ALL AIRCRAFT PREVIOUS TO THIS POINT WERE B-24D AIRCRAFT, ALL BEYOND THIS POINT ARE B-24J AND HIGHER

B-24J

VARIOUS MODELS

Type 4



Type 5















B-24J MODEL AIRCRAFT

Listed by Serial Number:

079**	42-72964	"DOTTIE'S DOUBLE"
080	42-73112	DALLY'S DILLY
081	42-73112	THE BIG ASS BIRD
082	42-73114	CARROT TOP
083	42-73115	(NONE)
084	42-73116	HEAVENLY BODY
085	42-73117	DOODLEBUG
086	42-73121	ROYAL FLUSH II / PAPPY'S PASSION II
080	42-73124	(NONE)
088	42-73124	(NONE)
089	42-73126	FOIL PROOF MARY
090	42-73120	(NONE)
090	42-73133	SAD SACK
092	42-73133	"MILADY"
092	42-73164	SNORKEY
093	42-73167	THE BEAUTIFUL BEAST / BEAUTIFUL BEAST
094	42-73186	(NONE)
095	42-73180	PAPER DOLL
090	42-73187	B.T.O. II / "LADY JEANNE" II
098	42-73201	"TENN" SQUIRREL HUNTER / "CRUISIN" SUSAN
098	42-73275	(NONE)
100	42-73332	(NONE)
100	42-73332	UNDEC?IDED / SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS
101	42-73340	FIRST NIGHTER
102	42-73449	(NONE)
103	42-73451	"FRISCO" FRANNIE / RAMEY'S WRECK
104	42-73464	ANGEL IN DE SKIES
105	42-73404	"PATCHES"
100	42-73474	"PROP WASH"
107	42-73473	ESQUIRE
108	42-73481	LUCKY DON
110	42-73483	EUCK I DON EH-WHAT'S UP DOC? / "READY TEDDY"
110	42-73489	HOT ROCKS / THE SULTAN'S DAUGHTER
111	42-100209	ROUGH NIGHT / ROUGH KNIGHT
112	42-100203	ROSIE O' THE RAMP
113	42-100213	"SIX BITTS"
114	42-100214	THE MISS HAP
115	42-100221	TODDY
110	42-109986	ROBERTA AND SON / FIRE POWER
117	42-109980	UNDECIDED
118	42-109990	ON DE-FENSE
119	42-109999	"LITTLE LULU" / MADAME QUEEN
120	42-109999	DRUNKARD'S DREAM
121 122	42-110115	"LADY LUCK"
122	42-110118	OLD IRONSIDES
123	42-110117	OLD IKOII9IDE9

^{**} Beginning with aircraft 079, B-24Js, nose turret at factory.

124	42-110120	"SLEEPY TIME GAL"
125	42-110123	BUMS AWAY
126	42-40189	THE SCREAMER / EMBARRASSED
127	44-40342	THE K.O. KID
128	44-40370	"MARY M"
129	44-40371	"SILVER LADY"
130	44-40398	"PATTY'S PIG"
131	44-40432	"QUEEN HI"
132	44-40434	FLAK FLED FLAPPER
133	44-40801	"SQUAW PEAK"
134	44-40861	"LIL' NILMERG"
135	44-40919	DREAM GAL
136	44-40920	SHY-CHI BABY
137	44-40923	I'LL BE SEEING YOU

Listed by Name:

105	42-73464	ANGEL IN DE SKIES
094	42-73167	BEAUTIFUL BEAST
097	42-73193	B.T.O. II
125	42-110123	BUMS AWAY
083	42-73114	CARROT TOP
098	42-73201	"CRUISIN" SUSAN
080	42-73112	DALLY'S DILLY
085	42-73117	DOODLEBUG
079	42-72964	"DOTTIE'S DOUBLE"
135	44-40919	DREAM GAL
121	42-110115	DRUNKARD'S DREAM
110	42-73488	EH-WHAT'S UP DOC?
126	42-40189	EMBARRASSED
108	42-73481	ESQUIRE
117	42-109986	FIRE POWER
102	42-73340	FIRST NIGHTER
132	44-40434	FLAK FLED FLAPPER
089	42-73126	FOIL PROOF MARY
104	42-73451	"FRISCO" FRANNIE
084	42-73116	HEAVENLY BODY
111	42-73489	HOT ROCKS
137	44-40923	I'LL BE SEEING YOU
097	42-73193	"LADY JEANNE" II
122	42-110116	"LADY LUCK"
134	44-40861	"LIL' NILMERG"
120	42-109999	"LITTLE LULU"
109	42-73485	LUCKY DON
120	42-109999	MADAME QUEEN
128	44-40370	"MARY M"
092	42-73134	"MILADY"
123	42-110117	OLD IRONSIDES
119	42-109995	ON DE-FENSE

