

Aircraft used for the operation of services on these routes were—

Lockheed Lodestar	..	..	..	..	4
Lockheed Electra	..	..	..	..	4
D.H. 89B Dominie	..	..	..	..	6
Total	..	..	..	..	14

This represents an increase of nine over the total number of aircraft operated by Union Airways of New Zealand, Ltd., and Cook Strait Airways, Ltd., during the year ended 31st March, 1946.

The Gisborne-Palmerston North service was extended to Gisborne-Wellington (via Napier and Palmerston North) on the 3rd September, 1946.

The following new services were inaugurated during the year :—

Auckland-Wellington (via New Plymouth and Palmerston North) on 2nd September, 1946.

Auckland-Gisborne (via Tauranga) on 20th January, 1947.

Auckland-Kaiataia (via Whangarei and Kaikohe) on 20th January, 1947.

The following service was operated by Air Travel (N.Z.) Ltd., under charter :—

Route	..	..	..	..	Nelson-Hokitika.
Route-miles	..	..	..	..	163.
Frequency	..	..	..	..	Once daily in each direction (except Sunday).

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

Hours flown	..	..	..	..	..	1,050
Miles flown	..	..	..	..	..	130,179
Passengers	..	..	..	..	..	2,750
Freight (lb.)	..	..	..	..	..	22,472
Mail (lb.)	..	..	..	..	..	18,511
Passenger-miles	..	..	..	..	..	302,453
Freight ton-miles	..	..	..	..	..	1,054
Mail ton-miles	..	..	..	..	..	1,044

The following licences were held at 31st March, 1947, by New Zealand National Airways Corporation staff :—

"B" Licence	..	..	..	..	..	51
Navigator's Licence—						
First Class	..	..	..	..	..	1
Second Class	..	..	..	..	..	13
Radio Telegraph Operators' Licence—						
First Class	..	..	..	..	..	2
Second Class	..	..	..	..	..	3
Third Class	..	..	..	..	..	46
Radio Telephone Operator's Licence	..	..	..	..	..	5
Flying Instructor's Authority	..	..	..	..	..	4
Aircraft Engineer's Licence	..	..	..	..	..	36

(2) Air Travel (N.Z.), Ltd.

Apart from the Nelson-Hokitika service operated under charter for New Zealand National Airways Corporation, Air Travel (N.Z.), Ltd., operated the following services :—

Route.	Route-miles.	Frequency.
Hokitika-Weheka	84	Once daily in each direction (except Sunday). Twice weekly in each direction.
Hokitika-Okuru	135	
Total	219	