

DATA SHEET
380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

No. 180

SERIAL NO.:	<u>44-50941</u>	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	<u>"VIRGIN ABROAD"</u>
MODEL:	<u>B-24M-15-FO</u>	MFR:	<u>Ford-Willow Run</u>
		CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	<u>5796</u>
INITIAL MFG DATE:	<u></u>	MFG COMPLETION DATE:	<u></u>
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:	<u></u>	MOD CENTER DATE:	<u>02/20/1945</u>
		MOD CENTER PLACE:	<u>Romulus, MI</u>
USAAF ACCEPTANCE DATE:	<u>02/20/1945</u>		
TO STAGING AREA DATE:	<u>03/26/1945</u>	STAGING PLACE:	<u>Salinas, CA</u>
OVERSEAS FLIGHT DATE:	<u>04/19/1945</u>	DEPARTURE PLACE:	<u>San Francisco, CA</u>
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL DATE:	<u></u>	DESTINATION:	<u></u>
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:	<u></u>	OVERSEAS MOD PLACE:	<u></u>
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>380/529</u>	ASSIGNMENT DATE:	<u>06/1945</u>
STATION:	<u>Murtha Strip, Mindoro</u>		
FIRST MISSION:	<u>06/21/1945</u>	WHERE (1 ST MISSION):	<u>Balikpapan, Borneo</u>
NO. OF MISSIONS:	<u>10 PH</u>	TERMINATION DATE:	<u>12/31/1945</u>
WHY TERMINATED:	<u>Salvaged</u>		
WHERE TERMINATED:	<u></u>		
STRICKEN OFF CHARGE:	<u>02/10/1946</u>	WHERE REMOVED:	<u>UCIP</u>

Notes:

MAINTENANCE CREW

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

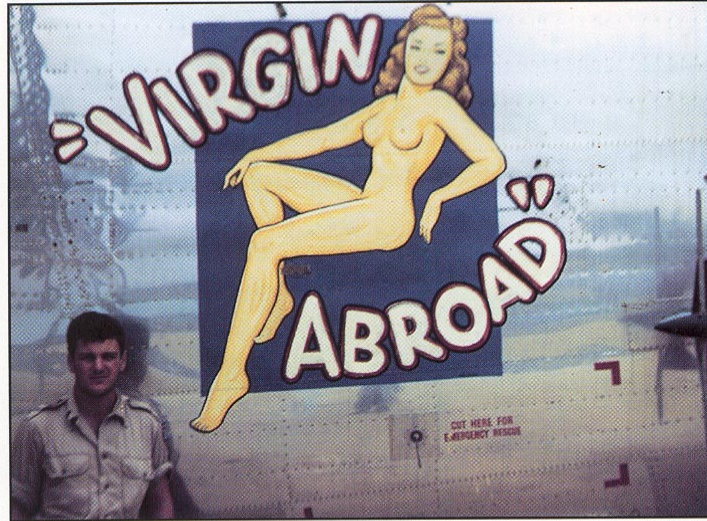
	SSN	Rank	Name
Mechanic(s):			Not Available in Current Records

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"VIRGIN ABROAD"

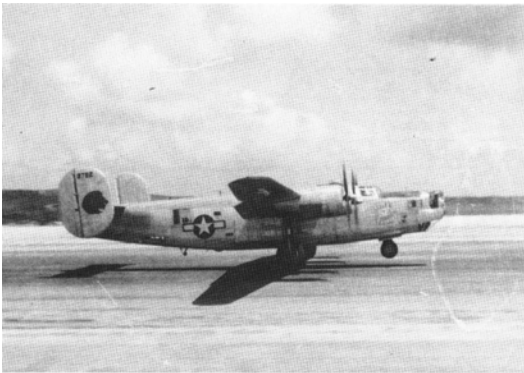
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1/Lt. John Gay's 529th aircraft.
Marvin Kern Collection

Source: Horton/Horton, King of the Heavies, p. 123; Horton, Best in the Southwest.



The 529th's 44-50792 *Virgin Abroad* with its plain rudders,
abbreviated serial and lion's head markings.
David Caldwell Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 443.



Source: George Stevenson Collection.



The 529th's #792 *Virgin Abroad*, a B-24M-10-FO from Willow Run showing the "high hat" top turret, elongated navigator side windows, triangular ones in the bombardier's compartment, Emerson nose turret plus a radar jamming antenna.

Robert Withorn Collection

Source: Horton, Best in the Southwest, p. 468.



Source: Horton/Horton, King of the Heavies, p. 139.

MISSION RECORD

SN 44-50941 **NOSE ART** "VIRGIN ABROAD" **MODEL** M-15-FO

SQDN ASSGD 529 **MFR** Ford-Willow Run **M#** 941

LOCATION: Philippines

NOTES: _____

NO.	DATE (M/D/Y)	MISSION #	MISSION TYPE	TARGET	CREW #	ACFT CMDR	SQDN	RESULTS/NOTES
1	06/21/1945	172-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	57	Hawkey	529	
2	06/22/1945	173-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	51	Deaner	529	
3	06/24/1945	175-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	NL	Selman	529	
4	06/26/1945	177-E2	Strike	Balikpapan Fortifications, Borneo	47	Nakarado	529	
5	06/27/1945	178-E2	Strike	Balikpapan, Borneo	NL	Selman	529	
6	06/29/1945	180-E2	Strike	Balikpapan, Borneo	NL	Kuehn	529	
7	06/30/1945	181-E2	Strike	Balikpapan, Borneo	NL	Selman	529	
8	07/07/1945	188-E2	Strike	Matsuyama A/D, Formosa	51	Deaner	529	

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9	08/14- 15/1945			Transit to Okinawa, Change of Station			529	
10	08/27/1945	239-A2	Recce	Armed Patrol, Japan	54	Jeffery	529	
								Salvaged 12/31/1945