Ruth Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 438.

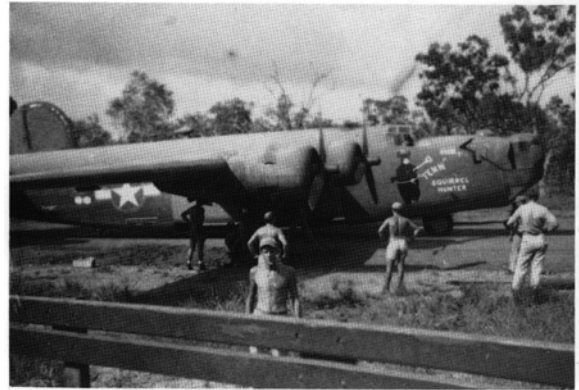


Source: *Pete Burris Collection*.



Monley Crew

Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 169.



#201 Tenn Squirrel Hunter stuck in the mud at Long Strip.  
William Camp Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 501.



Source: Frank Cooper Collection (via Craig Bellamy).



Source: Albert Nielson Collection -- Manley Crew, 531st Squadron.

*Second Nose Art – NMF  
First Form  
Right Side*



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 87.



#201 was originally named *Tenn Squirrel Hunter* before having *Cruisin Susan* applied to its paint stripped nose. This is the first rendition of its new name.  
*William Sloane Collection*

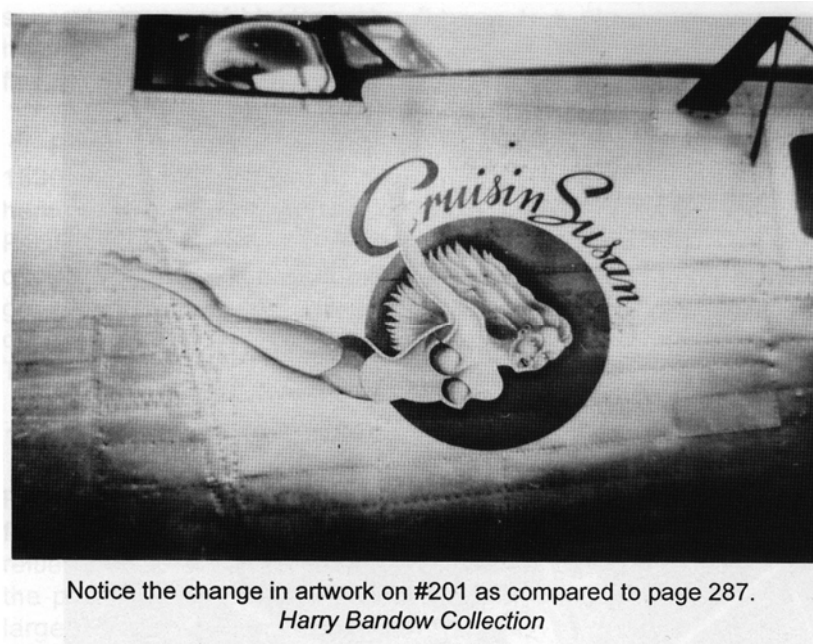
Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 287.



*Second Nose Art – NMF  
Second Form  
Probably Right Side*



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 158.



Notice the change in artwork on #201 as compared to page 287.  
Harry Bandow Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 333.



Source: <http://www.halun.com/images/dal34.JPG>

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SUSAN / “CRUISIN’ SUSAN”      **MODEL** J-20-CO  
**SQDN ASSGD** 531      **MFR** Consolidated-San Diego      **M#** 201

**LOCATION:** Australia

**NOTES:** Missions 4-7: New Guinea Deployment III

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	12/21/1943	FEN III-40	Strike	Amahai, Ceram Island	31	Brissey	531	Hahn Crew
2	12/23/1943	FEN III-41	Recce	Shipping, Nabire	53	Nunan	531	First Mission for this Crew, Upgraded Co-pilot
3	12/207/1943	FEN III-42	Strike	Shipping, Pomelaa	53	Nunan	531	
4	12/31/1943	364CC	Strike	Alexishafen	84	Manley	531	
5	01/01/1944	1AA	Strike	Saidor	84	Manley	531	
6	01/02/1944	2A-1	Strike	Saidor	84	Manley	531	
7	01/04/1944	4A-1	Strike	Alexishafen	84	Manley	531	
8	01/08/1944	FEN IV-1	Strike	Kendari	84	Manley	531	
9	01/24/1944	FEN IV-15	Recce	Sorong	78	Deaton	531	
10	02/02/1944	FEN IV-21	Strike	Sorong	85	Lasko	531	

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NOTES: Mission 19: Special Missions-Australia

