

Workshops were established and extended at the following airports, viz.—

Harewood	..	Major overhaul base for Douglas aircraft.
Whenuapai	..	Expansion with transfer from Mangere.
Gisborne	..	Expansion.
Milson	..	Expansion, including commencement of Butler hangar construction.

PERSONNEL

With the additional major workshop establishment at Harewood, opening of new offices at various centres, and general expansion of air services, the staff of the Corporation increased to 1,112 at 31st March, 1949, as compared with 687 at 31st March, 1948, and it is comprised of the following divisions :—

Operations : Aircrews, instructors, and operational administration	..	170
Engineering and Maintenance, including Inspectors	..	580
Traffic and passenger service	..	167
General services, including stores staff	..	75
Administration, including accounting and Nadi (Fiji) transient passenger establishment	..	120
		1,112

Staff numbers shown are inclusive of necessary personnel for the management, administration, accounting, maintenance, and operation of the Regional Air Service between Auckland Norfolk Island Fiji-Tonga Samoa Aitutaki Rarotonga, and the operation of a transient passenger establishment at Nadi, Fiji, for the North American services.

Having regard to the restriction of flying operations to daylight hours, the average output per staff member as measured by saleable ton-miles created, mileage, and passenger miles flown compares favourably with similar averages for contemporary airlines engaged in domestic service in other countries, but which are not precluded from night flying.

Thus :—

	N.A.C.	Contemporary.
Staff per 10,000 miles created	.. 1.5	1.041 to 3.799
Aircraft miles flown per staff member	.. 4,614	3,496 to 4,224
Passenger-miles flown per staff member	.. 44,663	16,330 to 57,270

FLEET

At 31st March, 1949, the aircraft of the Corporation consisted of :—

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Passenger liners	..	7
Freighters	..	6 (including one under conversion).
Lockheed Lodestar	..	11
Lockheed Electra	..	3
D.H. Dominie	..	6
D.H. Rapide	..	1
D.H. Fox Moth	..	3
Total aircraft owned	..	37

Two Sunderland flying-boats on hire from the New Zealand Government were being operated between Auckland and Fiji.