

## POST LOSS DOCUMENT FILE #2 (PLDF2)

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The **Howard Burgoon Crew**, flying B-17F 42-30031, were lost on a combat mission on 26 June 1943. However, no record of a Missing Air Crew Report (MACR) created at the time of the loss has been found in archival sources. Therefore, the 384thBombGroup.com research team has created this file to contain supplemental information gleaned from archival sources relating to the loss of this crew and aircraft.

The basic mission, aircraft, and crew data for this loss can be found at [Sortie Report](#).

As records related to this loss are discovered, they will be appended to this file. Appended information may include any of the following

- Group records
- Army records
- Other US Government records
- German documents from NARA\* Record Group 242:
  - KU Report
  - AV Report

\* NARA – National Archives and Records Administration, aka "National Archives"

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Harold S. McFarland	Mrs. Anna V. McFarland 115 N. 4 <sup>th</sup> St. Indiana, Penna.
Edward L. Peckham	Mr. Edward J. Peckham RD #3 Bainbridge, N. Y.
William Aguiar	Mr. Antone Aguiar 109 Elm St. Swansea, Mass.
Henry J. Ullmer	Mrs. Gertrude Ullmer RR #1 Pulaski, Wisconsin
Roland H. Jenkins	Mrs. Agnes Emma Jenkins Gen. De. Bucatanua, Miss.
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The Minister of Aviation  
and Supreme Commander of the Airforce  
Office for Airforce Personnel  
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Phone 1193

Subject: Preliminary Report of American Aviators

To: Supreme Headquarters of the Army  
Section for P.W. s in general (V)  
Berlin-Schoeneberg  
Badensche Str. 50/51

The following reports about American Aviators were recieved at this Office:

1. 26 June 1943	Boeing B 17 F.	9 men captured.
	1) <del>PURSCHE</del> PURSCH, Warren L	Sgt. A S No. 38157209
	2) BROWN Robert	A S No. 0-734419
	3) WHEAT Delton	2. Lt. A S No. 0-515818
	4) KATUZNEY John J.	Sgt. A S No. 31143855
	5) KETCHAM Thomas L.	2. Lt. A S No. 0-670133
	6) <del>MULLEN</del> MULLEN Donald G.	Lt. A S No. 0-675097
	7) <del>FINCK</del> FINCK Theodore W.	Sgt. A S No. ?
	8) WOOD Ralph C.	Sgt. A S No. <del>55372</del> 35367816 Wounded
	9) HURST Dero	--- A S No. 18126300 Wounded
	<b>384TH BOMB GROUP</b>	<b>WHEAT CREW</b>

2. 26 June 1943	Boeing Fortress	2 men captured
	1) KRESS Victor	2. Lt. A S No. 0-671969
	2) BURGOON, C. Howard	2. Lt. A S No. 0-522702
	<b>384TH BOMB GROUP</b>	<b>BURGOON CREW</b>

3. 27 June 1943	see: 1469 (Ruz 402) - 4030	1 Corpse of an American Aviator were recovered at Oksby (Westcoast of Denmark)
	1) ZUBIRIE Leslie B	A S No. 0-728949 T 42
	<b>91ST BOMB GROUP</b>	

Army Information Center notified 1  
Original L.P. Chef-Abt. (IID) 1  
(Section of Airforce Personnel)

Sign:



PURCH, Warren.,  
384th Bomb Group, Wheat Crew

S/Sgt., born 16. Aug. 1917  
ASN: 38 157 209, captured

5829 26. June 1943 Boeing

*Para 3179*

GURGOON, Howard Cyril,

2nd Lt., born 27. Feb. 1920

ASN: 0-522 702 captured

KRESS, Viktor, Charles

2nd Lt., born 20. Feb. 1916

ASN: 0-671 969, captured

384th Bomb Group, Burgoon Crew

5830 25. June 1943 Boeing

DEMCHAK, Nicholas  
100th Bomb Group, MACR #271

2nd Lt. born 6. Feb. 1916  
ASN: 0-792 440, captured

5832 28. June 1943 Boeing

ADAMS, Robert, William,

1st Lt., born 12. Aug. 1918

ASN: 0-695 625, captured

CAPPER, Donald, Franklin,

S/Sgt., ASN: 37 211 158., captured

CLAGGETT, William, Weldon,

S/Sgt., born 8. Jan 1921, ASN:

37 373 064, captured

SAGE, Roy, L., 2nd Lt, captrd.

wounded, whereabouts: In a

351st Bomb Group, NO MACR

Field Hospital.

5834 29. June 1943 Lightning

KINSELL, Roberg, Carl

1st Lt., born 17. Nov. 1919

7th Photo Squadron, MACR #533

ASN: 0-661 495, captured

5863 29. June 1943 Boeing

*Russ 1764*

PARKER, Funald, Lewis

2nd Lt., born 30. June 1921

ASN: 0-736 326, captured

COPELAND, Derward, Rudolph,

2nd Lt., born 8. Feb. 1918

ASN: 0-663 861, captured

CASTELLO, John, Joseph,

S/Sgt., born 16. Dec. 1922

13 025 207, captured

KLANKA, Vincent, Paul,

T/Sgt., born 28. Jan 1912

ASN: 32 492 000, captured

REBACK, Ralph, Sidney,

2nd Lt., born 25. Feb. 1917

ASN: 0-794 164, captured

SHANLEY, Charles, William

2nd Lt., born 6. Oct. 1920

ASN: 0-732 984, captured

WOOD, Robert, Leonard,

S/Sgt born 16. July 1918

351st Bomb Group, NO MACR

ASN: 35 285 916, captured

Me 308 13. June 1943 Beaufighter

KING, Arthur, Eric,  
British

Sgt., born 6. Aug. 1921  
ASN: 656 510, captured

Me 313 24. June 1943 Lightning

ALEXANDER, Harold, Roy,  
14th Fighter Group, MACR #57

2nd Lt., born 5. April 1921  
ASN: 0-736 057, captured

ME 314 24. June 1943 Lightning

NEILSON, Thorman, Rudey,  
UNKNOWN UNIT

2nd Lt., born 13. April 1921  
ASN: 0-732 320, captured

ME 316 15. June 1943 Fighter-Plane

KENNY, Richard,

2nd Lt., born 22. March 1920  
ASN: 0-725 315, captured

UNKNOWN UNIT