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COMMANDO PLANE.

With today's emphasis on troop-carrying planes, the new American-built Curtiss Commando takes some beating. The massive twin-engined air liner takes on a load for its test flight. A detachment of fully-armed troops packing into the plane's accommodating fuselage.

"Jeep" scout cars also can be stowed in the bulky interior. An ideal aircraft for moving men, weapons and supplies quickly to the many far-flung battle fronts.

With a low take-off and landing speed for small fields, and with a comfortable top speed in reserve, the torpedo-like carrier passes its tests with flying colours.

Designers are already working on plans for heavy tank carrying aircraft. That's a distant picture; but the Curtiss Commando brings it one stage nearer. Big carriers are being used extensively to speed troops and supplies to critical points in all parts of the world.