096	42-73187	PAPER DOLL
086	42-73121	PAPPY'S PASSION II
106	42-73474	"PATCHES"
130	44-40398	"PATTY'S PIG"
107	42-73475	"PROP WASH"
131	44-40432	"QUEEN HI"
104	42-73451	RAMEY'S WRECK
110	42-73488	"READY TEDDY"
117	42-109986	ROBERTA AND SON
113	42-100213	ROSIE O' THE RAMP
112	42-100209	ROUGH NIGHT / ROUGH KNIGHT
086	42-73121	ROYAL FLUSH II
091	42-73133	SAD SACK
136	44-40920	SHY-CHI BABY
129	44-40371	"SILVER LADY"
114	42-100214	"SIX BITTS"
124	42-110120	"SLEEPY TIME GAL"
101	42-73333	SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS
093	42-73164	SNORKEY
133	44-40801	"SQUAW PEAK"
098	42-73201	"TENN" SQUIRREL HUNTER
094	42-73167	THE BEAUTIFUL BEAST
081	42-73113	THE BIG ASS BIRD
127	44-40342	THE K.O. KID
115	42-100221	THE MISS HAP
126	42-40189	THE SCREAMER
111	42-73489	THE SULTAN'S DAUGHTER
116	42-100226	TODDY
101	42-73333	UNDEC?IDED
118	42-109990	UNDECIDED
083	42-73115	(NONE)
087	42-73124	(NONE)
088	42-73125	(NONE)
090	42-73127	(NONE)
095	42-73186	(NONE)
099	42-73275	(NONE)
100	42-73332	(NONE)
103	42-73449	(NONE)



TYPE 4 – THE INITIAL J MODELS OF THE B-24

These were the first B-24 with nose turrets installed at the factory before delivery to the USAAF. These aircraft are identified by the Consolidated A6A nose turrets, by the use of twin braces on each pitot tube location, and by the fact that no fairing was applied to streamline the nose turret installation. The Townsville installation on D1s and all later factory models had such a fairing.

DOTTIE'S DOUBLE (079) was the first B-24J produced and came to the 380th.

There are five distinct types of Js. All had a turret incorporated into the design of the nose section and installed at the factory. This added firepower would remain an integral part of the B-24's design for the remainder of its operational life. The new "J" models coming into the 380th's inventory differed from each other with respect to pitot tubes, model of the nose turret installed, and bombardier side windows.

This first batch of planes had braced pitot tubes and lacked side windows to the bombardier's compartment. Above this position in the nose, the navigator's area now had narrow side windows that were sometimes fitted with sockets for a 30cal machine gun.

B-24J-5



Scrap port elevation

Source: Przeglad Konstrukcji Lotniczych, B-24 Liberator, p. 15, 1992, Warsaw.



A "J" model B-24 with braced pitot tubes and hydraulic nose turret. Dexter Baker Collection

Source: Horton, Best of the Southwest, p. 238.



Another "J" model B-24, but this one has braced pitot tubes on both sides, no side windows to the bombardier compartment and the earlier, A6A hydraulic nose turret. A. V. Connery Collection

Source: Horton, Best of the Southwest, p. 292.

LIST OF TYPE 4 AIRCRAFT IN THE 380TH

Listed by Serial Number:

