

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 168

SERIAL NO.:	<u>44-50396</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>POM POM EXPRESS</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24M-1-FO</u>	MFR:	<u>Ford-Willow Run</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>5251</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u></u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u></u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u></u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>12/27/1944</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>St Paul</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>12/23/1944</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>02/03/1945</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:	<u></u>	DESTINATION:	<u>Nadzab</u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/531</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>04/1945</u>
STATION:	<u>Murtha Strip, Mindoro</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>04/14/1945</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Carabao Island, Manila Bay</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>34 PH</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>10/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>ACFH-RFC</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u></u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>10/25/1945</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>Kingman</u>

NOTES: Horton, *BEST IN THE SOUTHWEST*, pp. 300, 461, claims this aircraft was also named BIG ASS BIRD III. No pictures of this nose art are available. Another such nose art is a B-24J assigned to the 90th Bomb Group.

AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

Serial No.: 44-50396

Nose Art: POM POM EXPRESS

Model: B-24M-1-FO

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MAINTENANCE CREW

Serial No.: 44-50396

Nose Art: POM POM EXPRESS

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	SSN	Rank	Name
Crew Chief(s):	17037379	M/Sgt	Robert S. Christison

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

Notes:

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Source: <http://www.b24bestweb.com/pompomexpress.htm>.

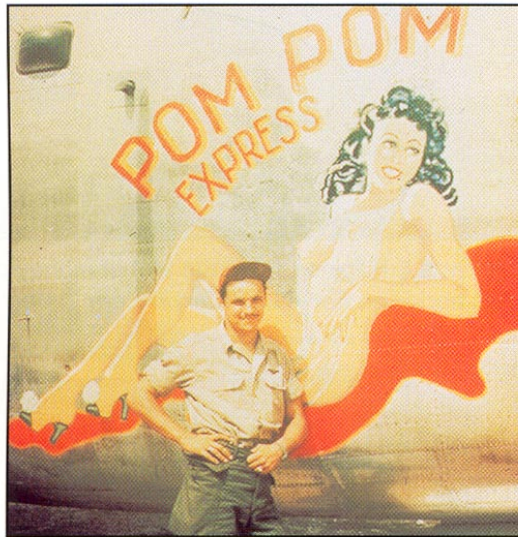


The 531st's Pom Pom Express, a late war B-24M-FO.
John Campbell Archives

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.

