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Squadron:	566TH
Serial:	42-40506
Model:	D
Series:	65
Plant:	Consolidated -- San Diego
Completed:	17-Mar-43
AOS:	16-Jun-43
Missions:	42
Aborts:	3



***Pictured:** 566th Officer John Driscoll -- Photo most likely taken in late March or early April of 1944 (B24 Best Web)*

Serial/Name Link: No definite picture to serial connection, but numerous circumstantial links point to 42-40506 being FIGHTIN' SAM. Per Earl Wescott of the Neef crew, 42-40506 was not named FIGHTIN' SAM when they last saw it after the July 12, 1943.

Date:	Pilot:	Event/Mission:	Notes:
17-Mar-43	----	San Diego, CA	Completed at Consolidated -- San Diego, CA
22-Apr-43	???	Tucson, AZ	Arrived at Tucson
20-May-43	???	Palm Springs, CA	Arrived at Palm Springs
21-May-43	???	Lowry Field	Arrived at Lowry Field
2-Jun-43	???	Lincoln, NE	Arrived at Lincoln
13-Jun-43	Neef	Dow Field, ME	Departed for England
16-Jun-43	----	UGLY	Arrived over seas
1-Jul-43	Neef	Hethel	Departed with aircraft for North Africa
9-Jul-43	Neef	Maleme, Crete	1st Combat Mission
11-Jul-43	Neef	Reggio, Italy	2nd Combat Mission
12-Jul-43	Neef	Reggio, Italy	3rd Combat Mission -- Hit by AAA over Reggio, forced to divert to Malta -- None wounded
1-Aug-43	----	Malta	Unavailable for Campina, was being repaired in Cairo, Egypt area.
26-Aug-43	Conroy	Bengasi	Departed with aircraft for Hethel
15-Sep-43	Fletcher	St. Andre	4th Combat Mission
16-Sep-43	Conroy	Hethel	Departed with aircraft for North Africa
21-Sep-43	Mason	Leghorn, Italy	5th Combat Mission
24-Sep-43	Mason	Pisa, Italy	6th Combat Mission
1-Oct-43	Mason	Wiener-Neustadt	7th Combat Mission
4-Oct-43	Conroy	Tunis	Departed with aircraft for Hethel
8-Oct-43	Mason	Veogesack, Ger.	8th Combat Mission
3-Nov-43	Mason	Wilhelmshaven, Ger.	9th Combat Mission
13-Nov-43	Mason	Bremen, Germany	10th Combat Mission
16-Nov-43	Fletcher	Rjukan, Norway	11th Combat Mission -- Aborted
18-Nov-43	Wambold	Oslo, Norway	12th Combat Mission
26-Nov-43	Mason	Bremen, Germany	13th Combat Mission
1-Dec-43	Wambold	Solingen, Ger.	14th Combat Mission
11-Dec-43	Martin	Emden, Ger.	15th Combat Mission
13-Dec-43	Colby	Kiel, Germany	16th Combat Mission
16-Dec-43	Laurens	Bremen, Germany	17th Combat Mission
20-Dec-43	Lambert	Bremen	18th Combat Mission
22-Dec-43	Martin	Osnabruck, Ger.	19th Combat Mission
24-Dec-43	Martin	Eclimeuax, Fra.	20th Combat Mission
5-Jan-44	Manolakos	Kiel, Germany	21st Combat Mission
7-Jan-44	Wambold	Ludwigshaven, Ger.	22nd Combat Mission
11-Jan-44	Wambold	Braunschweig, Ger.	23rd Combat Mission
14-Jan-44	Getty	NO BALL	24th Combat Mission
21-Jan-44	Martin	NO BALL	25th Combat Mission
29-Jan-44	Martin	Frankfurt, Ger.	26th Combat Mission
10-Feb-44	Searcy	Gilze-Rijen	27th Combat Mission
12-Feb-44	Blessing	NO BALL	28th Combat Mission
13-Feb-44	Nowak	NO BALL	29th Combat Mission
20-Feb-44	Blessing	Braunschweig, Ger.	30th Combat Mission
5-Mar-44	Blessing	Landes de Bussac	31st Combat Mission
6-Mar-44	VanDyke	Genshagen	32nd Combat Mission -- Aborted
9-Mar-44	VanDyke	Brandenburg	33rd Combat Mission

