POST LOSS DOCUMENT FILE #3 (PLDF3)

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The **Delton G Wheat Crew**, flying B-17F 42-30048, 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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The Minister of Aviation
and Supreme Commander of the Airforce
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Subject: Preliminary Report of American Aviators

To: Supreme Headquarters of the Army
Section for P.W. s in general (V)
Berlin-Schoeneberg
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The following reports about American Aviators were recieved at this Office:

1. 26 June 1943	Boeing ~~E~~ 17 F.	9 men captured.	
	1) PURSCH ~~RURSCH,~~ 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) MCMULLEN ~~MULLEN~~ Donald G.	Lt.	A S No. 0-675097
	7) FINCK ~~FENCK~~ Theodore W.	Sgt.	A S No. ?
	8) WOOD Ralph C.	Sgt.	A S No. ~~[illegible]~~ 35367816 Wounded
	9) HURST Dero	---	A S No. 18126300 Wounded

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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

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3. 27 June 1943	see: U-1469 (Rus 4027-4030)	1 Corpse of an American Aviator were recovered at Oksby (Westcoast of I Danemark)
	1) ZUBIRIE Leslie B	A S No. 0-728949 T 42

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

Sign:

PURCH, Warren., S/Sgt., born 16.Aug.1917
384th Bomb Group, Wheat Crew — ASN: 38 157 209, captured

5829 26.June 1943 B o e i n g Rus 3179

GURGOON, Howard Cyril, 2nd Lt., born 27.Feb. 1920
ASN: 0-522 702 captured

KRESS, Viktor, Charles 2nd Lt., born 20.Feb.1916
384th Bomb Group, Burgoon Crew — ASN: 0-671 969, captured

5830 25.June 1943 B o e i n g

DEMCHAK, Nicholas 2nd Lt. born 6.Feb.1916
100th Bomb Group, MACR #271 — ASN: 0-792 440, captured

5832 28.June 1943 B o e i n g

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, whereabout: In a
351st Bomb Group, NO MACR — Field Hospital.

5834 29.June 1943 Lightning

KINSELL, Robert, Carl 1st Lt., born 17.Nov.1919
7th Photo Squadron, MACR #533 — ASN: 0-661 495, captured

5863 29.June 1943 B o e i n g Rus 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, Sgt., born 6.Aug. 1921
British — ASN: 656 510, captured

Me 313 24.June 1943 Lightning

ALEXANDER, Harold, Roy, 2nd Lt., born 5.April 1921
14th Fighter Group, MACR #57 — ASN: 0-736 057, captured

ME 314 24.June 1943 Lighting

NEILSON, Thorman, Ruday, 2nd Lt., born 13.April 1921
UNKNOWN UNIT — ASN: 0-732 320, captured

ME 316 15.June 1943 Fighter-Plane

KENNY, Richard, 2nd Lt., born 22.March 1920

UNKNOWN UNIT — ASN: 0-725 315, captured