

Right: A batch of five CASA 212-200s (530-534) was received in late 1981/early 1982, including one (534) for SAR missions with a radar nose. This aircraft, together with 530, was returned to CASA, leaving three aircraft to continue on military transport and surveillance tasks.



Above: Five EMB-110C Bandeirantes (serialised 580-584) were delivered to Grupo de Aviación No. 6 from January 1976. 584 was lost in June 1977, and a replacement ordered for delivery in August 1978. The new aircraft, 585, was an EMB-110B1 survey platform, which remains in use with Escuadrón No. 3 alongside regular transports 580 and 583.

Right: The transport unit's latest acquisition is a single EMB-120ER Brasília, purchased second-hand in the US and arriving on 15 July 1999 to replace the last Fokker F27 (C-27) in Escuadrón No. 3 service. It features an EFIS cockpit.



## Escuadrón Aéreo No. 3 (Transporte)

This squadron was created on 24 April 1994 by integrating the operations and assets of Grupos de Aviación No. 3 (Bombardero), No. 4 (Transporte) and No. 6 (Transporte). The unit operates from Carrasco IAP and has one EMB-120 Brasília (FAU code C-120), three EMB-110 (C-95) Bandeirantes, three CASA 212-200 (C-212) Aviocars and two C-130B Hercules (above). The latter are undergoing overhaul by ENAER in Chile, and are being fitted with artificial ADF (automatic direction-finder) and HSI (horizontal situation indicator). As well as military transport tasks, the unit also carries out photo-survey and mapping tasks using one of the Bandeirantes, and two of the C-212s can be equipped for Comint missions. The Brasília and Bandeirantes are also routinely used on TAMU (Transporte Aéreo Militar Uruguayo) scheduled civilian flights serving remote destinations.