



ERROR IN MACR 12247

The A-26B Invader Aircraft Serial Number (SN) listed in this Missing Air Crew Report (MACR 12247) is "41-39428", but it is believed to be incorrect.

Review of the Individual Aircraft Record Cards (IARC) for SN 41-39428, shows no indication that plane was sent overseas to the 9th AF, and that the aircraft remained in service until 1949 to 1950, indicating that the Invader having S/N 41-39428 was NOT lost on 22-Jan-1945 as per MACR 12247.

Multiple other IARCs were researched and the IARC for A-26B SN 41-39248 shows that plane as being assigned overseas to the 9th AF on 16-Dec-1944 and was Condemned/Salvaged due to Non-Battle Damage (CON SAL NBD) 1-Feb-1945, approximately a week after the plane went missing. It was standard practice to wait some period of time before officially condemning an aircraft if it was not found in the searches.

It is likely the MACR entry was a transcription error where the correct digits "24" were transposed as "42".

It is believed that the correct SN for the A-26B lost 22-Jan-1945 per MACR 12247 is actually 41-39248.

Corresponding IARC images are included at the end of this PDF file.

Respectfully,
Aircraft History Research Network members

Johnathan Clayborn - Invader Historical Foundation
https://claybornglobal.com/IHF/index.php/Main_Page

Rick Prucha – 416th Bomb Group Archive
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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AO

by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AO

Date MAR 15 1946

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name GROVE; Command or Air Force 43C; Group 31st TRANS.; Squadron 325 FERRY; Detachment MAINT. DIV. BAD # 2 A-83
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure AAF 582; Course GROVE, FORD, FORESTONE, WISSANT,
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Intended Destination A-83; Type of Mission FERRY
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Local snow showers over Souther England, ceiling 2000 to 3000' lowering to 800' in showers, vis 1-2
4. GIVE: (a) Day 22 Month 1 Year 45; Time 1002; and Location AAF 582 of last (over) known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (x); Forced down (); Seen to crash (); or Information not Available ()
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) enemy aircraft (); enemy anti-aircraft (); other circumstances as follows: Missing from causes unknown while on non-operational ferry flight
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model and series A-26B; AAF Serial number 43-39428
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any None
8. ENGINES: Type, model and series P & W R-2800-27471 AAF Serial Number (a) 42-2135; (b) FF-021454; (c) _____; (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) Records of installed weapons not available at this station
(f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____; (i) _____
(j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____; (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
or (b) Non Battle Casualty X
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1; Passengers 0; Total 1
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars, If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1.	Pilot	BORN, ELMER F.	2nd Lt.	0-823290	Missing
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					

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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full <u>Last Name First</u>	Rank <u>Rank</u>	Serial <u>Number</u>	Contacted <u>by Radio</u>	(Check only one column)		
				<u>Last Sighted</u>	<u>Saw Crash</u>	<u>Saw Forced Landing</u>

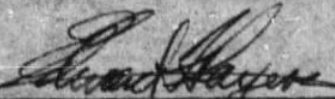
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used ____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

(Weather con't)

Miles in haze and smoke in lee of industrial area.
2 to 4 miles in haze over Belgium. Vis. tending to lower to 1 mile in showers.

Date of Report 31 January, 1945



(Signature of Preparing Officer)

EDWARD F. SAYERS,

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Capt, Air Corps,
Ass't Operations Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

12 March 1945
JWP/JFR/gd
APO 887

AG 360.33 Cas.

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew Report of Air Service Command, United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 2nd Lt. Elmer F. Born, O-823290, to be missing, 22 January 1945.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

N.M. Rund
H.M. RUND,
Colonel, AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.



✓ 1 Incl: Missing Air Crew Report, 31st Trans Gp,
A-26B, 41-39428, 22 January 1945.

