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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Swedish Air Force Museum Photo Album
Date:	1926-1976
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0646
Extent:	0.29 Cubic feet (One 11 x 13 x 3 inch flat box)
Language:	This collection is in Swedish and English.
Summary:	This collection consists of a photo album, <i>Flygvapnet: 50 år, 1926-1976 [Air Force: 50 Years, 1926-1976]</i> , containing 69 color photographs documenting a collection of historic aviation artifacts assembled by <i>Flygvapnet</i> (the Swedish Air Force) at Malmen Airbase in Malmslätt, just outside Linköping, Sweden. The aircraft are all pictured outdoors (presumably at the airbase); smaller artifacts are seen close up, indoors. This collection of artifacts formed the core of <i>Flygvapenmuseum</i> (the Swedish Air Force Museum), established in 1977 as part of the <i>Statens försvarshistoriska museer (SFHM, Swedish Defense History Museums)</i> , and opened in Malmslätt to visitors in 1984.
Digital Content:	Image(s): [VD-2B43435 to VD-2B43474] Swedish Air Force Museum Photo Album, NASM.XXXX.0646
Container:	Box 1

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Unknown, circa 1976-1984, NASM.XXXX.0646

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Swedish Air Force, *Flygvapnet*, was created on July 1, 1926, when the aircraft units of the Swedish Army and Navy were merged. As aviation technology developed, older aircraft types in service were replaced with newer models; in the 1940s, two of the *Flygvapnet* commanders at Malmen Airbase began to save the old aircraft rather than scrapping them, eventually adding engines, cameras, and other aircraft equipment to the collection. In the late 1960s, a new storage facility was built in the Ryd district of Linköping, to allow the public to come and view the growing collection of airplanes and other artifacts which had previously been located in a restricted military area. This collection of artifacts formed the core of *Flygvapenmuseum* (the Swedish Air Force Museum), established in 1977 as part of the *Statens försvarshistoriska museer (SFHM, Swedish Defense History Museums)* (SFHM, Swedish Defense History Museums), and opened in Malmslätt to visitors in 1984.

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Arrangement

The photo album is presented in original order.

In 1984, the materials in this collection were photographed for reproduction on NASM Archival Videodisc 2. The "videodisc frame capture" images reproduced here are small 100 ppi RGB JPEG image files, 624 x 480 pixels each, created 2001-2003 by NASM Archives as still video frame captures of the NTSC video format output from an original copy of the videodisc. Each videodisc frame capture displays a black-edged white number in the upper left quadrant; the first two digits (00) are the videodisc chapter (not used on NASM videodiscs), the second set of five digits are the videodisc frame number. These numbers are an artifact produced by the videodisc player and do not appear on the original archival materials.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Museums

Types of Materials:

- Color photographs