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AIR TRANSPORT INDUSTRY

Domestic and International Airlines of the United States





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A WORD OF EXPLANATION TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

"Little Known Facts" is published yearly to acquaint you with the past and current operations of the Air Transport Industry, so that you may have facts and figures for appraising its past and future.

You will note that this sixth edition of "Little Known Facts" differs from those of 1942-43 in that it reveals some information, which, during the first two years of war, had been withheld for military reasons.

You are familiar, of course, with the part many industries have played in the war program, since it has been possible for them to keep the public well-informed ever since our country went to war.

But now, for the first time in "Little Known Facts", you will read the story of the Airlines at War; and as you will note, the Airlines, by the very nature of the industry, were long-prepared to do the vital warjobs they have and are doing, both at home and abroad.

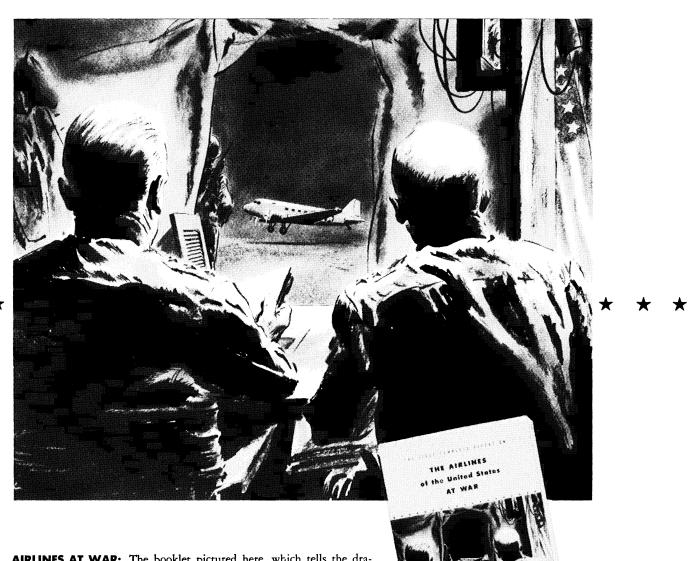
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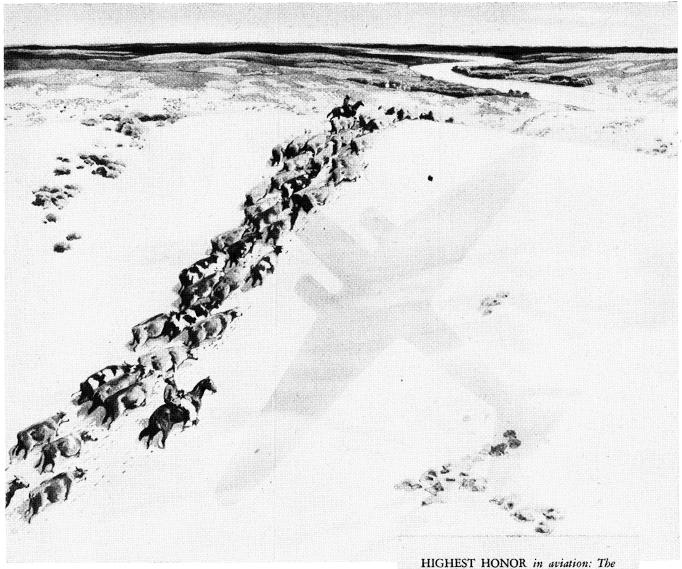
"BY COMMON ACTION TO ADVANCE THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY FOR BETTER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENSE"

"They (the Air Transport Command) have done a wonderful job, and the only reason why they have been able to do it is because we were farsighted enough to get all the aid and assistance possible from the civil air lines in the creation of this big organization which now extends around the world."

GEN. H. H. ARNOLD, Commanding General A.A.F. before House Appropriations Subcommittee



AIRLINES AT WAR: The booklet pictured here, which tells the dramatic story of the Airlines at War, as officially reported by the Office of War Information, will be sent to you on request, free and postpaid. Address your request for the OWI Report on "The Airlines At War" to: Air Transport Association, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington 5, D.C.



FLIGHT PLAN... for Victory and Peace

HIGHEST HONOR in aviation: The Collier Trophy was awarded jointly to the Army Air Forces and the Airlines "for pioneering world-wide air transportation vital to immediate defense and ultimate victory."

IT WAS a soft spring night in 1942. A giant airliner was winging its way across the western plains on its regular east-bound run.

The pilot and co-pilot were brought to attention by an order over the radio. They were to put off all passengers, mail and express at the next destination, refuel and proceed at once to Edmonton, Canada. It was a secret military mission. They were to communicate with no one.

They had been discussing plans about getting together with their families next day; and now, in a matter of minutes, they

were off to war, "somewhere" North, in light spring clothes.

Hours later, at Edmonton, when their airliner was safely down, they were met by an officer of the Army Air Transport Command, a former Airline employee, who directed the loading of their plane with bombs and provided them with apparel suitable for frigid weather.

Given the destination Fairbanks, Alaska, they were instructed then to proceed to Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians, where they landed on schedule after a trip of thousands of miles over a route entirely new to them,

over field and forest, ice-capped mountain and arctic sea.

