

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 171

SERIAL NO.: <u>44-50459</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME: <u>(NONE)</u>
MODEL: <u>B-24M-5-FO</u>	MFR: <u>Ford-Willow Run</u>
	CONTRACTOR'S NO.: <u>5314</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE: _____	MFG COMPLETION DATE: _____
FIRST FLIGHT DATE: _____	MOD CENTER DATE: <u>12/30/1944</u>
	MOD CENTER PLACE: <u>St Paul</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE: <u>12/29/1945</u>	
TO STAGING AREA DATE: <u>02/05/1945</u>	STAGING PLACE: <u>Hamilton Field, CA</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE: <u>02/26/1945</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE: <u>San Francisco, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE: _____	DESTINATION: <u>Nadzab</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS: _____	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE: _____
ASSIGNMENT: <u>380/531</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE: <u>04/1945</u>
STATION: <u>Murtha Strip, Mindoro</u>	
FIRST MISSION: <u>04/11/1945</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION): <u>Kagi A/D, Formosa</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS: <u>35 PH</u>	TERMINATION DATE: <u>09/08/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED: <u>Lost, storms between Okinawa and Manila</u>	
WHERE TERMINATED: <u>Between Okinawa and Philippines</u>	
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE: _____	WHERE REMOVED: _____

NOTES: Last wartime loss for 380th

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD											
MODEL SERIES		A. F. SERIAL NUMBER		MANUFACTURER AND LOCATION							
B-24M-5		44-50459		Ford, Willow Run, Mich.							
CONTRACT NUMBER		FOREIGN SERIAL NUMBER		FINAL DESTINATION IN U. S.							
AC-21216				San Francisco							
LOCATION, BLOCK, PRIORITY NUMBER		PROJECT OR LEAD LEASE REQUISITION NUMBER									
A-2-C-1-1		96959-P									
UPPER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR HAND-POSTED OPERATION IN KARDX LOWER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR I. B. M. POSTED OPERATION IN VERTICAL CABINETS											
LOCATION	ORGANIZATION		RECIPIENT	NEXT DESTINATION		CRATED OR FLT-ARAT	CONDITION	DATE	ACTION	REMARKS	
STATION	COMMAND	PARENT UNIT	SUB-UNIT	CODE	GAINED FROM OR LOST TO	SERIAL NUMBER	MO	DA	STATION NO	DCA	SCU
Willow Run		Ford			of St. Paul mod		Accepted	2-29			
		ATC				5	Available	12-2	71-130		
						24	Delivered	12-30			
							weather	12-31			
St. Paul		mod	Left		of Hamilton field	51	dep	1-1			
		ATC					arr'd	2-5	28410		
Albion						18	dep	2-7			
Hamilton field						73	arr	2-8			
							dep	2-18			
							arr	2-18	8+2		
							dep us	2-26			
SAS FMAN ATC WCWRASFP LY				DEP US		H 24M	44	50459	226	475	1
OS80				EXC INV LST		R B24M	5	44	50459	1231	5 21045
BARR				CON MISS WC		H B24M	X 05	44	50459		

SIGNAL OVER MONTH, GREEN—U.S.; ORANGE—BRITISH; RED—RUSSIA; PURPLE—CHINA; DUTCH—FAN; MISC—PINK

FAC—FACTORY; MOD—MODIFICATION CENTER; DEP—DEPOT; STA—STAGING; INS—INSTALLATION; ENR—ENROUTE; FOR—PORT; SRD—SERVICED

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SIGNAL OVER MONTH AND DAY—DATE OF LAST MOVEMENT. AAH

PLANT	DATE	BY	REASON	OTHER SERIAL	STATUS	DATE REPORTED
B-24M	44-50459					

MAINTENANCE CREW

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

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

Notes:

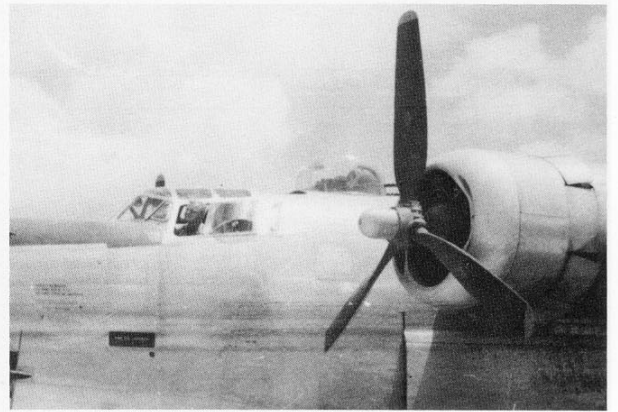
(NONE)

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L to R: Chas. Rohrbach, Warren Moeller and John Kay inspecting parachutes before taking flight of exP.O.W.s.
Leonard Mincks Collection



1/Lt. John Kay preparing to fly off to an unknown fate on 8 September 1945.
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Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 410.

