

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 173

6 June 1944 - D-Day

2nd Mission

Target: Bridge at Caen, France

Crews Dispatched: 6

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 6 x 1,000 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 14,000 to 17,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

Bombing was to be accomplished in CBW formation. Second bomb runs would not be made on any targets. All forces would bomb between 14,000 and 17,000 feet and remain at these altitudes between the English coast and enemy coast, weather permitting.

303rd BG(H) aircraft took off between 0735 and 0739 hours and assembly was made on time with the 379BG aircraft. About halfway across the Channel, undercast became 10/10, completely obscuring the target. There was no PFF aircraft flying with the Group, so the mission was aborted.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

Barnes-Stevens
432

Savage **Gallagher**
060 096

Johnston
805

Spindler **Brown**
860 853

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CREW POSITIONS CMP - Command Pilot P - Pilot CP - Co-Pilot NAV - Navigator ANV - Ass't. Navigator MNV - Mickey Navigator ENG - Engineer BOM - Bombardier RO - Radio Operator	TOG - Toggler 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	VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer RESULTS OF MISSION KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war	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
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360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97853 *Lucky Linda*

P	Brown, Leonard M., 2Lt
CP	Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV	Fazio, Joseph J., 2Lt
BOM	Blythe, Robert W., Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Jamison, Charles A., S/Sgt
RO	Libert, Irving, S/Sgt
BT	LaFranchi, Alfred D., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Francis D., Sgt
WG	Enget, Obert L., Sgt

B-17G #42-97805 (No Name)

P	Johnston, Donald M., 1Lt
CP	Heussler, Robert W., 2Lt
NAV	Schultz, Milo R., 2Lt
BOM	Gladstone, Melvin, 2Lt
ENG	Barnum, Abraham E., M/Sgt
RO	Treece, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT	Pesetsky, Paul W., S/Sgt
TG	Nestok, Frank, S/Sgt
WG	Turner, Kenzie H., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97860 (No Name)

P	Spindler, Benjamin L., 1Lt
CP	Doughty, Gordon R., 2Lt
NAV	Caffrey, James J., F/O
BOM	Proud, Rexford I., 2Lt
ENG	Pfeffer, William W., S/Sgt
RO	Uhl, Willard H., S/Sgt
BT	McKinnon, Neil W., S/Sgt
TG	Petrie, Joe D., S/Sgt
WG	Fambry, Lewis F., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

B-17G #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone*

P	Savage, Gilbert T., 1Lt
CP	Schwolow, John C., 2Lt
NAV	Pero, Aloyius R., 2Lt
BOM	Parker, Joseph B., 2Lt
TT	Kelly, J.D., S/Sgt
BT	Holt, Richard R., Sgt
RO	Glass, David, S/Sgt
TG	Stover, Edward J., Sgt
LWG	Layton, Wilber A., Sgt
RWG	Jefferson, Arthur G., S/Sgt

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

P	Barnes, Deane L., Capt
CP	Stevens, Kermit D., Col
NAV	Steely, Hobert H., Capt
NAV	Shupe, John W., 2Lt
BOM	Wallen, George A., Jr., 1Lt
TT	Sparks, Willie T., T/Sgt
BT	Chancellor, John R., S/Sgt
RO	Paul, Samuel D., S/Sgt
LWG	Sutton, Marvin A., S/Sgt
TG	Underwood, Clifford B., S/Sgt
RWG	Winters, Craig W., S/Sgt
OBS	Belknap, Robert W., 2Lt