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
11	02/05/1944	FEN IV-24	Recce	Shipping, Geelvink Bay, Japen Island	91	Magee	531	
12	02/11/1944	FEN IV-28	Strike	Kendari	84	Manley	531	
13	02/15/1944	FEN IV-30	Recce	Halmahera	84	Manley	531	
14	02/20/1944	FEN IV-33	Strike	Laha	84	Manley	531	
15	03/25/1944	FEN VI-3	Recce	Photo, Geelvink Bay	87	Manley	531	Baptist Crew; Abort, Mechanical
16	03/28/1944	FEN VI-7	Strike	Penfoei A/D, Timor	87	G, Smith	531	Abort, Excessive Fuel Consumption
17	03/30/1944	FEN VI-8	Strike	Kai Islands	84	Manley	531	
18	04/01/1944	FEN VI-9	Recce	Shipping	90	Brody	531	
19	04/03/1944	FEN VI-11	Strike	Langgoer A/D, Kai Islands	84	Manley	531	
20	05/09/1944	FEN II-73	Search	Search for Missing B-24	90	Brody	531	

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21	06/08/1944	FEN VII-32	Strike	Shipping, Jefman	78	Deaton	531	Abort, Fuel Transfer #1 Supercharger
22	06/12/1944	FEN VII-33	Strike	Liang	77	Eriksen (RAAF)	531	Abort, Engine Trouble
23	06/27/1944	FEN VII-43	Strike	Babo	89	Strauss (RAAF)	531	First Mission for this Crew
24	06/30/1944	FEN VII-47	Recce	Weather, Ceram Sea	81	Lenihan	531	
25	07/01/1944	FEN VIII-1	Strike	Shipping, Banda Sea	40	Carmichael	529	
26	07/04/1944	FEN VIII-8	Strike	Amahai	78	Deaton	531	
27	07/25/1944	FEN VIII-41	Strike	Namlea	89	Strauss (RAAF)	531	
28	07/31/1944	FEN IX-5	Strike	Namlea	89	Strauss (RAAF)	531	

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29	08/02/1944	FEN IX-14	Strike	Laha	82	Parker (RAAF)	531	
30	08/09/1944	FEN IX-21	Strike	Namlea	80	Hamilton	531	
31	08/12/1944	FEN IX-27	Strike	Amahai	84	Hinman	531	
32	08/22/1944	FEN IX-45	Strike	Amahai	84	Hinman	531	
33	08/26/1944	FEN IX-48	Strike	Liang	96	Bowman (RAAF)	531	First Mission for this Crew
34	09/02/1944	FEN X-8	Strike	Amahai	96	Bowman (RAAF)	531	
35	09/16/1944	FEN X-35	Strike	Kendari	87	Williams	531	Baptist Crew
36	09/21/1944	FEN XI-3	Strike	Laha	76	Boyd	531	
37	09/29/1944	FEN XI-23	Strike	Liang	78	Bruce	531	Deaton Crew

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38	10/05/1944	DAR I-10	Strike	Macassar	82	Finlayson (RAAF)	531	
39	10/09/1944	DAR I-22	Strike	Koepang	79	Grover	531	
40	10/25/1944	DAR II-22	Strike	Ambesia	77	Forssell	531	
41	11/05/1944	DAR III-1	Strike	Bima	88	Halliday (RAAF)	531	
42	11/11/1944	DAR III-17	Strike	Pinrang	91	Blum	531	
46	11/14/1944	DAR III-27	Strike	Macassar	81	Van Pelt	531	Lenihan Crew
44	11/18/1944	DAR III-37	Strike	Polewali	77	Forssell	531	
45	11/27/1944	DAR IV-12	Strike	Kendari and Bora Bora	Mix	Garn	531	
46	11/29/1944	DAR IV-20	Strike	Kendari	81	Brissey	531	Lenihan Crew
47	12/02/1944	DAR IV-25	Strike	Boro Boro	81	Garrison	531	Lenihan Crew

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48	12/07/1944	DAR IV-46	Strike	Ambesia	77	Forssell	531	
49	12/12/1944	DAR V-12	Strike	Kendari	77	Forssell	531	
50	12/20/1944	DAR V-25	Strike	Halong A/D, Java	86	Williams	531	Brasfield Crew
51	12/28/1944	DAR VI-1	Recce	Shipping, Flores Sea	93	Brown (RAAF)	531	
52	12/30/1944	DAR VI-9	Strike	Limboeng A/D, Celebes	85	Williams	531	Sears Crew
53	01/06/1945	DAR VI-33	Search G-1- Red	Flores Sea	94	Swanson (RAAF)	531	
54	01/09/1945	DAR VI-41	Strike	Guns, Lombok Straits	77	Forssell	531	
55	02/02/1945	DAR VII-10	Strike	Malimpoeng A/D, Celebes	77	Forssell	531	
								Transfer, Mindoro, Philippines