

## **J 26 MUSTANG**

P-51 Mustang was one of the most legendary aircraft of the Second World War. It was highly successful and was regarded as the best long-range fighter aircraft. More than 15 500 Mustangs were built and towards the end of the war it became possible for Sweden to purchase the P-51 secondhand. The Mustang was given the designation J 26 in the Swedish Air Force.

### **MISSION:**

The arrival of the J 26 meant that the air force had much faster aircraft compared to those already in use. A total of 161 served with the Swedish Air Force and its primary roles were to force down or deter potential intruders. The J 26 was based at F 16 and at the officer cadet school, F 20, in Uppsala as well as at F 4, Frösön.

During the Mustang's final two years of service, some of them were used for the transportation and training of air personnel.

### **ARMAMENT:**

The J 26 had six 12.7 mm automatic cannon.

## **S 26 MUSTANG, a reconnaissance aircraft.**

12 of the 160 Mustangs purchased after the end of World War II were equipped with a vertical camera in the rear fuselage and were designated S 26. These were placed on F 21 in Luleå.

### **THIS AIRCRAFT:**

Shown here is the world's only remaining S 26 Mustang. In 1954 it had its engine stopped over Nausta north of Vidsel, the pilot leave the airplane in a parachute and the plane drilled into a swamp.

In the years 1998-99, the remains were picked up and transported to Per Lundberg in Vännäs. For ten years, Per, with the help of his wife, built the Mustang to its current condition.