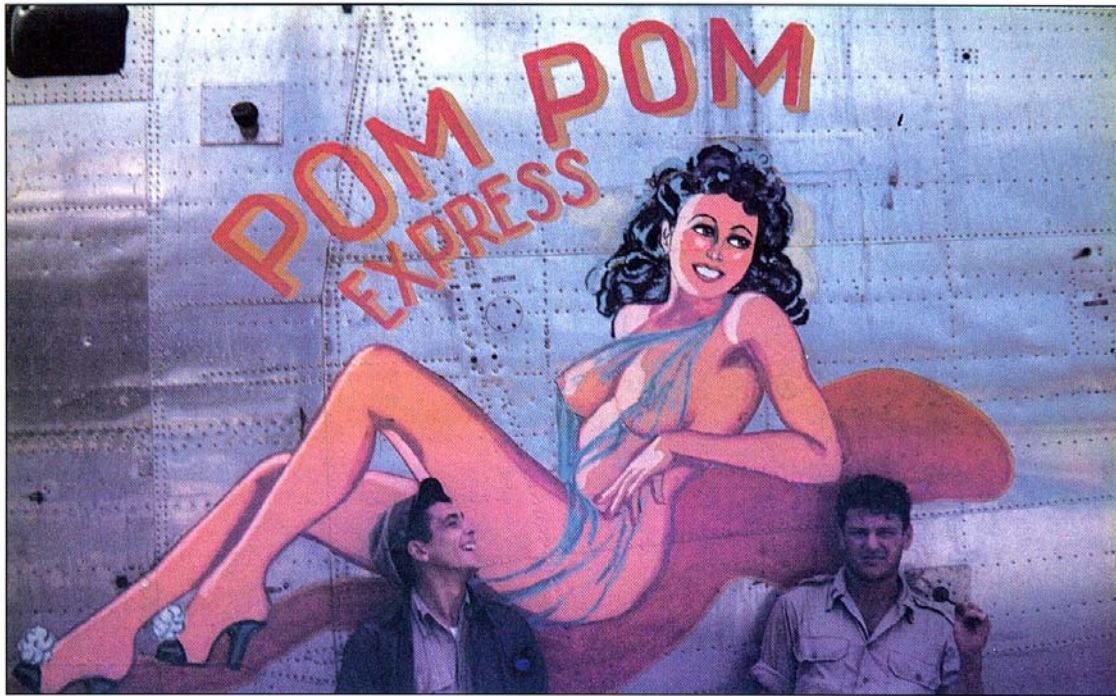


Source: Horton/Horton, *King of the Heavies*, p. 153



Another shot of the photogenic *Pom Pom Express*.
John Campbell Archives

Source: Horton, *Best in the Southwest*.



Pom Pom was a local [Mindoro] euphemism for sexual intercourse. The artist was a Filipino that made alot of money painting for the 531st. Other examples included *Bachelor's Brothel*, *Atomic Blonde* and *Free For All !!*, *Marvin Kern Collection*

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest.



Source: Unknown.

MISSION RECORD

SN 44-50396 **NOSE ART** POM POM EXPRESS **MODEL** M-1-FO

SQDN ASSGD 531 **MFR** Ford-Willow Run **M#** 396

LOCATION: Philippines

NOTES: _____

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	04/14/1945	104-E2	Strike	Carabao Island, Manila Bay	95	Connaughton	531	
2	04/15/1945	105-E1	Strike	Shinshoshi A/D, Formosa	Mix	VanPelt	531	
3	04/16/1945	106-A9	Strike	Taihoku Town, Formosa	86	Brasfield	531	
4	04/17/1945	107-A2	Strike	Shinshoshi A/D, Formosa	95	Biggs	531	Abort, Runaway Propeller
5	04/19/1945	109-E2	Strike	Shinchiku A/D, Formosa	77	Forssell	531	
6	04/20/1945	110-E1	Strike	Shipping, Saigon, Indo China	86	Brasfield	531	
7	04/25/1945	115-E2	Strike	Saigon Docks, Indo China	63	Brissey	530	Udall Crew
8	04/28/1945	118-E16	Strike	Takao A/D, Formosa	77	Forssell	531	
9	05/01/1945	121-E2	Strike	Kagi Town, Formosa	91	Blum	531	
10	05/04/1945	124-E2	Strike	Saigon Oil and Shipyards, Indo China	44	Edminster	529	

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11	05/08/1945	128-E2	Strike	Coastal Bridges, Indo China	82	Hulsey	531	
12	05/10/1945	130-E2	Strike	White Cloud SAT A/D, Canton	91	Blum	531	
13	05/13/1945	133-E2	Strike	Coastal Bridges, Indo China	90	Garn	531	Goode Crew
14	05/18/1945	138-E2	Strike	Taichu A/D, Formosa	102	Wilson	531	
15	05/24/1945	144-E3	Strike	Ground Support, Lal-Lo, Luzon	90	Garn	531	Goode Crew
16	05/26/1945	146-E2	Strike	Tuguegarao A/D, Luzon	82	Hulsey	531	
17	05/28/1945	148-E2	Strike	Phan Rang Area, Indo China	91	Blum	531	
18	05/30/1945	150-E2	Strike	Takao A/A, Formosa	90	Garn	531	Goode Crew

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SQDN ASSGD 531 MFR Ford-Willow Run M# 396

LOCATION: Philippines

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19	05/31/1945	151-E2	Strike	Taihoku, Formosa	117	Wylie	531	
20	06/01/1945	152-E2	Strike	Takao Town, Formosa	91	Blum	531	
21	06/02/1945	153-E2	Strike	Hozan Gas Plant, Formosa	Mix	Hulsey	531	
22	06/03/1945	154-E2	Strike	Hozan Gas Plant, Formosa	77	Forssell	531	
23	06/12/1945	163-E2	Strike	Saigon Railroad Yards, Indo China	90	Garn	531	Goode Crew
24	06/13/1945	164-E2	Strike	Toshien Oil Storage, Formosa	91	Blum	531	
25	06/15/1945	166-E2	Strike	Taichu A/D, Formosa	111	Smolek	531	
26	06/16/1945	167-E2	Strike	Kiirun, Formosa	98	Kilbury	531	
27	06/17/1945	168-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	93	Smith	531	