079**	12 72061	"DOTTIE'S DOUDLE"
	42-72964	"DOTTIE'S DOUBLE"
080	42-73112	DALLY'S DILLY
081	42-73113	THE BIG ASS BIRD
082	42-73114	CARROT TOP
083	42-73115	(NONE)
084	42-73116	HEAVENLY BODY
085	42-73117	DOODLEBUG
086	42-73121	ROYAL FLUSH II / PAPPY'S PASSION II
087	42-73124	(NONE)
088	42-73125	(NONE)
089	42-73126	FOIL PROOF MARY
090	42-73127	(NONE)
091	42-73133	SAD SACK
092	42-73134	"MILADY"
093	42-73164	SNORKEY
094	42-73167	THE BEAUTIFUL BEAST / BEAUTIFUL BEAST
095	42-73186	(NONE)
096	42-73187	PAPER DOLL
097	42-73193	B.T.O. II / "LADY JEANNE" II
098	42-73201	"TENN" SQUIRREL HUNTER / "CRUISIN" SUSAN
099	42-73275	(NONE)
100	42-73332	(NONE)
101	42-73333	UNDEC?IDED / SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS
102	42-73340	FIRST NIGHTER
103	42-73449	(NONE)
104	42-73451	"FRISCO" FRANNIE / RAMEY'S WRECK
105	42-73464	ANGEL IN DE SKIES
106	42-73474	"PATCHES"
107	42-73475	"PROP WASH"
108	42-73481	ESQUIRE
109	42-73485	LUCKY DON
110	42-73488	EH-WHAT'S UP DOC? / "READY TEDDY"
111	42-73489	HOT ROCKS / THE SULTAN'S DAUGHTER

^{**} Beginning with aircraft 079, B-24Js, nose turret at factory.

Listed by Name:

105	42-73464	ANGEL IN DE SKIES
097	42-73193	B.T.O. II
094	42-73167	BEAUTIFUL BEAST
082	42-73114	CARROT TOP
098	42-73201	"CRUISIN" SUSAN
080	42-73112	DALLY'S DILLY
085	42-73117	DOODLEBUG
079	42-72964	"DOTTIE'S DOUBLE"
110	42-73488	EH-WHAT'S UP DOC?
108	42-73481	ESQUIRE
102	42-73340	FIRST NIGHTER
089	42-73126	FOIL PROOF MARY
104	42-73451	"FRISCO" FRANNIE
084	42-73116	HEAVENLY BODY
111	42-73489	HOT ROCKS
097	42-73193	"LADY JEANNE" II
109	42-73485	LUCKY DON
092	42-73134	"MILADY"
096	42-73187	PAPER DOLL
086	42-73121	PAPPY'S PASSION II
106	42-73474	"PATCHES"
107	42-73475	"PROP WASH"
104	42-73451	RAMEY'S WRECK
110	42-73488	"READY TEDDY"
086	42-73121	ROYAL FLUSH II
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094	42-73167	THE BEAUTIFUL BEAST
081	42-73113	THE BIG ASS BIRD
111	42-73489	THE SULTAN'S DAUGHTER
101	42-73333	UNDEC?IDED
083	42-73115	(NONE)
087	42-73124	(NONE)
088	42-73125	(NONE)
090	42-73127	(NONE)
095	42-73186	(NONE)
099	42-73275	(NONE)
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B-24J MODELS, TYPE 4 ONLY

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92	42-73124 "MILADY"							✓ 1/17/45							
93	42-73164 SNORKEY									✓ 10/22/44					
94	42-73167 BEAUTIFUL BEAST								√ 8/22/44						
95	42-73186 (NONE)								√ 3/26/44						
96	42-73187 PAPER DOLL		✓ 1/19/44												
97	42-73193 B.TO. II / "LADY JEANNE" II			✓ 12/31/43											
98	42-73201 "TENN" SQUIRREL HUNTER / "CRUISIN" SUSAN												√ 3/45		
99	42-73275 (NONE)									√ 9/44					
100	42-73332 (NONE)					✓ 3/16/44									
101	42-73333 UNDEC?IDED / SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS												√ 3/45		
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B-24J MODELS, TYPE 4 ONLY (continued)

#	AIRCRAFT	R	С	CA	MA	AM	ASM	Α	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	PI	NT	RUS
102	42-73340 FIRST NIGHTER												√ 3/45		
103	42-73449 (NONE)				✓ 1/7/44										
104	42-73451 "FRISCO" FRANNIE / RAMEY'S WRECK												√ 3/45		
105	42-73464 ANGEL IN DE SKIES												√ 3/45		
106	42-73474 "PATCHES"												√ 3/45		
107	42-73475 "PROP WASH"												√ 3/45		
108	42-73481 ESQUIRE												√ 3/45		
109	42-73485 LUCKY DON												√ 3/45		
110	42-73488 EH-WHAT'S UP DOC? / "READY TEDDY"												√ 3/45		
111	42-73489 HOT ROCKS / THE SULTAN'S DAUGHTER												√ 3/45		
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B-24J MODELS, TYPE 4 ONLY (continued)

