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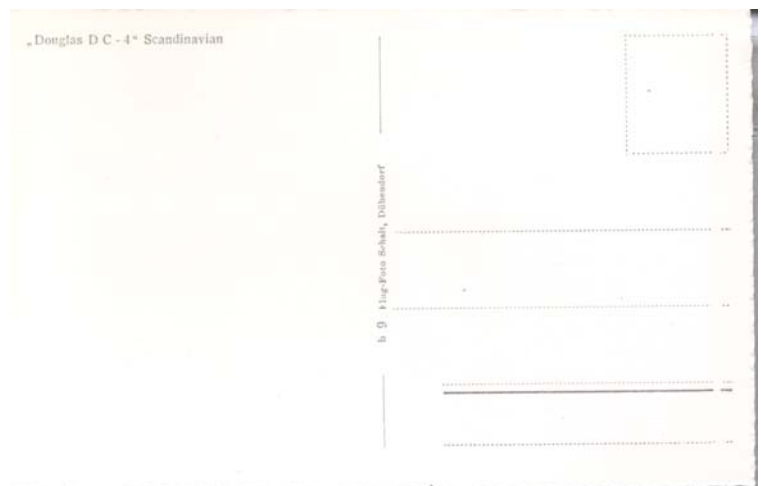
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Example 11: The Plane at Take-Off and Landing Evolution over Time

Aircraft used by the airlines of the world look the same everywhere for physical and functional reasons. They represent a given technological development at the time of their operation. For these reasons, pictures taken at departure or arrival are similar whatever the location. The photographic constraints for their author are also identical everywhere. The aircraft types and liveries applied are the only differences. The time the aircraft was banned on film can therefore be easily determined.

