DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 167

SERIAL NO.: 44-50390

MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME: BECOMIN' BACK

MODEL: B-24M-1-FO

MFR: Ford-Willow Run

CONTRACTOR'S NO.: 5245

INITIAL MFG DATE:

MFG COMPLETION DATE:

FIRST FLIGHT DATE:

MOD CENTER DATE: 12/30/1944

MOD CENTER PLACE: St Paul

USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE: 12/23/1944

TO STAGING AREA DATE: 02/06/1945

STAGING PLACE: Hamilton Field, CA

OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE: 02/21/1945

DEPARTURE PLACE: San Francisco, CA

OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:

DESTINATION: Nadzab

MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:

OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:

ASSIGNMENT: 380/528

ASSIGNMENT DATE: 04/1945

STATION: Murtha Strip, Mindoro

FIRST MISSION: 04/22/1945

WHERE (1ST MISSION):

NO. OF MISSIONS: 25 PH

TERMINATION DATE: 07/12/1945

WHY TERMINATED: Shot down, flak, last combat loss

WHERE TERMINATED: Toshien, Formosa

STRICKEN OFF CHARGE: 07/16/1945

WHERE REMOVED:

NOTES: Last 380th Combat Loss

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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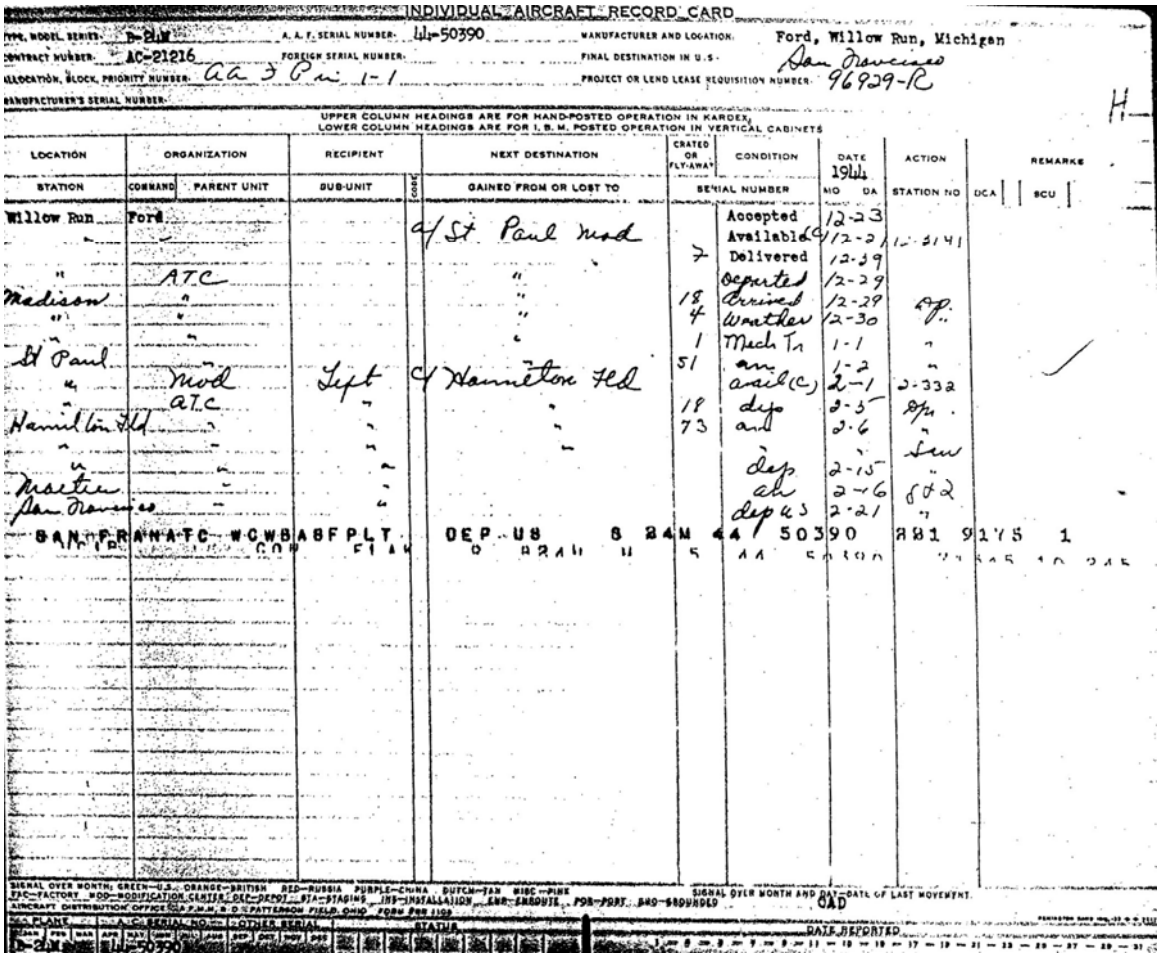

INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

TYPE, MODEL, SERIES: B-24M A. A. F. SERIAL NUMBER: 44-50390 MANUFACTURER AND LOCATION: Ford, Willow Run, Michigan

CONTRACT NUMBER: AC-21216 FOREIGN SERIAL NUMBER: FINAL DESTINATION IN U.S.: San Francisco

ALLOCATION, BLOCK, PRIORITY NUMBER: AA 3 Pri 1-1 PROJECT OR LEND LEASE REQUISITION NUMBER: 96929-R

MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBER:

UPPER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR HAND-POSTED OPERATION IN KARDEX,
LOWER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR I. B. M. POSTED OPERATION IN VERTICAL CABINETS

LOCATION / STATION	ORGANIZATION / COMMAND / PARENT UNIT	RECIPIENT / SUB-UNIT	CODE	NEXT DESTINATION / GAINED FROM OR LOST TO	CRATED OR FLY-AWAY / SERIAL NUMBER	CONDITION	DATE 1944 MO DA	ACTION / STATION NO	REMARKS DCA / SCU
Willow Run	Ford			c/ St Paul Mod		Accepted	12-23		
"	"					Available (C)	12-2	12-3141	
"					7	Delivered	12-29		
"	ATC			"		Departed	12-29		
Madison	"			"	18	Arrived	12-29	Op.	
"	"			"	4	Weather	12-30	"	
"	"			"	1	Mech Tr	1-1	"	
St Paul	"			"	51	an	1-2	"	
"	Mod	Left		c/ Hamilton Fld		avail (C)	2-1	2-332	
"	ATC	"		"	18	dep	2-5	Op.	
Hamilton Fld	"	"		"	73	an	2-6	"	
"	"	"		"			"	Sen	
"	"	"				dep	2-15	"	
Martin	"	"				an	2-16	8+2	
San Francisco	"	"				dep US	2-21	"	

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SIGNAL OVER MONTH: GREEN—U.S. ORANGE—BRITISH RED—RUSSIA PURPLE—CHINA DUTCH—TAN MISC—PINK SIGNAL OVER MONTH AND DAY—DATE OF LAST MOVEMENT.
FAC—FACTORY MOD—MODIFICATION CENTER DEP—DEPOT STA—STAGING INS—INSTALLATION ENR—ENROUTE POR—PORT GRO—GROUNDED CAD
AIRCRAFT DISTRIBUTION OFFICE: A.F.M.M. & D. PATTERSON FIELD, OHIO FORM 888 1109

PLANE	A.C. SERIAL NO.	OTHER SERIAL	STATUS	DATE REPORTED
B-24M	44-50390			

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:

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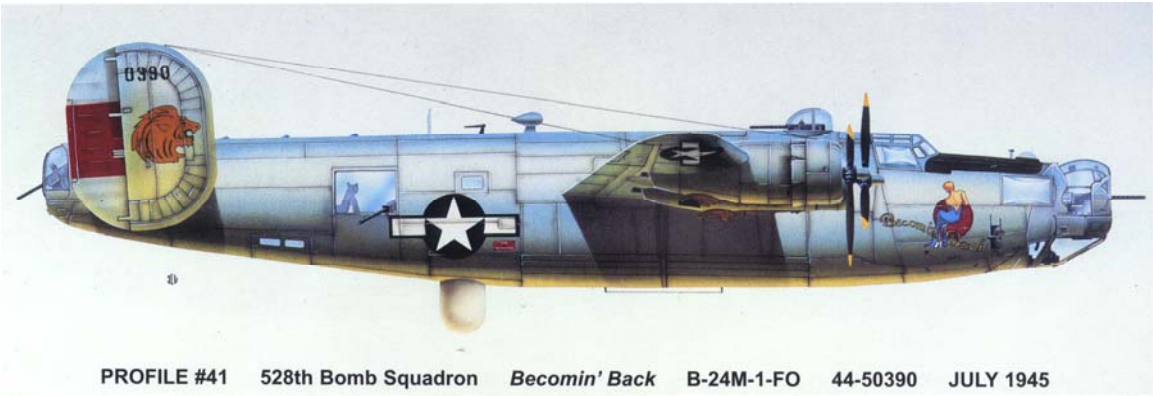