As their plane was being unloaded, six Zeros swooped down with machine guns blazing. The Japs were striking at Dutch Harbor. And even as they were striking a huge fleet of transport planes from 10 different Airlines were rushing in with vital material to thwart the attack. For the same radio orders that had diverted the first plane from its peaceful run over the prairies had likewise diverted scores of other airliners from their regular runs to far away Dutch Harbor.



"Buck Rogers stuff on a sound engineering basis," is the way a tians would have been postponed for months if air transport had not veteran air transport pilot termed the world system of military been able to fly in men and cargo quickly and in great quantity... routes flown by military, naval, and contract Airline crews. (There are over 100,000 miles of these routes reaching around the world, which the Airlines helped the Army and Navy build and are now helping to operate.) ... OWI Report.

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The Dutch Harbor incident related on the foregoing page is only one of the many emergencies handled by the Airlines under military order. But it is by no means typical of the 24-hour daily routine job of air transport the Airlines perform with the Army and Navy, all over the world. It is reported primarily because it is pregnant with the very reasons why air transport has played such a vital and often secret part in the war overseas, as contrasted with purely domestic transport.

Because of their great speed and versatility, because of their ability to hurdle land and sea over the shortest, trackless route to any destination on earth in a matter of hours, transport planes with critical loads have been used as a military surprise weapon in every theater of war, from Africa to India and the Pacific.

ACCORDING TO WELL-LAID PLANS

The emergency flight-action to the Aleutians on that spring night in 1942 was, of course, no surprise to the Airlines.

As early as 1936 and 1937, they had been prepared to go to war at a moment's notice, in accordance with a plan formulated by the Airlines and the War Department.

During years of peace, the Airlines had built the world's greatest, fastest, most comprehensive and efficient system of airways. They linked all major U. S. industrial centers and spanned the seas to more than 60 foreign countries.

They had the manpower, the resources and the know-how—a rich reservoir upon which the Army and

Navy called in establishing and operating more than 100,000 miles of new globe-girdling airways.

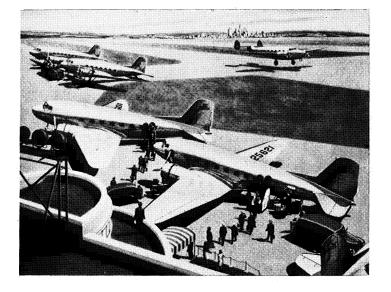
And they had the equipment—326 transport planes, about half of which were dressed in war paint and assigned to Army duty; and this does not include the great fleets operating in transoceanic peacetime service which were put under orders to the Navy.

And yet, with the 165 planes retained in this country, on Presidential decree, the Airlines through increased efficiency have, in these war years, doubled their prewar volume of cargo and mail, and at the same time have carried almost as many passengers on essential business.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT: "The growth of air transport before the war was phenomenal, and it has become a necessary adjunct of our war effort... the ability to move men and materials to any part of the world in hours, rather than weeks and months, is vital to our military strategy."... May 15, 1943

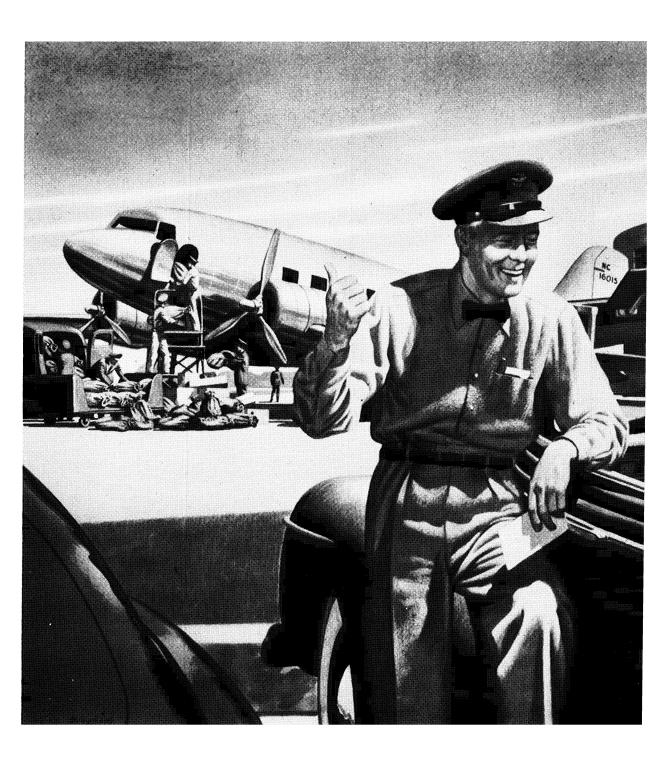


Manpower: Personnel of the Airlines was a ready-made reservoir of transport pilots, radio operators, maintenance crews and others experienced in organization. Many of these men have been killed in line of duty and others have received citations. Hundreds of Airlines' stewardesses have volunteered as flying nurses...OWI Report.



