

LEAD GROUP 1ST "A" CBW

16 August 1944

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|                                  |                              |                                  | F-12<br>Hunter<br><u>Lowe, J.D.</u><br>7975-P PFF |  |                                |  | Area A<br>Chase<br><u>Bestervelt</u><br>7562-D PFF |
|                                  |                              | C-5<br><u>Wheeler</u><br>2600-Z  |   |  |                                |  |  |
|                                  | C-5<br><u>Mann</u><br>8164-H |                                  |   |  |                                |  | C-7<br><u>Nelson</u><br>8147-L                     |
| C-4<br><u>Atkinson</u><br>7214-V |                              | C-3<br><u>Cummings</u><br>8126-J |   |  |                                |  | C-2<br><u>Rogers</u><br>2592-G                     |
|                                  |                              | F-1<br><u>Boehme</u><br>7103-A   | F-4<br><u>Cobb</u><br>7150-K                      |  | C-8<br><u>Fritog</u><br>2519-A |  |  |
|                                  |                              |                                  |   |  | F-8<br><u>Payne</u><br>7810-S  |  |  |

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|                                 |                                |                                | B-8<br><u>Latson</u><br><u>Durtschi</u><br>8086-C. |  |                                     |                               |                                |
|                                 |                                | B-4<br><u>Magnan</u><br>7825-J |  |  | B-3<br><u>Novak</u><br>8075-A       |                               |                                |
|                                 | B-2<br><u>Foster</u><br>7789-H |                                |  |  |                                     | B-6<br><u>Engel</u><br>2570-F |                                |
| B-1<br><u>Kaufman</u><br>2469-Q |                                | B-1<br><u>Lee</u><br>2568-N    |  |  | B-3<br><u>Sleaman</u><br>2562-G     |                               | B-2<br><u>Jordan</u><br>7982-K |
|                                 |                                | F-8<br><u>Evans</u><br>7337-R  | F-9<br><u>Brown</u><br>2610-Y                      |  | F-6<br><u>Hershberger</u><br>7387-H |                               |                                |

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|                                   |                                   |                                   | D-3<br><u>Arlin</u><br><u>Genung</u><br>8129-A |  |                                |                                    |                                |
|                                   |                                   | D-10<br><u>Cucco</u><br>7385-X    |  |  | D-6<br><u>Binger</u><br>2565-M |                                    |                                |
|                                   | D-7<br><u>Davis, JA</u><br>7874-W |                                   |  |  |                                | D-8<br><u>Farnsworth</u><br>7338-C |                                |
| D-7<br><u>Taylor, R</u><br>8172-P |                                   | D-5<br><u>Stallcup</u><br>8064-H  |  |  | D-8<br><u>Brown</u><br>2596-N  |                                    | C-6<br><u>Marias</u><br>2418-M |
|                                   |                                   | F-4<br><u>Clark</u><br>7183-J     |  |  |                                | B-5<br><u>Lassegard</u><br>6083-V  |                                |
|                                   |                                   | C-6<br><u>Luckhardt</u><br>7249-P |  |  | C-4<br><u>Fields</u><br>2507-F |                                    |                                |

Lead Spare- 7078-U Hanger B.

Briefing 0345  
Stations 0515

Engines 0545  
Taxi 0555

Take-Off 0610

Mission No. 15

# **398<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Formation Charts**

## **Captain Alan A. Arlin Diary Charts**

### **398th Mission Formation Chart** **16 August 1944 to Delitzsch, Germany**

The Arlin Formation Chart appears to be identical to the transcribed Planned Formation Chart. It is believed that the Arlin chart was the one handed out to the pilots at briefing and is also in the 398th records. It should be noted that there are many misspellings and errors in pilots names and aircraft numbers, for example Kaufman did not fly in 2469-Q, Newman did. These have been corrected in the transcribed Planned Formation Chart.

# **398<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Formation Charts**

## **Captain Alan A. Arlin Diary Charts**

The preceding 398<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Formation Chart was included in Captain Alan A. Arlin's Diary. Captain Arlin was in the 398<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, 601<sup>st</sup> Squadron.

It is believed that Captain Arlin retyped these charts, perhaps from a copy that was handed to the pilots at morning briefing. This judgment is based on a match between the typewriter font for his diary and the formation charts. Occasionally he may have added some information to his charts. In fact, he did add his personal mission number to the lower right hand corner.

His charts are the same or similar to the Planned Formation Chart in the microfilmed 398<sup>th</sup> records and are different than the After Assembly or Over Target Formation Charts. The following list of Captain Arlin's missions can help identify target names for the various Captain Arlin Formation Charts.

### **List of Captain Alan A. Arlin's Diary Formation Charts**

1. May 19, 1944 - Berlin, Germany
2. May 20, 1944 - Villacoublay, France
3. May 24, 1944 - Berlin, Germany
4. May 30, 1944 - Dessau, Germany
5. June 2, 1944 - Palaiseau, France
6. June 8, 1944 - Tours, France
7. June 20, 1944 - Hamburg, Germany
8. June 24, 1944 - Belloy-sur-Somme, France
9. June 27, 1944 - Biennais, France
10. July 6, 1944 - Cauchie D'Ecques, France
11. July 13, 1944 - Munich, Germany
12. August 1, 1944 - Villaroche, France
13. August 3, 1944 - Saarbrücken, Germany
14. August 11, 1944 - Brest, France [Arlin Mission but no Formation Chart not in Diary]
15. August 16, 1944 - Delitzsch, Germany
16. August 26, 1944 - Gelsenkirchen, Germany
17. Sept 5, 1944 - Ludwigshafen, Germany
18. Sept. 13, 1944 - Lutzkendorf, Germany
19. Sept. 28, 1944 - Magdeburg, Germany
20. Oct. 5, 1944 - Cologne, Germany [Arlin Chart very different than 398<sup>th</sup> Formation Chart]
21. Oct. 26, 1944 -Munster, Germany
22. Nov. 4, 1944 - Harburg, Germany
23. Nov. 10, 1944 - Cologne, Germany
24. Dec. 5, 1944 - Berlin, Germany
25. Dec. 15, 1944 - Kassel, Germany
26. Dec. 29, 1944 - Bingen, Germany
27. Jan 3, 1945 - Cologne, Germany
28. Jan. 10, 1945 - Ostheim, Germany
29. Jan. 21, 1945 - Aschaffenburg, Germany