

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 169

3 June 1944

Target: Gun Emplacements at St. Cecily, France

Crews Dispatched: 21

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 15 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. M-43 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 20,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 140 rounds

A third unopposed mission across the Channel to bomb French coast military installations was made without incident.

Bombing was accomplished using 223 500-lb. G.P. M64 bombs dropped from 20,500 feet. PFF techniques were utilized in the 10/10 cloud cover. Bombardiers were warned about dropping short. All aircraft returned damage-free with no casualties.

The lead navigator commented, "the PFF navigators worked well together and seemed to have this method of bombing quite well perfected." All navigation equipment worked well during the entire mission.

General Eisenhower's letter of 1 June 1944 to the troops prior to D-Day:

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force!

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory!

Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

<u>Stevens</u> 592 PFF				
	<u>Way</u> 037		<u>H. Johnson</u> 002	
		<u>Baker</u> 583		
	<u>Latshaw</u> 086		<u>Ames</u> 739	
	<u>Bastean</u> 432		<u>Moser</u> 272	
<u>Savage</u> 875		<u>C. Johnson</u> 885	<u>Arnold</u> 483	<u>Fackler</u> 050
	<u>Allen</u> 200		<u>Cunningham</u> 076	
<u>Lehmann</u> 423		<u>Gallagher</u> 096	<u>Carpenter</u> 206	<u>Tulloss</u> 781
	<u>Ligino</u> 569		<u>Assenheimer</u> 405	
		<u>Thompson</u> Spare - 496		
			<u>Davis</u> Spare - 154	

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p><u>CREW POSITIONS</u> CMP - Command Pilot P - Pilot CP - Co-Pilot NAV - Navigator ANV - Ass't. Navigator MNV - Mickey Navigator ENG - Engineer BOM - Bombardier RO - Radio Operator</p>	<p>TOG - Togglier BT - Ball Turret Operator TT - Top Turret Operator TG - Tail Gunner NG - Nose Gunner RG - Radio Gunner WG - Waist Gunner LWG - Left Waist Gunner RWG - Right Waist Gunner GUN - Gunner</p>	<p>VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer</p> <p><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war</p>	<p>DOW - Died of wounds EVD - Evaded the enemy INT - Interned in neu cntry REP - Repatriated RES - Rescued ESC - Escaped BO - Bailed out DCH - Ditched CR-L - Crashed on land CR-S - Crashed at sea</p>
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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby*

P	Latshaw, William E., 2Lt
CP	Kirkland, Robert A., F/O
NAV	Ivy, Wallis S., 2Lt
BOM	Doan, Curtis E., 2Lt
ENG	Pickens, Donald E., S/Sgt
RWG	Murphy, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Tidwell, Andrew W., S/Sgt
TG	Hedrick, Warren L., Sgt
BT	Ginn, William E., Sgt
LWG	Miller, Horace J., Sgt

B-17G #42-32037 (No Name)

P	Way, Henry G., 1Lt
CP	Raese, Warren G., 2Lt
NAV	Sigurdson, Elden A., 2Lt
BOM	Bell, Julian P., 2Lt
ENG	Lynam, Stanley A., S/Sgt
TT	Paolino, Vincent C., Sgt
RO	May, James G., S/Sgt
BT	LaFleur, Paul L., Sgt
TG	Parks, Robert E., Sgt
RWG	Manning, Robert L., Sgt

B-17G #42-107002 *Mairzy Doats*

P	Johnson, Harlan J., 2Lt
CP	Wright, Charles E., 2Lt
NAV	Hamilton, Bruce B., 2Lt
BOM	Oyler, William B., F/O
ENG	Braun, Duane M., S/Sgt
RWG	Stidham, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Cottrell, Barton T., Sgt
TG	Buddingh, Frederick, Sgt
BT	George, William R., Sgt
LWG	Ciglar, Joseph, Sgt

B-17G #42-38154 (No Name)

P	Davis, William C., 2Lt
CP	Graham, Edward, Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Hamm, Willard A., 2Lt
BOM	Alderson, Raleigh L., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, Walter K., S/Sgt
RO	Sandler, David L., S/Sgt
BT	Clarke, Kenneth, Sgt
TG	Hiland, Robert L., Sgt
RWG	Roseland, Ralph A., Sgt
LWG	Rogers, Joseph S., Sgt

