

Lead Squadron "B" Group

C-9  
PETERSEN  
ARLIN  
M-8483\*T PFF GH

21 January 1945

Aschaffenburg

	D-7 <u>Landrum</u> N-8620-F		C-8 Robinson <u>Marchbanks</u> M-8373-K	D-3 <u>Taylor</u> N-8658-A	
D-4 <u>Watkins</u> N-8730-R	B-6 <u>Lewis</u> A-7317-P	D-6 <u>Palant</u> M-2596-N	D-8 Costanzo N-9098-C	D-5 <u>Mills</u> N-8064-H	
D-3 <u>Magness</u> N-7509-J B Monitor	D-5 <u>Bornstedt</u> N-8708-T		D Monitor B-1 <u>Schoen</u> A-8970-A	B-7 <u>Overton</u> A-8631-T	C Monitor

Low Squadron "B" Group

B-5  
 Johnson, T.M.  
Johnston  
 A-8044-X PFF

	C-4 <u>Grinter</u> M-8993-V		C-5 <u>Riley</u> M-8805-Z	B-2 <u>Kenyon</u> A-8951-B	
C-1 <u>Matthews</u> M-8564-X	C-2 <u>Hicks</u> M-2592-G	C-9 <u>Dean</u> M-6157-W	C-6 <u>Hahn</u> M-7249-P	B-3 <u>Lipnick</u> A-8669-G	
C-4 <u>Beatty</u> M-2507-F	C-6 <u>Sheffer</u> M-2519-A		C-5 <u>Shimek</u> M-8853-L		

High Squadron "B" Group

F-7  
 Hancock  
 Hall  
E-8553-Y PFF

	F-10 <u>Laniell</u> E-8836-T		F-6 <u>Kunkel</u> E-8627-Z	F-8 <u>Shaffer, V.S.</u> E-8500-F	
F-7 <u>Comstock</u> E-8652-V	F-1 <u>Jacobs</u> E-8754-A	B-6 <u>Beam</u> A-8864-F	B-4 <u>Shappell</u> A-7825-J	F-6 <u>Schipull</u> E-7387-H	
F-9 <u>Gray</u> E-8664-F B Monitor	F-2 <u>Saferite</u> E-8274-B		F-5 <u>Shaffer, J.T.</u> E-8794-J		
			F-9 <u>Andrako</u> E-7266-G		

Spares; Lead	A-8630-U B-3		Lead	High Sqdn	Lead S	Lo-Sq
	A-8697-M A-3	Briefing	0415	H10415	0415	0415
Reg.	A-7982-K B-2	Stations	0620	0630	0630	0630
	A-6834-H B-1	Engines	0650	0700	0705	0710
		Taxi	0700	0710	0715	0720
		Take-off	0720	0730	0735	0740

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

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

### **398th Mission Formation Chart**

**21 January 1944 to Aschaffenburg, Germany**

Usually there are just a few differences between the planned and over target charts but for this day 21 January 1944, there was a significant difference. See Formation Chart for January 21, 1945 - Over target.

# **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