Legend:

- R Destruction As Result of Enemy Air Raid
- C Loss of Aircraft in Enemy Territory Due Directly to Enemy Action
- CA Accident and/or Salvage As Result of Enemy Combat Damage (In Friendly Territory)
- MA Loss While on Mission While in Enemy Territory but Direct Enemy Action Not Involved
- A Accident in Friendly Territory Causing Complete Destruction of Aircraft Not Combat Mission Related
- AM Same as A but Involved in Combat Mission
- AS Accident in Friendly Territory Resulting in Salvage of the Aircraft Not Combat Mission Related
- ASM Same as AS but Involved in Combat Mission
- WWS Salvage of Aircraft as War Weary
- RAA Transfer of Aircraft to Royal Australian Air Force
- F
- OG Transfer of Aircraft to Other Groups
- PI Transfer to Philippines Islands for Continuation of War Service There
- NT Whether Nose Turret Installed (Applies Only to Initial Deployment Aircraft) During 1943
- RUS Returned to U.S. at End of War



TYPE 5 – REPLACING THE A6A NOSE TURRET WITH THE A6B

Replacement of the A6A turret by the Motors Product Company A6B turret, which was lighter and more streamlined than the A6A. The A6B improved visibility, was hydraulically powered, and had gun barrels that extended equally. Also fairing added to further streamline the nose. Braced pitot tubes still used.

ROUGH NIGHT/ROUGH KNIGHT (112) exemplifies this model of the B-24.



Source: S. Birdsall, B-24 Liberator in Action, Aircraft No. 21, Squadron/Signal Publications, 1975, p. 21.



Source: B-24 Liberator in Action, Squadron/Signal Publications, Inc., Aircraft Number 80, 1987.

LIST OF TYPE 5 AIRCRAFT IN THE 380TH

Listed by Serial Number:

112	42-100209	ROUGH NIGHT / ROUGH KNIGHT
113	42-100213	ROSIE O' THE RAMP
114	42-100214	"SIX BITTS"
115	42-100221	THE MISS HAP
116	42-100226	"TODDY"

Listed by Name:

113	42-100213	ROSIE O' THE RAMP
112	42-100209	ROUGH NIGHT / ROUGH KNIGHT
114	42-100214	"SIX BITTS"
115	42-100221	THE MISS HAP
116	42-100226	"TODDY"

B-24J MODELS, TYPE 5 ONLY

#	AIRCRAFT	R	С	CA	MA	AM	ASM	А	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	PI	NT	RUS
112	42-100209 ROUGH NIGHT / ROUGH KNIGHT												✓ 3/45		√ 9/45
113	42-100213 ROSIE O' TH' RAMP												√ 3/45		
114	42-100214 "SIX BITTS"												√ 3/45		
115	42-100221 THE MISS HAP												√ 3/45		
116	42-100226 "TODDY"												√ 3/45		
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Legend:

R Destruction As Result of Enemy Air Raid

C Loss of Aircraft in Enemy Territory Due Directly to Enemy Action

CA Accident and/or Salvage As Result of Enemy Combat Damage (In Friendly Territory)

MA Loss While on Mission While in Enemy Territory but Direct Enemy Action Not Involved

A Accident in Friendly Territory Causing Complete Destruction of Aircraft – Not Combat Mission Related

AM Same as A but Involved in Combat Mission

AS Accident in Friendly Territory Resulting in Salvage of the Aircraft – Not Combat Mission Related

ASM Same as AS but Involved in Combat Mission

WWS Salvage of Aircraft as War Weary

RAA Transfer of Aircraft to Royal Australian Air Force

F

OG Transfer of Aircraft to Other Groups

PI Transfer to Philippines Islands for Continuation of War Service There

NT Whether Nose Turret Installed (Applies Only to Initial Deployment Aircraft) During 1943

RUS Returned to U.S. at End of War



TYPE 6 – REPLACING THE TWIN PITOT TUBES WITH SINGLE TUBES

Twin high braced ("horn-styled") pitot tubes replaced by a single short pitot tube on the lower left nose. A6B turret still used. An example of this type in the 380th is LADY LUCK (122).

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MPC 5800-5 Nose & Tail turrets, Martin 250CE-5 Top Turret.