(Spare-Returned)

B-17G #42-31583 *Clover Leaf*

P	Baker, John M., 2Lt
CP	Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
NAV	Coe, Charles F., 2Lt
BOM	Belles, Frank G., 2Lt
ENG	Kishbaugh, Warren L., S/Sgt
TT	Reichman, Fred P., Sgt
RO	Jennings, Archie R., S/Sgt
BT	Bertasso, Joseph S., Sgt
TG	Peters, Archie D., Sgt
RWG	Parker, Stanton A., Sgt

B-17G #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter*

P	Ames, Walter J., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Satre, Leland H., 2Lt
NAV	Conner, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Ney, Russell L., F/O
ENG	Rodgers, John E., S/Sgt
LWG	Wagner, William H., Sgt
RO	Kustic, Mark S., S/Sgt
BT	Lappo, Teddy, Sgt
TG	Jones, John, Sgt
RWG	Mikola, Robert, Sgt

B-17G #42-97592 PFF (305BG)

P	Stevens, Kermit D., Col
CP	Bordelon, Berton A., 1Lt
NAV	Cromwell, Frederick P., 1Lt
NAV	Merthan, Lawrence C., Capt
BOM	Armstrong, Charles C., Capt
BOM	Clark, James G., 2Lt
ENG	Barker, Forrest, T/Sgt
RO	Fontana, Joseph L., T/Sgt
RWG	Couch, Ted, S/Sgt
BT	Patterson, Harry L., S/Sgt
LWG	Adams, Donald K., S/Sgt
TG	Coons, Charles L., 1Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31483 *Bonnie B*

P	Arnold, William J., 2Lt
CP	Altman, Maurice V., 2Lt
NAV	Claster, Stanley M., 2Lt
BOM	Callahan, Ellsworth D., 2Lt
ENG	Williams, Robert M., S/Sgt
RO	Moreira, Joseph A., S/Sgt
BT	McClure, James D., Sgt
TG	Surrell, John M., Cpl
WG	Lichtenwalter, Ralph W., Cpl

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	Fackler, David E., 1Lt
CP	Paton, Wallace L., 2Lt
NAV	Andreason, Rolf W., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Frank P., 2Lt
ENG	Schlottman, Jerome D., S/Sgt
RO	McLaughlin, William C., S/Sgt
BT	McIntyre, Harold W., S/Sgt
TG	Pohlman, Wilbert F., S/Sgt
LWG	Brewer, Ray, S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97781 *The '8' Ball MK III*

P	Tulloss, John W., 1Lt
CP	London, Walter H., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Hollingsworth, William, 2Lt
BOM	Grove, Terril M., 1Lt
ENG	Robinson, Charles R., T/Sgt
RO	Montgomery, Robert E., T/Sgt
BT	Jenkins, Crawford W., S/Sgt
TG	O'Connor, Julian J., Sgt
WG	Richard, John, Sgt.

B-17G #42-97272 *Duchess' Daughter*

P	Moser, Clinton A., 1Lt
CP	Peterson, Edwin V., 2Lt
NAV	Walsh, Myles J., 1Lt
BOM	Smith, Ralph L., 2Lt
ENG	Duffey, Willis A., Sgt
RO	Zionkoski, John T., S/Sgt
BT	Parrish, Vernon, Sgt
TG	Seelock, Joseph J., Sgt
WG	Mays, Pearl E., T/Sgt

B-17G #42-31405 *Wallaroo MK II*

P	Assenheimer, Edwin H., 1Lt
CP	Batton, James H., 2Lt
NAV	Forve, Frank F., 2Lt
TOG	Meier, Wayne G., S/Sgt
ENG	Mayhugh, John C., T/Sgt
RO	Kelly, Victor S., T/Sgt
WG	Murphy, Carl B., T/Sgt
TG	Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt
BT	Hirn, Edward M., Sgt

B-17G #42-107206 *Old Black Magic*

P	Carpenter, Arthur G., 2Lt
CP	Whitaker, Joseph C., 2Lt
NAV	Reid, George E., F/O
BOM	Day, Dean K., 2Lt
ENG	Pordham, Jack F., S/Sgt
RO	Bortolotti, Barney J., S/Sgt
BT	Dean, Raymond N., S/Sgt
TG	Nichols, Dalbee, Sgt
WG	Vanlandingham, John C., Sgt

