



# B-29 SUPERFORTRESS

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**B-29B-35-BA**

**Unit/Location:** 21th BS/501st BG, Northwest Field/Guam, August 1945

**Code:** 4263640 / Black 29 "The Boomerang"

**Comments:** In the night of 14/15.08.1945 the 315th BW flew the last bombing raid of WW 2. 132 planes attacked Tokyo at night to bomb the Nippon Oil refinery. When the bomber was still two hours away from his home base when President Truman officially radioed the end of the war. The crew around pilot Carl Schafer always carried a real Boomerang with them as a good luck symbol.

view from above

bottom view

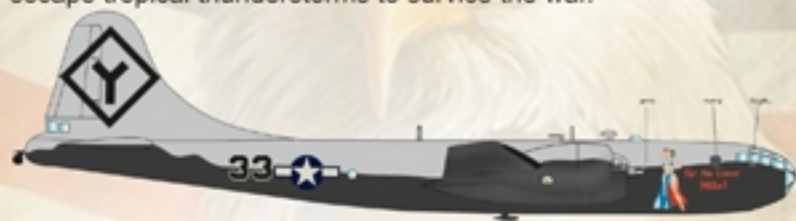
bottom view

■ Matt Black

■ Aluminum



- ② **B-29B-30-BA**  
**Unit/Location:** 21th BS/501st BG, Northwest Field/Guam, June 1945  
**Code:** unknown / Black 33 "For The Luvva Mikel!"  
**Comments:** Flown by Chuck Miller, this B-29B took part on bombing raids on Kawasaki and was more than once lucky to escape tropical thunderstorms to survive the war.



- ③ **F-13A-5-BN**  
**Unit/Location:** 3rd PRS, Harmond Field/Guam, 01.11.1944  
**Code:** 42-93852 / Black F 293852 "Tokyo Rose"  
**Comments:** Commanded by Capt. Ralph D. Steakley, "Tokyo Rode" flew the reconnaissance mission before the first raid on Tokyo after Doolittle's surprise attack in 1942. This raid that followed on 24.11.1944 and was carried out by 111 B-29's was the starting signal for harassing the Japanese mainland from there on until the armistice in August of 1945. Steakley made more than 700 usable photos in 35 minutes over the targets and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for this feat.



- ④ **F-13A-5-BN**  
**Unit/Location:** 3rd PRS, Harmond Field/Guam, July 1945  
**Code:** 42-94114 / Black 4114 "Wild Westy's Wabbits"  
**Comments:** The 3rd PRS was actually based on Saipan, before they moved to Guam later on. The approx. ten planes of this unit identified bombing targets and performed post-strike damage assessments, flying as lone planes without any fighter escort. Commanded by George L. Westenberger, between 10.04. and 28.07.1945 the crew carried out their missions mainly over Japan.



- ⑤ **B-29B-40-BA**  
**Unit/Location:** 355th BS/331stst BG, Northwest Field/Guam, August 1945  
**Code:** 42-63640 / Black 4 "Salome!"  
**Comments:** "Salome", commanded by Clark B. van Deusen, had an impressive scoreboard with dates below the cockpit, indicating no fewer than 7 raids between 19.07 an 14.08.1945.

