### DATA SHEET 380TH BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT

SERIAL NO.:	2	44-50941	MOST POPULAR NOSE ART NAME:	"VIRGIN ABROAD"
MODEL:	B-2	24M-15-FO	MFR: Fo	ord-Willow Run
			CONTRACTOR'S NO.:	5796
INITIAL MFG DATE:			MFG COMPLETION DAT	E:
FIRST FLIGHT DATE:			MOD CENTER DATE:	02/20/1945
USAAF ACCEPTANCE	E DATE:	02/20/1945	MOD CENTER PLACE:	Romulus, MI
TO STAGING AREA D	ATE:	03/26/1945	STAGING PLACE:	Salinas, CA
OVERSEAS FLIGHT D	ATE:	04/19/1945	DEPARTURE PLACE:	San Francisco, CA
OVERSEAS ARRIVAL	DATE:		DESTINATION:	
MOD COMPLETED OVERSEAS:			OVERSEAS MOD PLACE	:
ASSIGNMENT:		380/529	_ ASSIGNMENT DATE:	06/1945
STATION:	Mur	tha Strip, Mindoro		00/1943
FIRST MISSION:		06/21/1945	WHERE (1 <sup>ST</sup> MISSION):	Balikpapan, Borneo
NO. OF MISSIONS:		10 PH	TERMINATION DATE:	12/31/1945
WHY TERMINATED:		Salvaged		
WHERE TERMINATEI	D:			
STRICKEN OFF CHAR	GE:	02/10/1946	WHERE REMOVED:	UCIP

Notes:

## AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD

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### 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:

# "VIRGIN ABROAD"

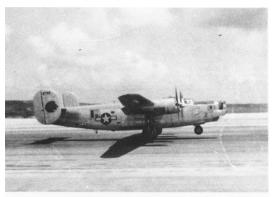
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1/Lt. John Gay's 529th aircraft. *Marvin Kern Collection* 

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 Withom 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