15-Mar-44	VanDyke	Braunschweig, Ger.	34th Combat Mission
16-Mar-44	Blessing	Friedrichshafen, Ger.	35th Combat Mission
18-Mar-44	Lewis	Friedrichshafen, Ger.	36th Combat Mission
20-Mar-44	Mestemaker	Frankfurt, Ger.	37th Combat Mission
27-Mar-44	Brown	Pau	38th Combat Mission
1-Apr-44	VanDyke	Pforzheim	39th Combat Mission
8-Apr-44	Mestemaker	Braunschweig, Ger.	40th Combat Mission
9-Apr-44	Brown	Tutow	41st Combat Mission -- Aborted
18-Apr-44	Brown	Rathenow	42nd Combat Mission
23-May-44	----	Hethel	Transferred to the 492nd BG The Carpetbaggers
29-May-44	Choper	France	Covert night mission
31-May-44	Bales	France	Covert night mission
31-May-44	Choper	France	Covert night mission
1-Jun-44	Lee	France	Covert night mission
2-Jun-44	Lee	France	Covert night mission
3-Jun-44	Oling	France	Covert night mission
7-Jun-44	Choper	France	Covert night mission
14-Jun-44	Broten	France	Covert night mission
24-Jun-44	???	Harington?	Crashed
31-May-45	----	Harington	Transferred to the 859th BS in the MTO
7-Jun-45	----	China	Stricken
4-Sep-45	----	???	Scrapped

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AIRCRAFT TYPE: B-24D-65 **MANUFACTURE:** CO
Carpetbagger

CONSTRUCTION #: 1583 **SERIES NUMBER:** 24 / 45

DATE BUILT: 17 Mar 43 **DATE ACCEPTED:** 17 Mar 43 **DATE SOC:** 04 Sep 45

AIR FORCE ASSIGNED: 8th **DATE OF SERVICE:** 13 Jun 43 - 03 Jul 43
9th 03 Jul 43 - 25 Aug 43
8th 25 Aug 43 - 19 Sep 43
12th 18 Sep 43 - 03 Oct 43
8th 03 Oct 43 - 31 Mar 45
15th 31 Mar 45 - 07 Jun 45
14th 07 Jun 45 - 04 Sep 45

AIR DIVISION ASSIGNED: 2nd **DATE OF SERVICE:** 13 Jun 43 - 31 Mar 45

COMBAT WING ASSIGNED: 201st **DATE OF SERVICE:** 13 Jun 43 - 13 Sep 43
2nd 13 Sep 43 - 01 May 44
8th AFCC 23 May 43 - 31 Mar 45

GROUP ASSIGNED: 389th BG **DATE OF SERVICE:** 21 May 43 - 01 May 44
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801st BG (P) 23 May 44 - 13 Aug 44
492nd 13 Aug 44 - 31 Mar 45

SQUADRON ASSIGNED: 566th BS **DATE OF SERVICE:** 21 May 43 - 23 May 44
36th BS (P) 23 May 44 - 13 Aug 44
856th 13 Aug 44 - 31 Mar 45

FINAL LOCATION: China

GROUP MARKINGS: Circle C 25 Aug 43
SQUADRON MARKINGS: RR 15 Mar 44
A/C I.D. MARKINGS: A + **MARKINGS ASSIGNED:** 13 Jun 43
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AIRCRAFT NAME (S): Fighting Sam

#	DATE	MISSION	PILOT	COMMENTS
--	17 Mar 43	Airfield Location: Tucson, AZ		Modification center
--	22 Apr 43	Airfield Location: Palm Springs		
--	20 May 43	Airfield Location: Lowry AAF, CO		
--	21 May 43	Airfield Location: Lincoln, NE		
--	02 Jun 43	Airfield Location: Dow Field, ME		
--	13 Jun 43	Langford Lodge, Northern Ireland		8th AF modification center
--	22 Jun 43	Airfield Location: Hethel, England		
--	03 Jul 43	Airfield Location: Benghazi, Libya (Berka 10)	Conroy, T.C.	
--	01 Aug 43	Ploesti, Romania - oil production		
--	25 Aug 43	Airfield Location: Hethel, England		
--	19 Sep 43	Airfield Location: Massicault, Tunisia		
--	03 Oct 43	Airfield Location: Hethel, England		
--	23 May 44	Harrington, UK		
--	29 May 44	Digger 33, France - SOE Ops	1st Lt Choper, E.	Aborted: unable to locate drop zone - leaflets dropped: Vaiges, Chann, Dourfront
--	31 May 44	Stationer 127, France - SOE Ops	1st Lt Bales, W.L.	Aborted: compass failure
--	31 May 44	Percy 1A, France - SOE Ops	1st Lt Choper, E.	Aborted: compass failure
--	01 Jun 44	France - SOE Ops	Lt Lee, C.D.	Aborted
--	02 Jun 44	Digger 31, France - SOE Ops	Lt Lee, C.D.	Leaflets dropped: Parthenay, Domfort, Chemille
--	03 Jun 44	Ventrioloquist 6A, France - SOE Ops	Lt Oling, J.J.	Leaflets dropped: Ducques, Chauvigny, Nogent, Chatiloue, Cambreur
--	07 Jun 44	Scientist 95A, France - SOE Ops	1st Lt Choper, E.	Leaflets dropped: Dinan, Eoran - containers not dropped at primary

#	DATE	MISSION	PILOT	COMMENTS
14 Jun 44		Harry 21, France - SOE Operations	2nd Lt Broten, J.O.	due to no signal
24 Jun 44		Harrington, UK		Leaflets dropped: Tlougonder
31 Mar 45		to MTO		Crashed - repaired
07 Jun 45		China		Stricken
04 Sep 45		Scrapped		



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