Source: Przeglad Konstrukcji Lotniczych, B-24 Liberator, p. 15, 1992, Warsaw.



#0116 Lady Luck proved to be as good as her name and flew at least 90 missions before the end of the war. It was flown back to CONUS for salvage at Kingman, Arizona. James Ruth Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 282.



Source: B-24 Liberator in Action, Squadron/Signal Publications, Inc., Aircraft Number 80, p. 39, 1987.

LIST OF TYPE 6 AIRCRAFT IN THE 380TH

Listed by Serial Number:

117	42-109986	ROBERTA AND SON / FIRE POWER
118	42-109990	UNDECIDED
119	42-109995	ON DE-FENSE
120	42-109999	LITTLE LULU / MADAME QUEEN
121	42-110115	DRUNKARD'S DREAM
122	42-110116	"LADY LUCK"
123	42-110117	OLD IRONSIDES
124	42-110120	"SLEEPY TIME GAL"
125	42-110123	BUMS AWAY
125	42-110123	BUMS AWAY
126	42-40189	THE SCREAMER / EMBARRASSED

Listed by Name:

125 42	2-110123	BUMS AWAY
121 42	2-110115	DRUNKARD'S DREAM
126 42	2-40189	EMBARRASSED
117 42	2-109986	FIRE POWER
122 42	2-110116	"LADY LUCK"
120 42	2-109999	LITTLE LULU
120 42	2-109999	MADAME QUEEN
123 42	2-110117	OLD IRONSIDES
119 42	2-109995	ON DE-FENSE
117 42	2-109986	ROBERTA AND SON
124 42	2-110120	"SLEEPY TIME GAL"
126 42	2-40189	THE SCREAMER
118 42	2-109990	UNDECIDED

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#	AIRCRAFT	R	С	CA	MA	AM	ASM	А	AS	WWS	RAAF	OG	PI	NT	RUS
117	42-109986 ROBERTA AND SON / FIREPOWER												√ 3/45		
118	42-109990 UNDECIDED												√ 3/45		✓ 10/45
119	42-109995 ON DE-FENSE												√ 3/45		
120	42-109999 "LITTLE LULU" / MADAME QUEEN												✓ 3/45		
121	42-100115 DRUNKARD'S DREAM												√ 3/45		
122	42-110116 "LADY LUCK"												√ 3/45		✓ 10/45
123	42-110117 OLD IRONSIDES												√ 3/45		✓ 10/45
124	42-110120 "SLEEPY TIME GAL"				✓ 10/28/44										
125	42-110123 BUMS AWAY												√ 3/45		
126	44-40189 THE SCREAMER / EMBARRASSED												✓ 3/45		✓ 10/45
,	TOTALS THIS PAGE				1								9		4
BROUGHT FORWARD															
TOTALS, OVERALL					1								9		4

Legend:

- R Destruction As Result of Enemy Air Raid
- C Loss of Aircraft in Enemy Territory Due Directly to Enemy Action
- CA Accident and/or Salvage As Result of Enemy Combat Damage (In Friendly Territory)
- MA Loss While on Mission While in Enemy Territory but Direct Enemy Action Not Involved
- A Accident in Friendly Territory Causing Complete Destruction of Aircraft Not Combat Mission Related
- AM Same as A but Involved in Combat Mission
- AS Accident in Friendly Territory Resulting in Salvage of the Aircraft Not Combat Mission Related
- ASM Same as AS but Involved in Combat Mission
- WWS Salvage of Aircraft as War Weary
- RAA Transfer of Aircraft to Royal Australian Air Force
- F
- OG Transfer of Aircraft to Other Groups
- PI Transfer to Philippines Islands for Continuation of War Service There
- NT Whether Nose Turret Installed (Applies Only to Initial Deployment Aircraft) During 1943
- RUS Returned to U.S. at End of War

ALL AIRCRAFT PAST THIS POINT CARRY 1944 SERIAL NUMBERS. CHANGE OF APPROPRIATION FOR PROCUREMENT.



TYPE 7 – BOMBARDIER'S WINDOW ADDED

Same as Type 6 except a single small window was added on each side of the nose to improve the bombardier's visibility of the target. The model is best represented by THE K.O. KID (127).



