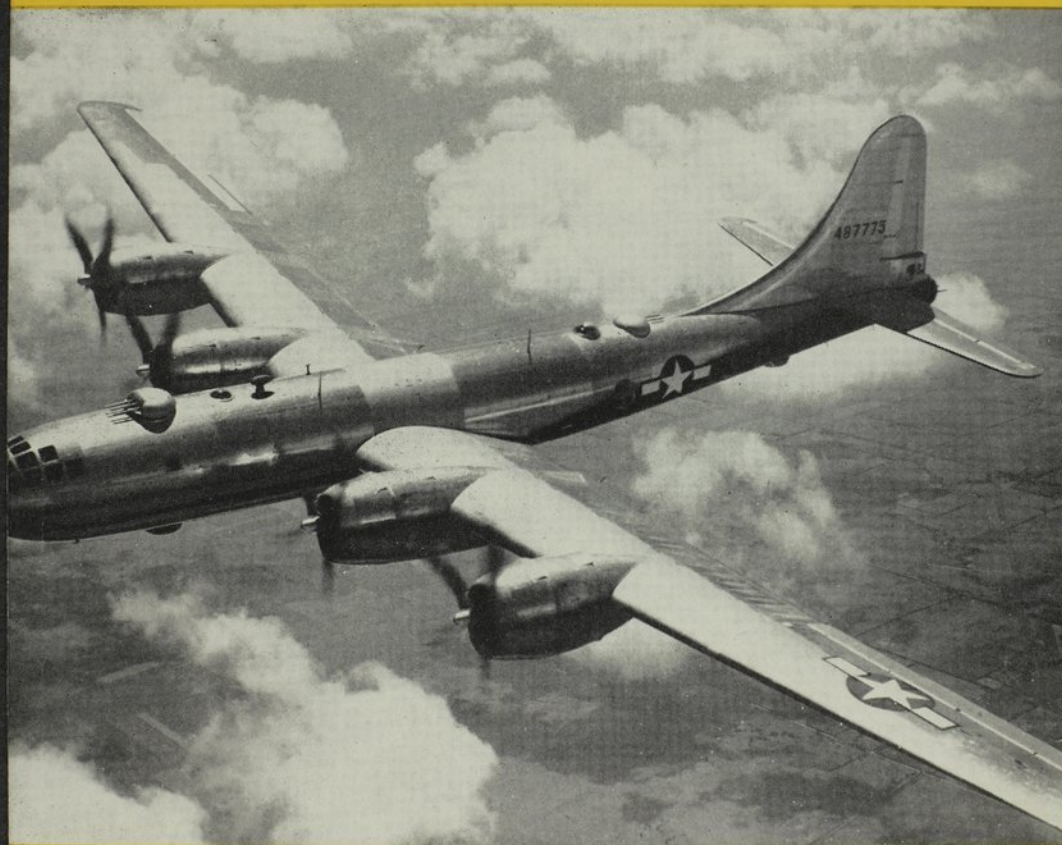


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THE COVER

A B-29 Superfortress built in Kansas. The Wichita plant of the Boeing Airplane Company turned out the first production model of the B-29, all the Superforts participating in the early raids on Japan, and the majority of those sent into combat in the Pacific War Theater. Of the 3,888 Superfortresses built by all factories, 1,644 were Wichita made. Photographs through the courtesy of Boeing-Wichita.