

Sune Lundberg papers, 1939-2001

Size: 1.75 linear feet, 4 boxes

Acquisition: The collection was donated to the Swenson Center in 2002 by Ursula Lundberg.

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Biographical note

Sune Ingvar Lundberg was born November 4, 1927 in Stockholm Sweden to Ivar Lundberg and Thora Holm Lundberg.

Sune Lundberg finished high school in New York and later attended Logan College in Utah. He was drafted to the Korean War and served as an interpreter in Germany for two years. In 1953, he and his wife Ursula Fisher and son Ralph moved to Sweden. Lundberg worked for Gulf Oil in Stockholm and attended *Handelshögskolan* from which he graduated in 1956. While in Sweden, Lundberg started several baseball clubs in the Stockholm area and played regularly himself with personnel from the American Embassy and with American military visiting Sweden. Two daughters were born in Sweden, Jane 1954 and Nancy 1956. In February of 1957, the Lundberg family moved to San Francisco, where Lundberg went to work for Dux Inc. The family stayed in the S.F. until the mid-60s when Lundberg was offered a position as plant manager for a new Dux factory in Newport, Virginia. While in Newport the Lundbergs' had a fourth child, Karin (b. in 1965).

In 1967, Lundberg assumed another position with Aristocrat Trailer Co. in Morgan Hills, California. During the 1970s, Lundberg had his own furniture business and worked for several furniture and design companies in California. Lundberg last professional position was with Wester Design Forum in San Jose as Executive Director. He retired from Wester Design Forum in 1989.

Shortly after his retirement, Sune Lundberg and Barbro Sachs-Osher purchased the Swedish-American newspaper, *Vestkusten*.

Lundberg's hobbies and special interests included WW II airplanes, especially the P-151 Mustangs, in Sweden referred to as "GulKalle." He was also involved with vintage cars and regularly supplied car clubs in Sweden with both parts and cars.

Sune Lundberg died in 1991.

Content

This collection documents American internees in Sweden during WW II. Over 100 planes crashed or were forced to land in Sweden during the war. Lundberg's extensive research includes personal accounts and correspondence with American pilots landing (and crashing) in Sweden, newspaper clippings, and official documents from both *Krigsarkivet* in Stockholm and Washington. D.C.

The collection also contains extensive information on the delivery of American P-51 Mustangs in Stockholm in 1945 along with personal accounts of pilots flying the planes, newspaper clippings of the event, and other official documents documenting what was named the "Speedy Project." In 1990, Lundberg arranged and planned a reunion for the pilots who delivered the planes in 1945. Correspondence and other material from that event is also included in this collection.

Subject/s / Place names

Air Pilots
World War, 1939-1945
American Internees
Personal Narratives
P-51 Mustangs
Stockholm (Sweden)

Folder Inventory

Box 1

1. 1415 AAD Base Unit European Division, Air Transport Command; Historical Record Report
2. World War II and Korea
3. Flygande Veteraner—Föreningen Flygande Veterans Information och medlemstidning
4. Info re: American Aircraft, which force landed in Sweden during World War II
5. Internee and activity info
6. Swedish Internees Association—"The Association of American Internees in Sweden (1943-1945)

Box 2

7. Correspondence from and to ex-internees
8. Correspondence from and to ex-internees re: Subject "Locating Speedy Project Pilots."
9. Personal account of delivery of P-51 Mustangs from England to Swedish air force, including photographs
10. Various unit histories and other reports from Leif Hellstrom
11. Mustang pilots stories and clippings
12. Bombardment Grays Reunion Association
13. -Known Mustang pilots röster; -Stockholm reunion; -missing Mustang pilot names; -"De första mustangerna i Sverige nödlandarna!"

Box 3

14. P-51 Mustang Pilots Association correspondence and info
15. Mustang owner, Bill Crump (Sequim, WA)
16. Mustang parts P51—acquisitions-Correspondence with Leif Jaråker, Västerås.
17. Correspondence, "Flygande Veteraner" and "Svensk Flyghist. Förening."
18. Reference Reunion 1990 Air Transport Command—Mustang Pilots, Ex-Internees.

Box 4

19. Video tape—Sweden Reunion 1990 of ex-internees
20. USAAF Historian 1944-1945.;-American Air Transport Service, Stockholm, Sweden Trip, Nov.-Dec. 1990;-Burt Balchem
21. Balchem
22. Bernt Balchem (an outline of his life) aviator, soldier, explorer, engineer, artist. ;--(Colonel Balchem's Company, Resort Airlines, Inc.)