



TP 81

Grumman G-21A Goose

What will become the Air Force Museum's TP 81 is a Goose that has nestled in the Caribbean.

Grumman Goose was a two-engine amphibious aircraft manufactured in the United States by the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation. It was the company's first monoplane and the first two-engine aircraft. In May 1937, the first flight took place with the prototype. The aircraft had room for eight passengers and was designed to fit as a commuter aircraft for businessmen in the Long Island area.

The Air Administration purchased a copy of Grumman Goose from a Norwegian airline in 1951. In the Swedish Air Force it was designated TP 81 and was based on Norrbotten's air fleet F 21 in Luleå. TP 81 would fulfill an urgent need as a replacement for the TP 4, Beechcraft 18R, which was selected to participate in the Norwegian-British-Swedish Antarctic Expedition in 1951.

As an ambulance aircraft, TP 81 was painted orange and bear the Red Cross marks. At Grumman Goose, which was an amphibious aircraft, landings could be locked in the folded



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position. This enabled the pilot to also land the aircraft with skis fitted.

Grumman Goose TP 81 served as an ambulance aircraft throughout the 1950s, then as a purely transport or liaison aircraft. On April 5, 1962, the aircraft crashed in conjunction with takeoff from Hemavan. On board were six people, five survived unharmed and one suffered minor injuries. When the aircraft was discarded a few months later, it had a flight time of 2,795 hours.

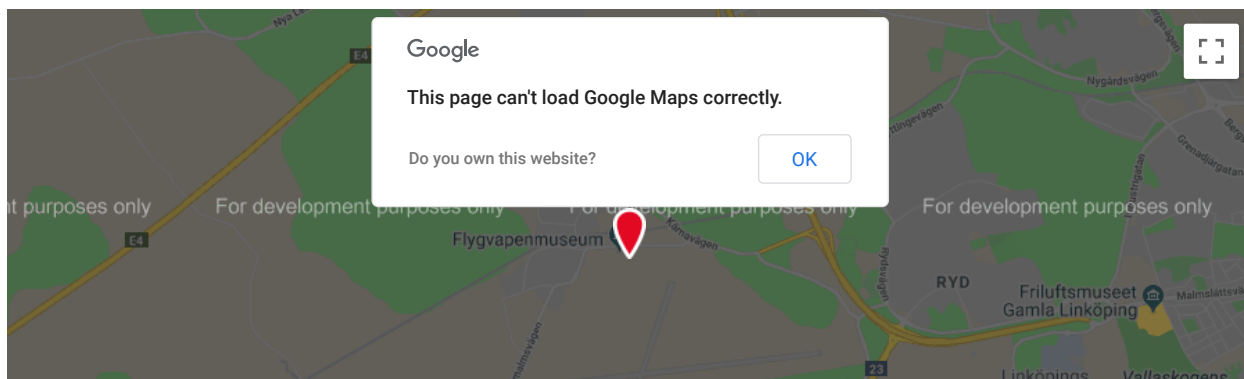
Flygvapenmuseums Grumman Goose har inte tjänstgjort i det svenska flygvapnet. Genom en bytesaffär kom det till museet 1986. Flygplanet kom från Karibien och hade gått för egen maskin till USA. Där blev det nedmonterat och lastat i en TP 84 Hercules för transport till Malmen. Efter ankomsten till Flygvapenmuseum blev det ställt i magasin utan åtgärder. Men sedan 2016 står Grumman Goose i Flygvapenmuseums verkstad. Flygplanet ska renoveras för att se ut som ambulansflygplanet TP 81 med individnummer 81001. Det kommer att bli orangefärgat och försett med både kronmärke och rödakorsmärke.

Kuriosa:

TP 81 blev det sista i raden av ambulansflygplan som av allmänheten i Norrbotten kallades Bodenambulansen.

Transport aircraft Linköping, Air Force Museum USA 1950s 1960s

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