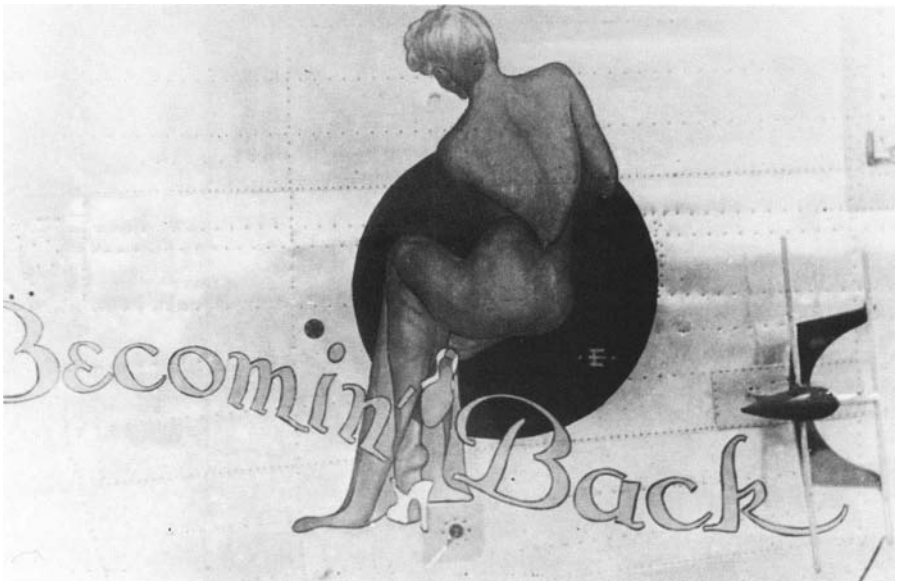
Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest.*

#390 *Becomin Back* survived the intense flak of 18 May 45 over Taichu but would eventually fall victim to it in July.
Clarence Frankford Collection

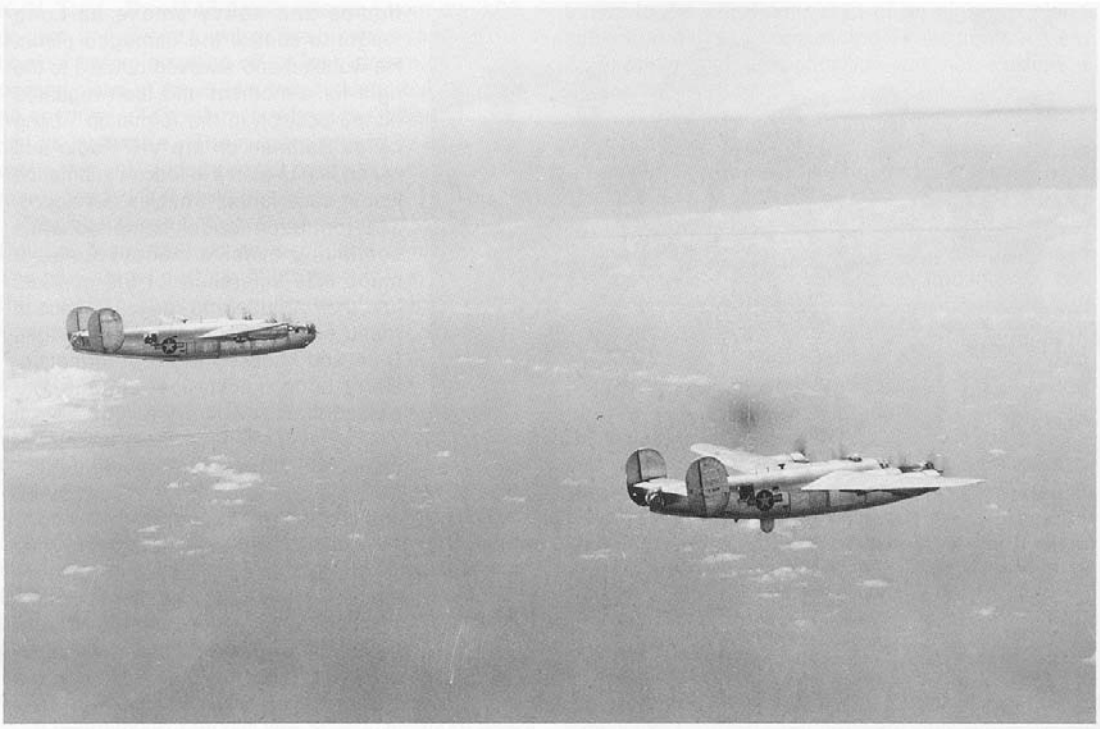
Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 358.

