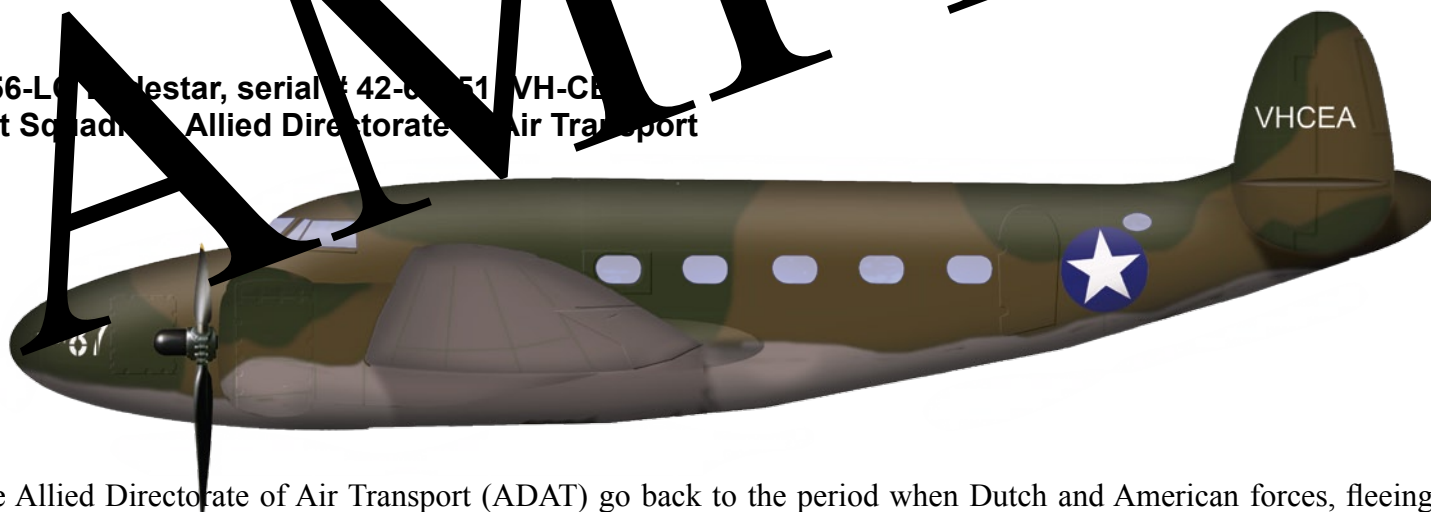


**203. Curtiss C-46-CO, serial # 44-77377
433rd Troop Carrier Group**



Commandos entered service with the 433rd TCG late in the war to replace their C-47s. Naming themselves the Frontline Airline, their rudder trim tabs carried this unique blue and yellow marking. The olive drab camouflage livery was common to this model of Commando as applied in the Curtiss factory.

**204. Lockheed C-56-L Constellation, serial # 42-6151 VH-CEA
1st Air Transport Squadron, Allied Directorate of Air Transport**



The origins of the Allied Directorate of Air Transport (ADAT) go back to the period when Dutch and American forces, fleeing ahead of the invading Japanese, reached the relative safety of the Australian mainland to regroup in Brisbane. On 26 January 1942, an order was issued to establish an Air Transport Command detachment at Amberley, Queensland, initially under the command of Captain 'Pappy' Gunn. Initial equipment used by the organization consisted of two B-18s and one C-39 flown from the Philippines. These were later complemented by five new C-53s aboard a ship diverted to Brisbane from the Philippines. Dispatches note that more aircraft were later assigned, being three B-18s, three B-24s, one C-39, one B-17C, three Beechcraft, and five C-53s. Personnel and aircraft were transferred to Archerfield aerodrome on 4 February 1942, and for practical purposes, Gunn became CO from this date.