Between missions at Darwin. Note the variations in this "J" model B-24: A6B hydraulic nose turret, the lack of a pitot tube on the right side and the bombardier side windows. Stephen Levandoski Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 292.

LIST OF TYPE 7 AIRCRAFT IN THE 380TH

Listed by Serial Number:

127	44-40342	THE K.O. KID
128	44-40370	"MARY M"
129	44-40371	"SILVER LADY"
130	44-40398	"PATTY'S PIG"
131	44-40432	"QUEEN HI"
132	44-40434	FLAK FLED FLAPPER
133	44-40801	"SQUAW PEAK"

Listed by Name:

132 44-40434 FLAK FLED FLAPPE	~11
128 44-40370 "MARY M"	
130 44-40398 "PATTY'S PIG"	
131 44-40432 "QUEEN HI"	
129 44-40371 "SILVER LADY"	
133 44-40801 "SQUAW PEAK"	
127 44-40342 THE K.O. KID	

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#	AIRCRAFT	R	С	CA	MA	AM	ASM	Α	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	PI	NT	RUS
127	44-40342 THE K.O. KID												√ 3/45		
128	44-40370 "MARY M"												√ 3/45		
129	44-40371 "SILVER LADY"												√ 3/45		
130	44-40398 "PATTY'S PIG"		✓ 10/9/44												
131	44-40432 "QUEEN HI"												√ 3/45		
132	44-40434 FLAK FLED FLAPPER												√ 3/45		
133	44-40801 "SQUAW PEAK"			✓ 7/45									√ 3/45		
TOTALS THIS PAGE			1	1									6		
BROUGHT FORWARD															
TOTALS, OVERALL			1	1									6		

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TYPE 8 – REPLACING THE A6B TURRET WITH THE EMERSON A-15 TURRET

Replacement of the A6B turret by the Emerson A-15 turret. The Emerson turret was electronically powered, while all previous turrets were hydraulically powered. It was shaped somewhat like a soup can and was more responsive with its two rotational speeds for tracking incoming aircraft. This change necessitated the installation of an amplidyne converter in the nose to convert aircraft power to that acceptable by the motors of the turret. This further required that the nose wheel doors had to open outwards below the fuselage since there was no space for them to retract inwards because of the aphidian

Another standard piece of equipment was the small, flush fitting G-2 pitot tube on the lower left side of the nose. These aircraft also carried a different model of Martin upper turret, the so-called "high hat" model for better visibility for the gunner, and was sloped raised in the back and sloped forward to give the gunner more head room.

This was the last model of the B-24J.

"L'IL NILMERG" (134) represents this model of the B-24.

B-24 Emerson Turret, A-15



Source: S. Birdsall, B-24 Liberator in Action, Aircraft No. 21, Squadron/Signal Publications, 1975, p. 21.

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LIST OF TYPE 8 AIRCRAFT IN THE 380TH

Listed by Serial Number:

134	44-40861	"LIL' NILMERG"
135	44-40919	"DREAM GAL"
136	44-40920	SHY-CHI BABY
137	44-40923	I'LL BE SEEING YOU

Listed by Name:

135	44-40919	"DREAM GAL"
137	44-40923	I'LL BE SEEING YOU
134	44-40861	"LIL' NILMERG"
136	44-40920	SHY-CHI BABY

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#	AIRCRAFT	R	С	CA	MA	AM	ASM	А	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	PI	NT	RUS
134	44-40861 "L'IL NILMERG"												√ 3/45		✓ 10/45
135	44-40919 "DREAM GAL"												√ 3/45		
136	44-40920 SHY-CHI BABY												√ 3/45		✓ 10/45
137	44-40923 I'LL BE SEEING YOU												√ 3/45		✓ 10/45
TOTALS THIS PAGE													4		3
BROUGHT FORWARD															
TOTALS, OVERALL													4		3

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ТҮРЕ	AIRCRAFT GROUP	R	С	CA	MA	AM	ASM	Α	AS	wws	RAAF	OG	PI	NT	TOTAL (By Row)
4	Early J Models		3	6		1		1	2	2			16		32
5													5		5
6					1								9		10
7			1	1									6		8
8													4		4
	Totals		4	7	1	1		1	2	2			40		58
	Action Summary	11 E	inemy .	Action	2 Missing – Non Enemy				3 Accidents 2 Salvaged			-	40 Re- tained		58
		13 Combat Losses							5 Non-Combat Losses				40		58

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