



T-Time before
with Crew ~~1~~ on
the orders.

W01F, A1611, 11/01/04

0094258, Trees#3-new_003

T-Time's Demise
A Night fighter ran its
right prop up her right
wing.

W01F, A1611, 11/01/04

0094258, Trees#2-4x_002

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Tom,

More very interesting stuff!

There is strong circumstantial evidence indicating that T-TIME was B-24D-53 CO 42-40362, P in 406th/858th during 1944 then F in 856th when it appeared again in Feb 45 on the Harrington Operations Log. Here is that "evidence":

It was flown by the McCormick crew six times between 24 Feb and 5 Mar 45

It is one of only five B-24Ds in Part II of the 492nd BG Monthly Inventory Reports of Aircraft as of both 6 Apr (shown erroneously on the form as Mar) and 6 May 1945:

42-40362 F 856th (recorded with ATC 7 Apr 45)
42-40992 H 856th THE RED BALL EXPRESS (recorded with ATC 7 Apr 45)
42-63775 L 856th (at Carnaby, Yorkshire, under repair 27 Mar - 23 Apr 45)
42-63786 G 856th (probably still at Watton for repair of battle damage - it appeared in Part II of the Inventories as of 6 Feb and 6 Mar 45)
42-63980 B 856th PLAYMATE (it is reasonable to think that this, too, was probably recorded with ATC 7 Apr 45 but I have not seen anything to confirm this)

Two can be accounted for otherwise, leaving 42-40362, 42-40992 and 42-63980 as those probably flown out east under ATC Orders to the 14th AF. Two C-47s (42-23639 and 42-23505) are in Part II of the Inventory as of 6 May 45 but I think both might have been on the Continent.

T-TIME displays 67 combat operations/missions symbols I have traced 42-40362 on 62 operations plus 2 scrubbed between 5 Apr 44 and 24 Mar 45. A few of these in Sep 44 might have been gasoline truckin' operations for which sortie credits were not given but 42-40362 also flew combat operations prior to Apr 44 of which I have no record.

If the third aircraft was 42-40362, the collision on the ground with the Northrop P-61 Black Widow did not cause irreparable damage because the aircraft returned to Harrington from where it was redeployed to the ZI on 9 Jul 45.

Other crews that flew 42-40362 most frequently were Prather (15 times) and Munn (11 times). Are there any survivors who might be able to confirm that its name was T-TIME and that its radio call letter was P throughout 1944 and F in 1945?

All the best,

Tom.

Dans un e-mail daté du 26/11/2004 18:53:36 Romance Standard Time,
webmaster@carpetbaggerops.org a écrit :

> Si,
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> Delighted to receive your latest mailing including the orders and pics of
> the Fowke crew. Brad and I knew of these missions, but never could find much on
> microfilm or at NARA. Tom Brittan believed at least two B24s were sent to
> the PTO, this document seems to indicate the number was three, unless one of
> the planes was a C47. Will scan items and have the pics out to all later this
> afternoon.
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> All The Best,
> TE, ret.
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Tom:

I cannot thank you enough for the summaries concerning the B-24 Liberators 42-40362 and 42-94819. Please rest assured that the information you sent to me is a most welcome addition to my project. To say the least, I'm impressed with your thoroughness. Of course, I appreciate your kindness.

In recognition of your kindness, I want to sent to you several things for your information and photographic database. Please be informed that when I first started my book project that is entitled, "Famous Aircraft of Searcy Field", I had the pleasure of meeting a veteran of the 479th Antisubmarine Group over the Internet. He was assigned to the 4th Antisubmarine Squadron and was a crewmember of the B-24D 42-40362 when it was named "Jug Haid". Please find enclosed as an attachment a scan of his crew in front of their aircraft "Jug Haid". I hope that you enjoy the photograph!

THANKS, again, for your help. Please take care and have a GREAT holiday season!

FAIR WINDS,

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