#390 *Becomin' Back* was another of artist, Dick Ebbeson's masterpieces. Note the "-E-" in the colored disc, its Ebbeson's "signature."
Clyde Osborn Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 397.



Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 99.



A very unique photograph depicting the last two Circus B-24s lost in combat. On the left is Harry Long's #329 lost over Saigon 12 June 45, while on the right is #390 *Becomin' Back*, lost 12 July 45 with the 528th's C.O, Ken Dyson.
Lee Brissey Collection

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*, p. 374.

MISSION RECORD

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SQDN ASSGD 528 **MFR** Ford-Willow Run **M#** 390

LOCATION: Philippines

NOTES:

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	04/22/1945	112-E1	Strike	Shipping, Saigon, Indo China	12	Cox	528	Henry Crew
2	04/26/1945	116-E2	Strike	Saigon Docks, Indo China	12	Dyson	528	Henry Crew
3	04/28/1945	118-E2	Strike	Okayama A/D, Formosa	8	Rice	528	
4	04/30/1945	120-E6	Strike	Okayama A/D, Formosa	37	Mansfield	529	
5	05/03/1945	123-E2	Strike	Saigon Oil and Shipyards, Indo China	12	Dyson	528	Henry Crew
6	05/06/1945	126-E2	Strike	Matsuyama A/D, Formosa	8	Rice	528	
7	05/14/1945	134-E2	Strike	Hosan Town, Formosa	Mix	G. Cox	529	
8	05/15/1945	135-E2	Strike	Shinchiku A/D, Formosa	16	Spencer	528	
9	05/17/1945	137-E2	Strike	Matsuyama A/D, Formosa	15	Sullivan	528	
10	05/18/1945	138-E2	Strike	Taichu A/D, Formosa	5	Kunz	528	
11	05/19/1945	139-E2	Strike	Kiirun Docks, Formosa	12	Spencer	528	Henry Crew

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12	05/22/1945	142-E2	Strike	Kiirun Stores, Formosa	15	Tate	528	Sullivan Crew
13	05/30/1945	150-E2	Strike	Takao A/A, Formosa	40	Chandler	528	
14	05/31/1945	151-E2	Strike	Taihoku, Formosa	17	Corrado	528	
15	06/22/1945	173-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	17	Corrado	528	Abort, Instruments Out
16	06/24/1945	174-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	13	D'Alessandro	528	
17	06/25/1945	176-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	Mix	Dyson	528	
18	06/26/1945	177-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	13	D'Alessandro	528	
19	06/27/1945	178-E2	Strike	Balikpapan, Borneo	7	Moran	528	
20	06/28/1945	179-E2	Strike	Sepenggang A/D, Balikpapan	4	Boeshaar	528	

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21	06/30/1945	181-E2	Strike	Balikpapan, Borneo	28	Erwin	528	
22	07/01/1945	182-E2	Strike	Ground Support, Balikpapan Invasion	21	Rupp	528	
23	07/05/1945	186-E1	Strike	Toyohara A/D, Formosa	26	Flint	528	
24	07/07/1945	188-E2	Strike	Matsuyama A/D, Formosa	21	Rupp	528	
25	07/12/1945	193-E2	Strike	Toshien Oil Storage, Formosa	23	Dyson	528	Shot Down, Anti-Aircraft, McGuire Crew
								Shot Down, Anti-Aircraft, Crashed at Sea