MISSION RECORD

SN 44-50459 **NOSE ART** (NONE) **MODEL** M-5-FO

SQDN ASSGD 531 **MFR** Ford-Willow Run **M#** 459

LOCATION: Philippines

NOTES: _____

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	04/11/1945	101-E5	Strike	Kagi A/D, Formosa	95	Williams	531	Biggs Crew
2	04/12/1945	102-E1	Strike	Tainan A/D, Formosa	86	Brasfield	531	
3	04/13/1945	103-E2	Strike	Canton Back Reach	95	Biggs	531	
4	04/16/1945	106-A4	Strike	Giran A/D, Formosa	77	Garn	531	Forssell Crew
5	04/22/1945	112-E1	Strike	Shipping, Saigon, Indo China	95	Biggs	531	
6	04/24/1945	114-A2	Strike	Tainan Town, Formosa	91	Blum	531	
7	04/25/1945	115-E2	Strike	Saigon Docks, Indo China	Mix	Garn	531	
8	04/26/1945	116-E2	Strike	Saigon Docks, Indo China	85	Sears	531	
9	04/30/1945	120-E2	Strike	Takao A/D, Formosa	Mix	VanPelt	531	
10	05/03/1945	123-E2	Strike	Saigon Oil and Shipyards, Indo China	Mix	Cox	531	

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
11	05/04/1945	124-E2	Strike	Saigon Oil and Shipyards, Indo China	90	Garn	531	Goode Crew
12	05/09/1945	129-E1	Strike	White Cloud A/D, Canton	95	Biggs	531	
13	05/11/1945	131-E2	Strike	Toshien Warehouse, Barracks, Formosa	77	Forssell	531	
14	05/12/1945	132-E2	Strike	Coastal Bridges, Indo China	82	Biggs	531	Hulsey Crew
15	05/14/1945	134-E2	Strike	Hosan Town, Formosa	91	Blum	531	
16	05/15/1945	135-E2	Strike	Shinchiku A/D, Formosa	82	Hulsey	531	
17	05/17/1945	137-E2	Strike	Matsuyama A/D, Formosa	117	Wylie	531	
18	05/19/1945	139-E2	Strike	Kiirun Docks, Formosa	91	Blum	531	
19	05/22/1945	142-E2	Strike	Kiirun Stores, Formosa	77	Forssell	531	

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20	05/27/1945	147-E2	Strike	Phan Rang Railway Yards, Indo China	117	Wylie	531	
21	05/29/1945	149-E2	Strike	Kiirun, Formosa	77	Forssell	531	Abort, Engine Out
22	06/19/1945	170-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	111	Smolek	531	
23	06/21/1945	172-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	96	Garn	531	Fowler Crew
24	06/24/1945	175-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	93	Smith	531	
25	06/25/1945	176-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	90	Goode	531	
26	06/29/1945	180-E2	Strike	Balikpapan, Borneo	90	Goode	531	
27	06/30/1945	181-E2	Strike	Balikpapan, Borneo	111	Smolek	531	

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28	07/01/1945	182-E2	Strike	Ground Support, Balikpapan Invasion	Mix	G. Cox	531	
29	07/05/1945	186-E1	Strike	Toyohara A/D, Formosa	96	Fowler	531	
30	07/12/1945	193-E2	Strike	Toshien Oil Storage, Formosa	114	Hicken	531	
31	07/22/1945			Transit to Okinawa	96	Fowler	531	
32	07/24/1945	205-C-1E	Strike	Kiang-wan A/D, Shanghai	96	Fowler	531	
33	07/25/1945			Transit to Mindoro	96	Fowler	531	
34	08/14- 15/1945			Transit to Okinawa, Change of Station			531	
35	08/25/1945	251-A7	Recce	Armed Patrol, Southern Japan	111	Smolek	531	
								Lost, Severe Weather, 09/08/1945