



Although it is a bit difficult to see, the Mustang ended up entirely inside an empty house after passing through the apartment. Investigators examine the wreckage before the plane was removed.

The aircraft in a hangar at Buchanan Field on 19 August 1970. As can be seen, the cockpit area is quite intact — the only reason the occupants survived.

LISTED AS DESTROYED, THIS MUSTANG WOULD RISE AGAIN

Tea-time MUSTANG

Paint it just like your cigar wrapper, honey! You just know how I love your big cigars," gushed the suicide blonde standing next to the puffing and rather porcine new owner of a P-51D Mustang on a spring day in 1970. It wasn't the strangest request that the folks at Aero Sport had heard, but it certainly ranked in the top dozen!

Aero Sport, during the 1960s and 1970s, had become the top spot for Mustang maintenance and rebuilds. On visits to their vintage World War Two hangar at Chino Airport, it was not unusual to find a half-dozen Mustangs parked on their ramp with another half-dozen crammed inside. During this time period, while Mustangs were on the top end of the Warbird price scale, they were still not sell-

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