

# 398<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Formation Chart

## Mission 116: 4 December 1944 - Target Attacked: Soest, Germany Over Target

Lead Squadron "A" Group	MARKLEY 600	4 December 1944
Squadron Leader	McLaughlin	
	7975-U PFF (C-3)	
	Kenyon	Pappas
	2593-C (*)	Mann
Atkinson		8262-H GH(*)
2610-Y (F-9)		Holstead
		8811-R (F-8)
Dean	Sponholtz	Matthews
6157-W (C-9)	8564-X (C-1)	2418-M (C-6)
		Grinter
		8652V(F-7)
	Johnson, J.M.	
	8853-L (C-7)	
	Johnston	Johnson, T.M.
	2507-F (C-4)	8627-Z (F-6)

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Low Squadron "A" Group	MOORE 603	
Squadron Leader	Rehme	
	8214-S PFF (B-5)	
	Aniello	Brandstatter
Johnson W.L.	7825-J (B-4)	8539-W GH (*)
8274-B (F-2)		Spangler
Powell	Lee	8631-T (B-7)
7789-H (B-2)	7977-R (B-8)	Spitzer
		2469-Q(B-3)
		Thomas
		6573N(B-1)
	Smith	
	7374-X (F-7)	
	Steele	Stockman
	7317-P (B-6)	8086-C (B-8)

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High Squadron "A" Group	GENUNG 601	
Squadron Leader	Stallcup	
	8031-K PFF (D-7)	
	Landrum	Hosman
Cucco	8658-A (D-3)	7824-U GH (*)
8620-F (D-10)		Blackwell
Watkins	Rogers	8064-H (D-5)
7338-C (D-8)	8730-R (D-4)	Zinter
		7203-Z (B-2)
		Curtis
		8708-T (D-5)
	Sitler	
	7080-S (D-1)	
	Magness	Palant
	8661-P(D-10)	2596-N (D-6)
		Andrews
		8836-T (F-10)

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Times	Lead	High	Lead	Low	File 484c Roll # 2 PDF 1480-1483
Stations	0645	0655	0700	0705	
Take Off	0745	0755	0800	0805	Prepared by: Tom Brantley Dec 2008

The Deputy lead aircraft in each squadron took over the lead during the bomb run; therefore, The lead and deputy lead aircraft are in reverse order over the target. Source: PDF 1481.

**Thus the above chart shows their positions just before the switch. For example, for the Lead Squadron Pappas-Mann are lead and Markley-McLaughlin are deputy lead when actually over the target.**

Lead 600 A/C loan from 383BG 8262-H:  
 Low 603 A/C loan from 379BG 8539-W  
 High 601 A/C loan from 384BG 7824-U.  
 \* 600-603-601 unreadable