

398th Bombardment Group Formation Chart

Mission 42: 4 July 1944 - Target Attacked: Tours, France Over Target

Lead Group 1st "A" CBW		XX	4 July 1944		
Squadron Leader					
		Lovellace 2599-U	Rice-Baker Dep Lead 2600-Z		
	Hornshuh 7385-X			Alhadeff 7249-P	
Darner 7401-T	Farnsworth 2607-F		Folger 2507-N	Menzel 2519-A *	
	Heintzelman 7098-Y				
	Weekly 2445-R	McCarty 7509-J			

Low Group 1st "A" CBW		ALLEN			
Squadron Leader					
		Dollar 2506-L	Hough 2543-B		
	Lassegard 2570-F			Roderick 2593-C *	
Gallagher 2476-B	Fahrenheit 7138-T		Rudow 7387-H	Boehme 2511-P	
	Scott 7053-M				
	Howden 7317-P	Nisewonger 7789-H			

Take Off 0415-0445

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Lead XX A/C 7114-L Douglas-Simeral engine caught fire. A/C abandoned and crashed in County of Sussex. Personnel parachuted to safety.

Bombardier Lt. Max Ralthe of A/C 2600-Z Dep Leader Rice-Baker now became Lead Bombardier for the Lead Group (PDF 0738,item 3). No data could be found that Rice-Baker in A/C 2600-Z in original Deputy Lead position in Lead Group actually moved to lead of lead element Lead Group. However, it is highly likely that Rice Baker would move to leader since they were Deputy Leader on assembly and the lead position vacant. Also checked whether Alhadeff in 7249-F moved to lead element. No evidence that he moved. Thus the chart was drawn as is, but it is most likely Rice-Baker moved up to lead position.

Primary and secondary target completely covered. No bombs dropped (PDF 0722).

J Form PDF 0733: A/C per squadron

Lead 600: 7114-L, 2599-U, 2600-Z, 7249-P, 2507-N, 2519-A
601: 7385-X, 7401-T, 2607-F, 7098-Y, 2445-R, 7509-J

Low 602: 2610-Y, 2506-L, 2543-B, 2593-C, 7387-H, 2511-P
603: 2570-F, 2476-B, 7138-T, 7053-M, 7317-P, 7789-H