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by F. M. MUEKCH, Capt., AC

Date: MAR 15 1948

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INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD																	
TYPE MODEL SERIAL B-26B			A.F. SERIAL NUMBER 41-39428			MANUFACTURER AND LOCATION FIRAL DESTINATION IN U.S.											
CONTRACT NUMBER			FOREIGN SERIAL NUMBER			PROJECT OR LEAD LEASE REGISTRATION NUMBER											
ALLOCATION BLOCK, PRIORITY NUMBER																	
MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBER																	
UPPER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR HAND-POSTED OPERATION IN HANDEX LOWER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR I.B.M. POSTED OPERATION IN VERTICAL CABINETS																	
LOCATION		ORGANIZATION		RECIPIENT		NEXT DESTINATION		CRATED OR PLACED AWAY		CONDITION		DATE		ACTION		REMARKS	
STATION	CORWARD	PARENT UNIT	SUB-UNIT			GAINED FROM OR LOST TO		SERIAL NUMBER	MO.	DA.	STATION NO.	OCA	SCU				
MCCLELANAMC	A12YBASP	JLUAMC	A12YHAS	A	26HNTD			791	41	3	42M	226B	914H				
MCCLELANAMC	A12YBASP	JLUAMC	A12YHAS	A	26HDMF			798	41	3	42M	226B	914H				
MCCLELANAMC	A1278ASS	G8AMC	A1278AS	B	26SS			791	39	48B	7	1R	914H				
						SI EL from SS				7-2-9	9118						
						SI EL from SI				7-27-9	9118						
MCCLELANAMC		SARARALTG	XG			B26B	XG	9148	12	15	49	1	39428				
MCCLELANAMC		SARARGLFROM	SS			B26B	XG	9148	12	15	49	1	39428				
EMCLELANAMC		SARARLMAUTH	RECLAMAT			B26B	XG	9148	12	20	49	1	39436				
								41	39428								
ASSGN	RECCECOMPPE	AMC	O			B26B	R	7B	3	13	50		39436				
								41	39428								

SEARCH OVER MONTH GREEN - U.S. GRABES - BRITISH RED - RUSSIA PURPLE - CHINA BUTCH-YAN WING-PINK
 FAL-FACILITY MUG-MODIFICATION CENTER SEP-REPORT SIX-STATIONS ISS-INSTALLATION ENA-ENROUTE POR-PORT BRO-BROUNDED
 AIRWAY-AIRWORTHINESS OFFICE ZFO-ZERO PATTERNS FIELD CODE FOUR FOR FOUR

PLANE A.C. SERIAL NO. OTHER SERIAL STATUS
 JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

SEARCH OVER MONTH AND DAY-DATE OF LAST MOVEMENT
 DATE REPORTED

Likely NOT the correct SN for the A-26B Invader lost on 22-Jan-1945

INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT RECORD CARD															
TYPE MODEL SERIES		A.F. SERIAL NUMBER		MANUFACTURER AND LOCATION											
A-26B-15		41-39248		Douglas, Long Beach, Calif.											
CONTRACT NUMBER		FOREIGN SERIAL NUMBER		FINAL DESTINATION IN U.S.											
AC-21393				Maine											
ALLOCATION BLOCK, PRIORITY NUMBER				PROJECT OR LEND LEASE REGISTRATION NUMBER											
902 Pri 2-13				92845-A-92896N Saw-11-29											
MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBER				UPPER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR HAND-POSTED OPERATION IN KARDX LOWER COLUMN HEADINGS ARE FOR I. B. M. POSTED OPERATION IN VERTICAL CABINETS											
LOCATION	ORGANIZATION	RECIPIENT	NEXT DESTINATION	CRATED OR FLY-AWAY	CONDITION	DATE	ACTION	REMARKS							
STATION	COMMAND	PARENT UNIT	SUB-UNIT	DATE	SERIAL NUMBER	MO	DA	STATION NO	DCA	SCU					
Long Beach	Douglas	Base Stg. P.S.	Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga.	Accepted	9-2										
"	"	"	"	Available	8-28						SCA 695 Radio				
"	ATC	"	"	Delivered	9-2						Winty. In camp				
"	"	"	"	21 Mech. Tr.	9-3						LRT 675 gals.				
"	"	"	"	23 R.O.T.	9-26										
"	"	"	"	21 Mech. Tr.	9-27										
"	"	"	"	21 Mech. Tr.	10-21										
Memphis	"	"	"	19 Reported	11-17										
"	"	"	"	73 Chrysler	11-20										
"	"	"	"	25 Unit Pilot	11-21										
"	"	"	"	24 Weather	11-25										
"	"	"	"	23 RON	11-26										
Hunter Field	"	"	"	24 Weather	11-27										
"	"	"	"	73 Arrived	11-28						Arr. 11-28 Saw				
"	"	"	"	33 R. env.	12-5										
Maine	"	"	"	dep	12-15						Arr				
"	"	"	"	90 ar	12-15						SP				
"	"	"	"	dep	12-16						LAW				
CONDICION				110TH ARF	T	DVS	IR	A	BAR	A1	39248	121644	122044	6	
GLUE				9AF	A	A26B	B			41	39248	121644	122044		
Condemned Overseas per SV-A-135-4 on 3-19-45															
GLUE				CAF CON	SALVAGE	R	ARR	M		0	41	39248	2145	31028	

Individual Aircraft Record Card for A-26B SN 41-39248
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Condemned/Salvaged due to Non-Battle Damage (CON SAL NBD) 1-Feb-1945