B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run*

P	Cunningham, Robert L., 2Lt
CP	Daum, Maurice C., 2Lt
BOM	Riley, Milton S., 2Lt
TOG	Huddelston, D.O., Pvt
ENG	Merrow, Robert K., S/Sgt
RO	Rose, William A., Cpl
BT	Manchester, Robert E., S/Sgt
TG	Quinn, Charles E., S/Sgt
WG	Jaouen, Robert F., T/Sgt

B-17G #42-102496 *Special Delivery*

P	Thompson, Lawrence C., Capt
CP	Johnson, Richard O., 2Lt
NAV	Young, Warren I., F/O
BOM	Champ, William J., 2Lt
ENG	Hammons, Charles G., S/Sgt
RO	Hamann, Delos, H., S/Sgt
BT	Stephan, Kenneth R., Sgt
TG	Butler, Ashley A., S/Sgt
WG	Lemley, Jack A., Sgt
	(Spare-Returned)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31200 *Old Crow*

P	Allen, Charles R., 1Lt
CP	Parham, James S., 2Lt
NAV	Thurmon, John A., 2Lt
BOM	Bourgeault, Louis H., 2Lt
TT	Bourlier, Donald W., Sgt
BT	Knedler, Lee F., Sgt
RO	Reed, John H., S/Sgt
TG	Stansbury, Edward P., Sgt
RWG	Foerster, LeRoy H.M., Sgt
LWG	Bohenstiel, Robert L., Sgt

B-17G #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

P	Savage, Gilbert T., 2Lt
CP	McCall, Robert S., 2Lt
NAV	Landry, Robert J., 2Lt
BOM	Parker, John B., 1Lt
TT	Kelly, J.D., S/Sgt
BT	Holt, Richard R., Sgt
RO	Paul, Samuel D., S/Sgt
TG	Stover, Edward J., Sgt
LWG	Layton, Wilber A., Sgt
RWG	Jefferson, Arthur G., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*

P	Johnson, Charles E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Gable, Richard E., 2Lt
NAV	Pero, Aloyius R., 2Lt
BOM	Dombrowski, Alexander, 2Lt
BT	Hollrith, Alfred K., Sgt
RO	Yonge, Walter C., Sgt
TT	Alston, Madison I., T/Sgt
TG	Bell, Alton R., S/Sgt
RWG	Conlan, Thomas J., Sgt
LWG	Wilson, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #42-102569 *Miss Lace*

P	Ligino, Steve, 1Lt
CP	Tyler, Frederick B., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Arthur M., 2Lt
BOM	Dugger, William A., 2Lt
TT	Rau, Harvey L., S/Sgt
BT	Howard, George R., Sgt
RO	Dahms, Edward R., S/Sgt
TG	Dudley, Howard E., Sgt
RWG	Czerwonka, Joseph A., Sgt
LWG	Gainer, Philip B., Sgt

B-17G #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche*

P	Lehmann, Elroy C., 2Lt
CP	Heil, Lee C., 2Lt
NAV	Gast, William J., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Charles F., 2Lt
TT	Sydor, Joseph, S/Sgt
BT	Koon, Bennie, Sgt
RO	Kelley, James D., S/Sgt
TG	Ruhge, Wayne L., Sgt
LWG	Garlick, Darrell L., Sgt
RWG	O'Neill, Austin J., Sgt

B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel*

P	Basteau, Stephen B., 2Lt
CP	Fogerson, Joseph E., F/O
NAV	Rafferty, Henry E., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Coughlin, George A., 2Lt
TT	Weed, Lowrey A., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Moore, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Leo, T/Sgt
TG	Ross, Samuel C., S/Sgt
LWG	Miller, Norman L., S/Sgt
RWG	Swanson, Charles A., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97096 (*No Name*)

P	Gallagher, John W., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Bitel, Peter, 2Lt
NAV	Hibbard, Troy W., 2Lt
BOM	Tow, Weyman J., 2Lt
TT	Lynn, William V., Sgt
BT	Kail, Nicholas F., Sgt
RO	Gervais, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG	Jacques, Warren, Sgt
LWG	Joyce, Jess, Sgt
RWG	Soltero, John, Sgt