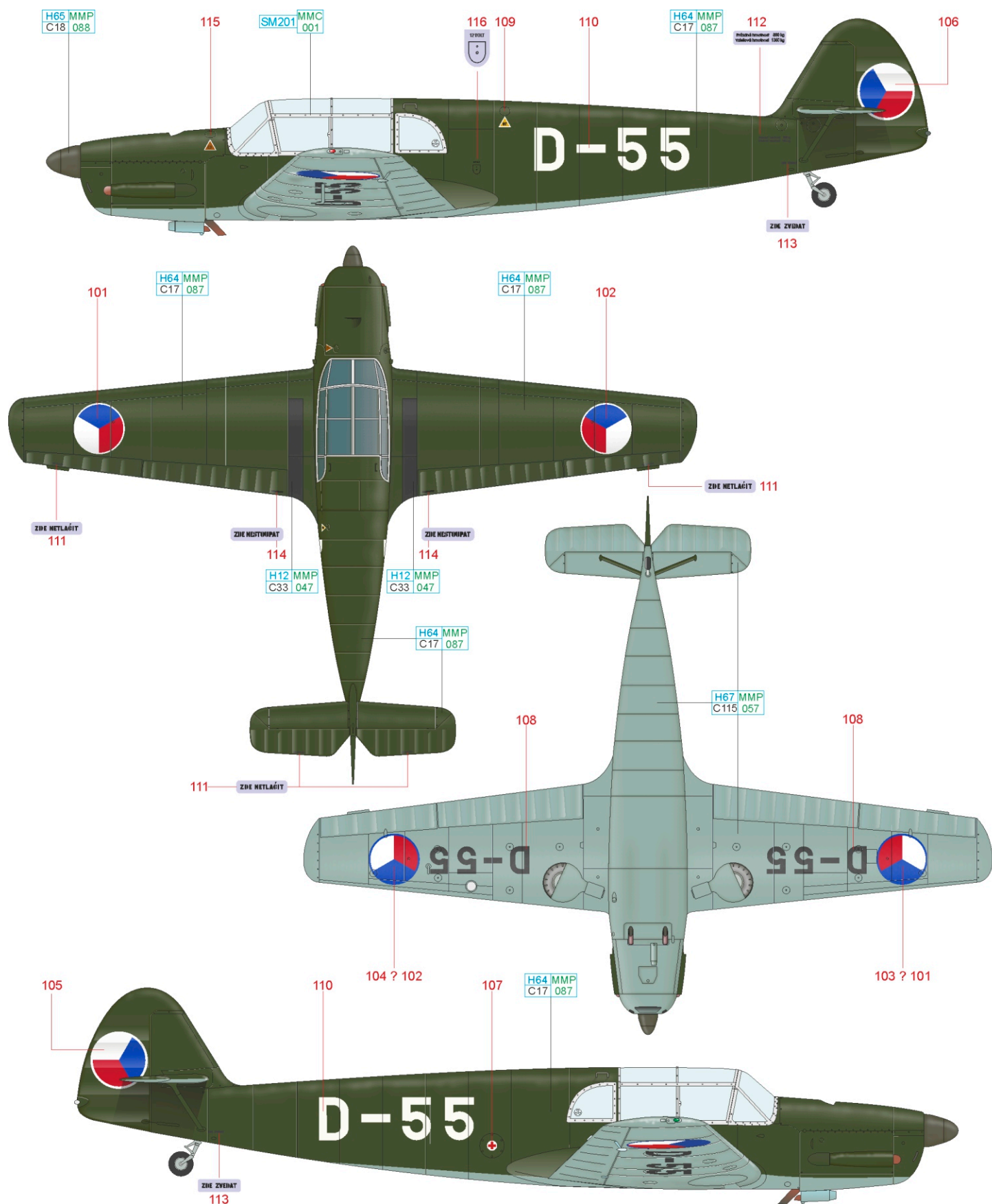


K-70, Gen. Vicherek, Air Transport Regiment, Prague – Kbely, Czechoslovakia, First Half of 1948

In July 1945, the Military Air Transport Group (VLDS) was formed at Prague – Ruzyne, utilizing Soviet and British aircraft, to which were increasingly added aircraft from captured sources. In April of the following year, and in conjunction with the VLDS and the Ruzyne Airport Unit, the Air Transport Regiment was established, under the command and control of the Czechoslovak Air Force. Under pressure of the Ministry of Defense, the regiment was moved to Prague – Kbely in June 1946. In March of 1948, the unit possessed ten D-47 aircraft (C-47), eight D-52s (Ju 52s), two Ansons, a C-30 (Fh 104), and two K-70s (Bf 108). One of the K-70s was coded D-55, and was used by General Alois Vicherek, the Commander of the Czechoslovak Air Force at the time.



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