

Lead Squadron "A" Group

29 December 1944

Bingen

		C-3 PETERSEN ARMOR M-7975-U (PFF)		
	D-1 Marchbanks I-8661-P		L-10 Scorfield Hosman N-8476-A (PFF)	
	L-1 Palant N-8121-C	D-3 Zinter N-8658-A	D-7 Hunt N-8620-F	D-2 Curtis N-7889-B
Magness N-8730-R "B" Monitor		D-8 Watkins N-7338-G	D-7 Sittler N-7874-W	D-5 Taylor N-8064-H "C" Monitor
			F-6 Landrum E-8627-Z	

Low Squadron "A" Group

		C-9 McLaughlin ARMOR M-8483-T (PFF)		
	C-2 Matthews M-2592-G		D-8 Mann N-8363-V	
	F-2 Kenyon E-8754-A	F-10 Hicks E-8836-T	C-4 Pettus M-2507-F	C-6 Cummings M-7249-P
C-6 Runnion M-2418-M		C-5 Riley M-8164-H		C-9 Dean M-6157-V
	C-1 Spornitz M-8564-X		C-7 Beatty M-8853-L	

High Squadron "A" Group

		F-10 Hersberger Erler E-8398-C (PFF)		
	F-6 McCormick E-7387-H		D-10 Van Orsorp N-8031-A	
	F-9 Doerr E-2610-Y	F-8 Abdrako E-7810-S	F-7 Comstock E-8652-V	
F-8 Shaffer E-8811-R "B" Monitor		C-5 Zimmerman M-805-Z	F-9 Erickson E-7188-G	F-5 Petska E-2506-L
	F-3 Beam E-7150-K		F-5 Peters E-8794-J	

	Lead	High Sqdn	Lead Sqdn	Low Sqdn
Briefing	0445	0445	0445	0445
Stations	0630	0640	0640	0640
Engines	0700	0710	0715	0720
Taxi	0710	0720	0725	0730
Take-Off	0730	0740	0745	0750

Last Take-Off _____ Time on Oxygen _____ ETR 1530

398th Bombardment Group Formation Charts

Captain Alan A. Arlin Diary Charts

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