

Pegasus Bridge Questionnaire

1. Which regiment was it that took Pegasus Bridge at the start of the D Day invasion?

2. What is the date of D-Day?

3. What were the code names of the Normandy beaches?

4. What did the Allied Armies include?

5. What was used to make the corridor formation and how big was it?

6. What was ~~the~~ ^{Rupert} and what was it used for?

7. Just after midnight on June 5 1944 six Bombers took off towing a glider each. What were these gliders called?

8. What was missing from the gliders? (Please circle your answer)

- Engines
- Wings
- Parachute
- Pilot
- Tail

9. What was on the aircraft to help the different pilots identify each other?

10. What was the name of the Major who was in charge of the mission?

11. What does the French phrase *coup de main* mean?

12. The mission was to capture two bridges intact. Which bridges were they and which waterways did they cross?

13. What did the pilots use to help them land the gliders by the bridges?

14. Why did they want to capture the German Pillbox as soon as possible after they had landed?

15. What happened to No 4 Glider and why?

Answers

1. The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
2. 6th June 1944.
3. Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.
4. 57,500 Americans, 75,000 British and Canadians, 200,000 Sailors, 4,000+ Ships and other vessels.
5. 5,000 Aeroplanes and Gliders, 3 miles wide and 90 miles long.
6. A dummy parachute soldier used to cause confusion.
7. Horsa Gliders.
8. Engines.
9. Three white stripes on each wing.
10. John Howard.
11. A sudden attack to gain a position.
12. Benouville (Pegasus) Bridge, Orne River Bridge, Caen Canal and River Orne.
13. Stopwatch and Compass.
14. This is where the Bridge could have been detonated.
15. It landed about ten miles from the main target area because it was released at the wrong moment from the towing bomber.