

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 181

SERIAL NO.:	<u>44-50971</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>(NONE)</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24M-15-FO</u>	MFR:	<u>Ford-Willow Run</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>5826</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u></u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u></u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u></u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>02/26/1945</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>St Paul</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>02/20/1945</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>03/24/1945</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Salinas, CA</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>04/21/1945</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>San Francisco, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u></u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Biak</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/528</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>06/1945</u>
STATION:	<u>Murtha Strip, Mindoro</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>06/12/1945</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Saigon Railroad Yards, Indo China</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>4 PH</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>06/17/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Salvaged after crash on take-off</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u>Murtha Field, Mindoro, Philippines</u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>09/05/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>UCIP</u>

NOTES:

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD									
TYPE MODEL SERIAL		A. F. SERIAL NUMBER		MANUFACTURER AND LOCATION		PROJECT OR LEAD LEASE NUMBER			
B-24M -J		44-50971		Ford, Willow Run, Mich.		New Damasco			
CONTRACT NUMBER		FOREIGN SERIAL NUMBER		FINAL DESTINATION IN U. S.		PROJECT OR LEAD LEASE NUMBER			
AC-21216						1163-2			
ALLOCATION, MODEL, PRORITY NUMBER		a a 3 P m 1-11		MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBER					
UPPER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR HAND PORTED OPERATION IN U. S. A. LOWER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR I. B. M. PORTED OPERATION IN U. S. A. 1945									
LOCATION	ORGANIZATION	RECIPIENT	DATE	REMARKS	DATE	REMARKS	DATE	REMARKS	DATE
Willow Run	Ford								
		4 St Paul			Accepted	2-20			
					Avail able	2-11			
					Delivered	2-26			
Ypsanti	ATC				28 ground	2-22			
Madison					dep	2-24			
St Paul					18 ar				
					4 w/c				
Lincoln	mod	Left			31 ar	2-26			
Salinas	ATC	C/Selmon, Calif			work	3-17			
					dep	3-21			
					5-2 ar				
					5-4				
					4-4 w/c	3-22			
					ar	3-24			
					23-8				
					dep	4-18			
					ar				
					dep US	4-21			
					44-50971				
SAN FRANCISCO WCNB ABFLY DEP US H 24H 44 44 50971 1945 1									
UCIP COM COMBAT R 224H M 5 44 50971 1945 0 509									
<small> MARK OVER MONTH: BRN-B.2, ORANGE-B.21M, RED-B.26M, PURPLE-CHINA, BUTCH-ER, BISC-W.18A FRO-TACTIC, GRN-COMMAND, CARTER, EXP-DEPT, STA-STATION, US-INSTALLATION, ENR-ENROUTE, POP-PORT, GRO-GROUNDED CONTRACT DISTRIBUTION OFFICE: AFM, A. D. PATTERSON FIELD CAMP FORM 909 1100 </small>									
<small> DATE REPORTED: 1-2-45 </small>									

MAINTENANCE CREW

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Nose Art: (NONE)

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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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On the left is a photo of Orlando D'Alessandro and the 1000 lb bomb that bounced in formation with him. On the right, the pilot is standing beside #971 and its missing nose wheel. Also note the broken plexiglass.

Orlando D'Alessandro Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 376.

MISSION RECORD

SN 44-50971 NOSE ART (NONE) MODEL M-15-FO

SQDN ASSGD 528 MFR Ford-Willow Run M# 971

LOCATION: Philippines

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NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	06/12/1945	163-E2	Strike	Saigon Railroad Yards, Indo China	21	Rupp	528	
2	06/13/1945	164-E2	Strike	Toshien Oil Storage, Formosa	17	Corrado	528	
3	06/15/1945	166-E2	Strike	Taichu A/D, Formosa	12	Dyson	528	Henry Crew
4	06/17/1945	168-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	13	D'Alessandro	528	Crashed on Take-Off
								Scrapped, Take-off and Landing Damage