1945 - 1950

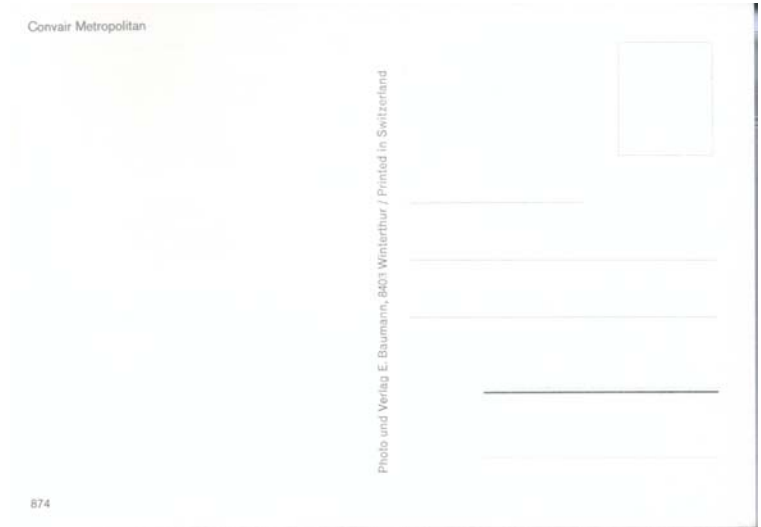


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1950 - 1960

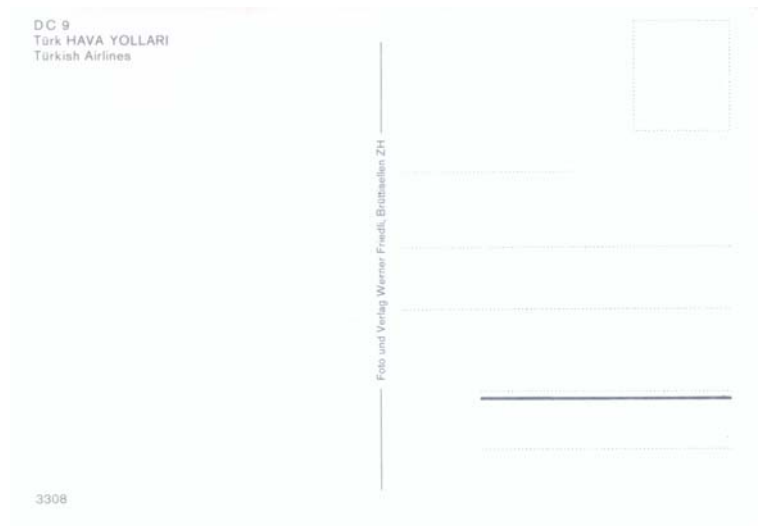
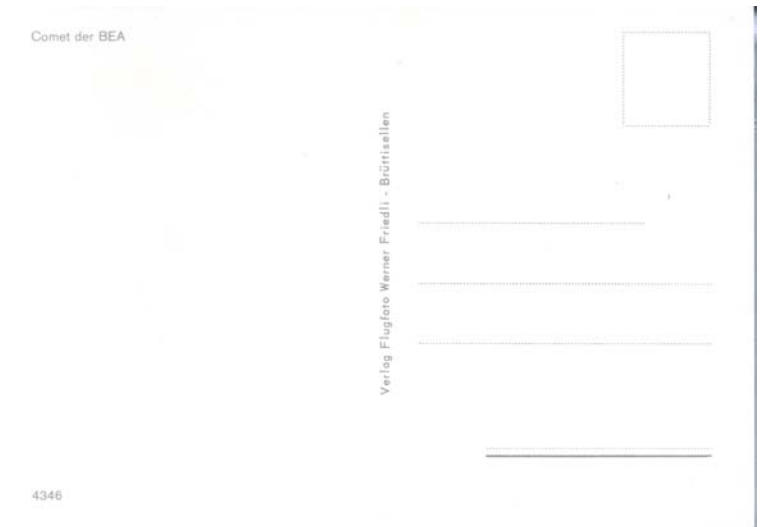


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1960 - 1970



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1970 - 1980



DC-10-30 Trijet der Swissair
Länge 55,5 m, Spannweite 50,4 m,
Höhe 17,7 m, Passagiere 22/227,
Reisegeschwindigkeit 897 km/h

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1980 - 1990



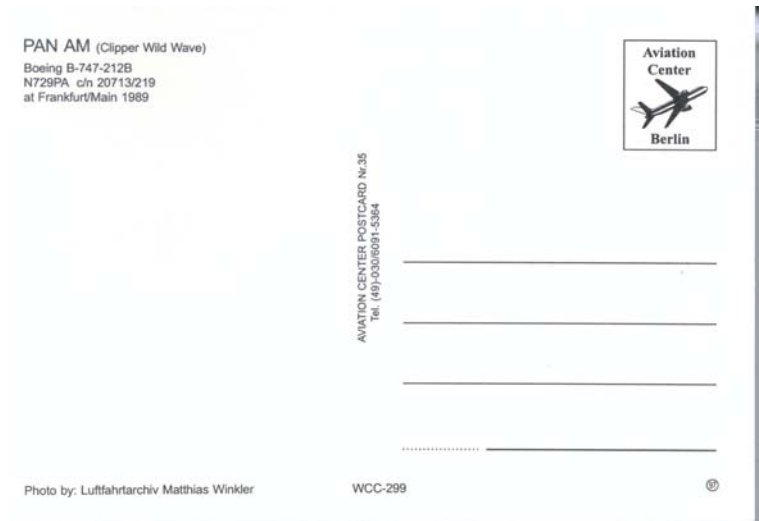
BRITISH AIRWAYS TriStar

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PAN AM (Clipper Wild Wave)
Boeing B-747-212B
N729PA c/n 20713/219
at Frankfurt/Main 1989

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1990 - 2003



Schweiz/Suisse/Svizzera/Switzerland
McDonnell Douglas MD 11 der Swissair
Spannweite 51,66 m Länge 61,21 m
Höhe 17,60 m Passagiere 236
Max. Geschwindigkeit 976 km/h

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