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IN 1950, THE U.S. AIR FORCE RESURRECTED

635 (full serial number 43-15635), and assigned it to the Missouri Air National Guard in St. Louis. "Old 635" then served as a VIP transport until 1972.



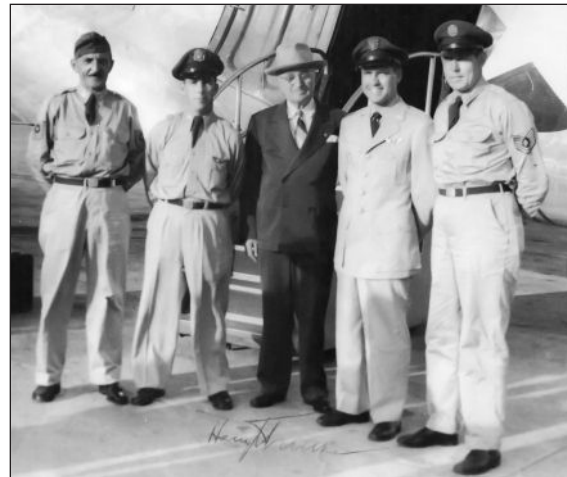
"Old 635" was acquired by the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. In 1974, it was loaned to The National Museum of Transportation in Kirkwood, Missouri.



"Old 635" was partially dismantled and airlifted to its current location in July, 1974. It was restored to its Air Force livery by a group of volunteers. It was repainted to D-Day markings in 1994 for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day.



Over the years, the history of "Old 635" became lost. Only recently has its wartime service been recognized. Its first pilot, Martin Platt, was never reunited with his plane, but his family has reunited with it and shared their memories of this historical treasure.



President Harry S. Truman joins distinguished guests, the Missouri Air National Guard 635 flight crew!



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THE JOURNEY OF 635 IN COMBAT

C-47, 43-15635, WAS DELIVERED

to the Army Air Force in April, 1944. The aircraft was assigned to the 94th Troop Carrier Squadron. 1st Lt. Martin Platt flew 635 to England in May, via the southern route.



Southern flight route to England

1st Lt. Platt and 635 arrived just in time to fly Mission Hackensack in Operation Overlord on 7 June 1944. They towed a glider to the 82nd Airborne at St. Mere Eglise, France.

1st Lt. Platt and 635 next flew around Spain to Italy to join in Operation Dragoon, the invasion of Southern France. They returned to England and flew medical evacuation and resupply to our troops in France.



The Airborne Troop Carrier command was a vital link in resupply, while our troops advanced past serviceable roads. The

C-47 was used like an airborne truck and provided the logistics to win the war.

1st Lt. Platt flew 635 in Operation Market Garden and was nearly shot down over Bastogne, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge. The 635 and crew flew as a weather observer for Operation Varsity, 24 May, 1945, continuing on with its work.



C-47 takes off with glider hitched ready for a tow



Airborne C-47s towing troop gliders – D-Day 1944



Paratroopers preparing to board



Paratroopers jumping from C-47 Skytrains



C-47 interior outfitted for medical evacuation



Delivering "jerrycans" of fuel for military vehicles

RETURNING HOME

AFTER VE DAY IN MAY OF 1945,

1st Lt. Platt was rotated back to the States. 635 was returned to the States later that year and spent five years languishing in various boneyards for surplus planes.



Ariel view of surplus planes "boneyard"