

This includes those flights which were carried out by other companies under charter to Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., during the period 23rd February to 31st March, 1948.

The following is a summary of traffic statistics for Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., for the years 1941-48 :—

Year ended,	Hours flown.	Miles flown.	Passengers.	Freight.	Mail.	Passenger-miles.	Freight Ton-miles.	Mail Ton-miles.
				lb.	lb.			
31st March, 1941 ..	1,181	174,200	1,507	18,800	78,179	2,019,380	11,246	46,768
31st March, 1942 ..	1,382	211,920	1,959	32,230	167,275	2,625,060	19,280	100,066
31st March, 1943 ..	1,265	192,960	2,256	35,195	101,741	3,023,040	21,054	60,863
31st March, 1944 ..	1,502	229,140	2,924	40,024	94,106	3,918,160	23,943	56,296
31st March, 1945 ..	2,798	427,460	5,803	84,189	142,812	7,796,020	50,363	85,432
31st March, 1946 ..	3,270	293,764	6,100	99,584	214,792	8,174,000	60,019	128,492
31st March, 1947 ..	4,863	778,704	11,648	176,687	278,789	15,608,320	105,697	166,776
31st March, 1948 ..	6,128	991,916	18,792	223,229	331,926	25,194,933	122,506	198,556

Licences held by the company's staff as at 31st March, 1948, were—

" B " Licence	28
Navigator's Licence—	
First Class	23
Second Class	2
Radio Telegraph Operator's Licence—	
First Class	11
Third Class	2
Flying Instructor's Authority	6
Aircraft Engineer's Licence	72

(ii) *New Zealand National Airways Corporation*

New Zealand National Airways Corporation commenced operating services in the South-west Pacific on 1st November, 1947, over the following routes :—

Route No.	Route.	Route Miles.	Frequency.
1	Auckland-Lambasa (via Suva)	1,458	Once weekly in each direction.
2	Auckland - Norfolk Island	661	Once weekly in each direction.
3	Auckland-Rarotonga (via Norfolk Island, Nandi, Nausori, Tonga, Apia, and Aitutaki)	3,820	Once fortnightly in each direction.
	Total route miles	5,939	

The Auckland - Norfolk Island service was suspended on 15th December, 1947, due to the poliomyelitis epidemic in New Zealand, and the Auckland-Lambasa service was suspended on 16th February, 1948, due to unserviceable aircraft.