

Superfortress B-29 Identification, Groups & Wings

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WWII Superfortress Bomb Wings

- The XXI Bomber Command had the following Bomb Wings:
 - **58th Bomb Wing**
 - 73rd Bomb Wing
 - 313th Bomb Wing
 - 314th Bomb Wing
 - 315th Bomb Wing



Superfortress Bomb Wings

- Each Bomb Wing had Bomb Groups:
 - 58th Bomb Wing – 468th, 462nd, 444th, 40th
 - 73rd Bomb Wing – 50th, 499th, 498th, 497th
 - 313th Bomb Wing – 505th, 504th, 9th, 6th
 - 314th Bomb Wing – 330th, 39th, 29th, 19th
 - 315th Bomb Wing - 502nd, 501st, 331st, 16th

Number of Superfortresses

- Smallest Bomb Group was about 26 Superfortresses
- Largest Bomb Group was about 100 Superfortresses
- Average Bomb Group had 80 Superfortresses
- Total number of Bomb Groups = 20
- Total number of Superfortresses = 1616

How do you identify all these
B-29 Superfortresses?

40th Bomb Group



- Four horizontal stripes high on the vertical stabilizer
 - RED – 25th Bomb Squadron
 - BLUE – 44th Bomb Squadron
 - **YELLOW – 45th Bomb Squadron**
 - BLACK – 395th Bomb Squadron (deactivated in 1944)

444th Bomb Group



- Used a diamond figure on the upper half of the vertical stabilizer, a number to id the airship & a colored band aft of the gun blisters.
 - GREEN – 676th Bomb Squadron
 - YELLOW – 677th Bomb Squadron
 - RED – 678th Bomb Squadron

462nd Bomb Group



- Used solid colored rudders and a large letter identified the individual airship.
 - GREEN – 770th Bomb Squadron
 - YELLOW – 679th Bomb Squadron
 - RED – 768th Bomb Squadron