

Lead Squadron "B" Group

C-3  
 TEMPLEMAN  
 Scott, E.D.  
 M-7975-U PFF

21 November 1944

	F-9 <u>Zimmerman</u> E-8664-P	F-7 <u>Constock</u> E-8652-V	C-5 <u>Hancock</u> <u>Erler</u> M-8164-H	F-6 <u>Evans</u> E-8627-Z
F-9 <u>Petska</u> E-2610-Y	F-8 <u>Kunkel</u> E-7810-S	C-9 <u>Boswell</u> M-7846-T	F-2 <u>Beam</u> E-8274-B	F-10 <u>Shaffer</u> E-8836-T
		F-6 <u>McCormick</u> E-7387-H	F-8 <u>Erickson</u> E-7188-G	

Low Squadron "B" Group

D-2  
Genung  
Brown  
 N-7889-B

	D-3 <u>Rogers</u> N-8463-X	C-8 <u>Hunt</u> M-2519-A	D-1 <u>Prather</u> N-8121-Q	D-5 <u>Blackwell</u> N-8064-H
D-10 <u>Watkins</u> N-7338-C	C-4 <u>Morrison</u> M-2507-F	C-6 <u>Sitler</u> M-2418-M	D-1 <u>Palant</u> N-7080-S	D-5 <u>Curtis</u> N-8708-T
		E-2 <u>Landrum</u> N-7203-Z	D-6 <u>Rolfe</u> N-2596-N	

High Squadron "B" Group

F-1  
Hastings  
Buzza ✓  
 E-8348-A PFF

	B-3 HIT - GOT <u>Hyndman</u> TO FRANCE A-7078-U	B-6 ✓ <u>Lehner</u> A-8671-F	B-8 ✓ <u>Howell</u> A-8086-C	B-2 <u>Johnson</u> A-7982-K
B-4 ABORT <u>Aniello</u> A-7825-J	C-5 <u>Wisner</u> ✓ M-2600-Z	B-4 <u>Spangler</u> A-8091-L	C-1 HIT AT TARGET <u>Stevens</u> M-2390-X	B-8 <u>Smith</u> ABORT A-7977-R
		B-7 ✓ <u>Rich</u> A-7138-T	C-6 <u>Tarr</u> M-7249-P	B-1 <u>Spitzer</u> A-2469-Q

Spares:	Lead F-10	E-7740-Q	PFF	Lead	High Sdn	Lead Sdn	Low Sdn
	C-7	M-8147-L	Briefing	0445	0530	0530	0530
	Reg. B-1	A-6573-N	Stations	0650	0700	0705	0710
	B-6	A-7517-P	Engines	0720	0730	0735	0740
			Taxi	0730	0740	0745	0750
			Take-off	0750	0800	0805	0810
Time on oxygen	5:00						
ETR	1526		Last take-off	0840			

# **398 Bombardment Group Formation Charts**

## **Bob Welty Formation Charts**

### **The Formation Chart Source**

The preceding document is the formation chart for the 398th's deadliest mission - November 21, 1944. These charts were handed out in the morning briefing and told the position of each plane.

It's interesting my Dad, Bob Welty kept this piece of paper. I think these were things you tossed away after the mission was over. It is printed on cheap, pulpy thin paper. I think I've seen only one other flight formation page in his files. But decades later Dad still remembered this mission. It made a lasting impression on him and he would want to keep this with the notes he wrote on it.

Dad's notes tell the fate of some planes in his squadron, the 603rd. Simple check marks indicate planes that didn't make it. Other notes tell of planes aborting or landing on the Continent. Only four planes do not have any checks or notes. These four are the planes that made it back to base.

Scott Welty - April 22, 2009

### **List of Lt. Robert (Bob) Welty's Formation Charts**

1. November 21, 1944