

To RAF – Thank you for the boat.



Drop tank mounted on a P 51 Mustang. (Tank seen under left wing). At February 1944 this type of fighter plane was delivered to RAF from USA. It had an action radius at about 1000 km. Therefore the Mustang was used as escort plane, when the RAF bombers were operating deeply over enemy territories and occupied countries.



August 1945. Doevling in Skarrild.

The author, Arne Mosgaard, and his younger brother in a drop tank from a RAF Mustang. They are wearing captured German helmets. After the liberation much German stuff were found everywhere thrown away along the roads. The drop tank was thrown off near our home on October 31st 1944, when RAF was bombing the Gestapo HQ in Aarhus (at the University). The watching boys managed to get hold in an intact drop tank, before German soldiers came to see, what had happened. After the war the drop tank became a useful boat for the boys.

Arne Mosgaard.