

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

## Mission 56: 28 July 1944 - Target Attacked: Merseburg, Germany Planned

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| Lead Squadron "A" Group<br>[600]  | F-12<br>SIMERAL - Douglas<br>7746-T  | 28 Jul 1944   |
|   | C-3                      F-10<br>Ford                      Bestervelt-Rice<br>2467-J                      7975-P |   |
| C-5<br>Nelson<br>7399-H   |  | C-1<br>Elwood<br>2390-X   |
| C-2                      C-6<br>Fritog                      Wheeler<br>2592-G                      7249-P |  | C-1                      C-2<br>Searl                      Menzel<br>2536-C                      2487-B |
|   | B-1<br>Kaufman<br>2469-Q   |   |
|   | B-6                      B-5<br>Sleaman                      Fisher<br>7977-R                      7078-U        |   |

Note 1: 2469-Q, 7977-R, and 7078-U from 603rd

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| High Squadron "A" Group<br>[601]  | D-7<br>Griffin<br>7874-W  |  |
|   | D-5                      D-1<br>Darner                      Heintzelman<br>7401-T                      7098-Y |  |
| D-10<br>Hornshuh<br>7385-X  |   | D-6<br>Davis<br>2565-M   |
| D-2                      D-3<br>Farnsworth                      Wierney<br>7889-B                      7509-J |   | D-4                      D-8<br>Fairbanks                      McCarty<br>7190-L                      2516-H |
| B-4<br>Durtschi<br>7825-J   |   | D-10<br>Slavin<br>2607-F (Spare)   |
| B-6                      B-3<br>Engel                      Dwyer<br>7214-V                      2579-C        |   |  |

Note 2: 7825-J, 7317-P, and 2579-C from 603rd

Note 3: 2607-F from 600th

Note 4: Heintzelman aircraft 7098-V on original formation chart but 7098-Y on flight log, and after assembly and over target formation charts. Thus changed above to 7098-Y above for accuracy.

Note 5: Engel aircraft 7317-P on original formation chart but 7214-V on flight log, and after assembly and over target formation charts. Thus changed above to 7214-V above for accuracy.

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Low Squadron "A" Group  
[602]"

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
|                             | F-9<br>Allen<br>2610-Y     |                          |
|                             | F-4<br>Clark<br>7183-J     | F-2<br>Woodson<br>2543-B |
| F-8<br>Turner<br>7337-R     |                            | F-6<br>Ryan<br>7387-H    |
| F-7<br>Roderick<br>7374-X   | F-3<br>Dollar<br>2593-C    | F-6<br>Boehme<br>7094-M  |
|                             | B-6<br>Lassegard<br>2570-F | F-7<br>Rudow<br>2597-V   |
|                             |                            | X                        |
| B-7<br>Fahrenheit<br>7138-T | B-5<br>Howden<br>6083-V    |                          |

Note 6: 2570-F, 7138-T, and 6083-B from 603rd"

Note 7: Howden aircraft 6083-B on original formation chart but 6083-V on flight log, and after assembly and over target formation charts. Thus changed above to 6083-V above for accuracy.

Note 8: Aircraft shown as "X" in Ryan element appears to be X'd out in original formation chart and is not shown on After Assembly or Over Target charts.

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|---------|------------------|------------|---------|
| Spares  | B-8              | Times Lead | Regular |
| Lead    | 7223-A           | Briefing   | ?? ??   |
| Regular | 7338-C?      D-6 | Stations   | ?? ??   |
|         |                  | Engines    | ?? ??   |
|         |                  | Taxi       | ?? ??   |
|         |                  | Take-Off   | ?? ??   |
|         |                  | Last T/O   | ?? ??   |

Note 9: Can't read times.

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