

Traffic statistics for these routes for the year ended 31st March, 1947, were—

Period.	Hours flown.	Ton-miles Capacity created.	Ton-miles Capacity used.	Load Factor.
1946				
April-June	2,353	1,115,165	977,453	Per Cent. 87·6
July-September	2,410	1,141,317·5	879,116	77·2
October-December	2,291	1,028,137·5	831,025	80·8
1947				
January-March	2,056	981,734	906,144·5	92·3
Totals	9,110	4,266,354	3,593,738·5	84·5

Period.	Passenger-miles.	Passengers, in Ton-miles.	Freight in Ton-miles.	Mail, in Ton-miles.
1946				
April-June	2,368,760	484,166·4	151,410	341,876·6
July-September	1,976,540	359,554	206,471·5	313,090·5
October-December	3,246,150	493,854·5	257,161·5	80,009
1947				
January-March	2,743,970	555,473	247,816·5	102,855
Totals	10,335,420	1,893,047·9	862,859·5	837,831·1

(2) *Internal Scheduled Services*

Route.	Route- miles.	Frequency.
Auckland-Christchurch	479	Once daily in each direction (except Sunday).
Auckland-Christchurch (via Paraparaumu)	505	Once daily in each direction (except Sunday).

Traffic carried over these routes for the year ended 31st March, 1947, was—

Number of Passengers carried.	Hours flown.	Capacity created, in Ton-miles.	Capacity used, in Ton-miles.	Load Factor.	Passenger- miles.	Passengers, in Ton-miles.	Freight, in Ton-miles.	Mail, in Ton-miles.
49,820	4,145	1,741,000	1,415,433	Per Cent. 81·3	17,453,150	1,356,376	47,881*	11,176

* Of this total, 30,885 ton-miles was carried on behalf of the New Zealand Railways.

In addition, the R.N.Z.A.F. Air Transport operated a non-scheduled freight service on charter to the New Zealand Railways. C. 47 (Dakota) aircraft were used, travelling between Paraparaumu and Woodbourne. A total of 2,040,101 lb. of freight, representing 71,297 freight ton-miles, was carried on this service since its inception on 10th February, 1947.

SECTION III.—AERO CLUBS

During the year eight clubs which had been operating prior to the war resumed flying and six new clubs were formed and commenced activities. At 31st March, 1947, a total of eighteen clubs was operating, this representing an increase of fourteen over the total number operating as at 31st March, 1946.