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## 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 Saarbruken, 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