

398th Bombardment Group Formation Chart

Mission 77: 5 September 1944 - Target Attacked: Ludwigshafen, Germany Over Target

"Lead Group 1st ""B"" CBW"
[Lead by 601st]

		BERRY-Arlin 8031-Z (PFF)			
		Curtis 7080-S	Griffith-Dalton 7746-T (PFF)		
Cucco 7889-B			Brown 2596-N		
Blackwell 7385-X	Delancey *7203-Z			Hunt 7401-T	Rogers 7338-C
		Marias 8129-A			
		Controw 7509-J	Sitler 2570-F		

* Crossout of A/C 8064-H DeLancey on original formation chart instead 7203-Z.

"Low Group 1st ""B"" CBW"
[Lead by 600th]

		Bestervelt 7990-P (PFF)			
		Mann 2507-F	Shott 8164-H		
Menzel 8126-J			Slavin 7846-T		
Menard 2487-B	Cummings 7249-P			Armor 2519-A	Atkinson 7317-P
		Ballard 2600-Z			
		*	Matthews 7078-G		

* A/C 42-102562 N7-G Johnson left formation and returned to home base due to internal failure of No. 4 engine. Not a sortie.

"High Group 1st ""B"" CBW"
[Lead by 602nd]

		Ross 2610-Y			
		Doerr 7387-H	Scott 7810-S		
Payne 2568-N			Leukhardt 7150-K		
Connolly 7337-R	Erlor 6083-V			Hershberger 7183-J	Fields 7138-T
		**Evans 7188-G			
		Hall 2469-Q	Griffin 7789-H		

** A/C 42-107188 K8-G Evans left formation and returned to home base due to broken external hydraulic oil line on #4 engine. Was a sortie. However, 7188-G Evans bombed target of opportunity at 49° 00'N 06° 42'E about 1 hour before target. The Over Target formation chart in 398th records show 7188-G Evans in lead position as above. However, given the wording in the Operations Officer's Report quoted above that he left formation seems to imply that he was not. If so, Griffin probably assumed the lead.

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