Work Horses of the war: During peace years, the commercial Airlines developed most of the planes that are now the backbone of our military transport operations. (They have been nicknamed work horses. Before the war, 8½ hours was the average work day for an airliner. Today, it is much greater, thanks to highest standards of maintenance.)...OWI Report.

Air Transport IS NOT A LUXURY...



As A RESULT of increased efficiency, the Airlines carried mail for Uncle Sam in 1943 at one-half the cost of 1935. Last year the Post Office Department took in something like \$30,000,000 more on the sale of airmail stamps than it paid out to the

Airlines for the mail carried — with \$50,000,000 estimated for 1944.

Shippers, too, have been saved millions of dollars. Air Express rates have been reduced so that shippers nationwide are now saving an average of more than 10% on charges that were in effect before July last year.

Passenger fares have also been reduced, representing a direct saving of millions of dollars to air travelers. Last year, for instance, the rate from Chicago to New York was cut from \$44.95 to \$38.85—cheaper in the end than first-class travel by rail, because meals cost nothing extra, and there is no tipping of Airline employees while in flight.

The average person can easily afford to travel by air if choice lies between first-class rail and airline travel. For often there is so little difference in the cost—but a *big* advantage in the service rendered by the Airlines. And certainly, a busy man cannot afford *not* to travel by air for the purely economic reason that, in business, time saved is money saved!

When the war is over and millions of new travelers take to the air, there is no telling where the cost of airline facilities to the public will find its logical and most economical base. But if history repeats itself—as it has a way of doing—increased volume and constant technical improvements point to the ever-increasing availability of air transportation to new thousands of users.

THE TRANSPORT of hundreds of thousands of military personnel by air to and from all parts of the world serves to dramatize for millions of Americans the swift mobility of air travel in relation to personal and business needs. It is inevitable that, after the war, only air transportation will be able to carry America at the speed it wants to go—at work or at play.



Charts—the Guide to America's Air Future

The charts on the following pages show the year-by-year progress of the Airlines in every phase of their operations since the Industry's beginning in 1926. However, for the war years 1942 and 1943, data relative to Airline operations outside of the United States is omitted for military reasons. Suffice to say that these operations are far

greater than before our nation went to war.

If America's air future is to be measured by no more than the past progress shown on these charts, the promise is great indeed.

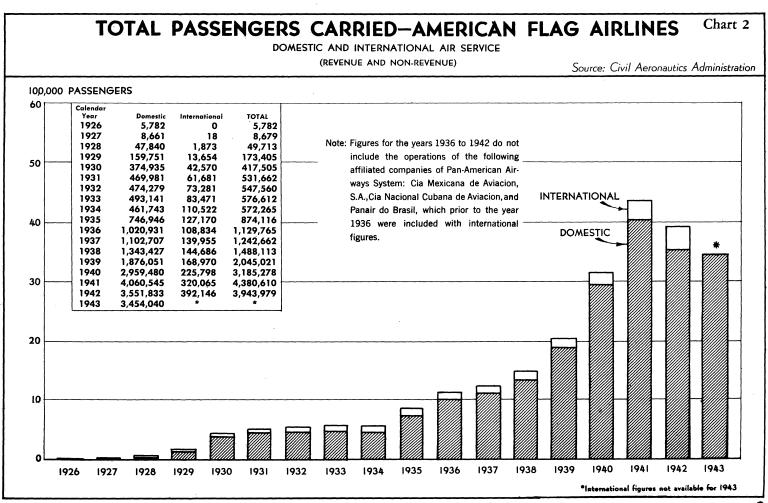
And the promise is all the greater, when the present plans for future development by the Airlines are considered—vastly expanded facilities, new routes at home and all over the world, new and larger and faster planes.

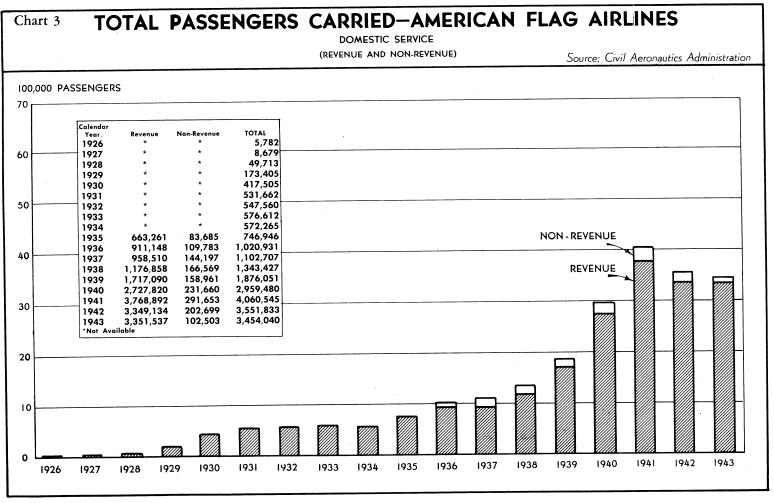
With such experience, resources and plans existing in the Airlines, they are equipped in every way to maintain for this nation in the future, its past and present world-leadership in air transport—for business and pleasure travel, global-wise.

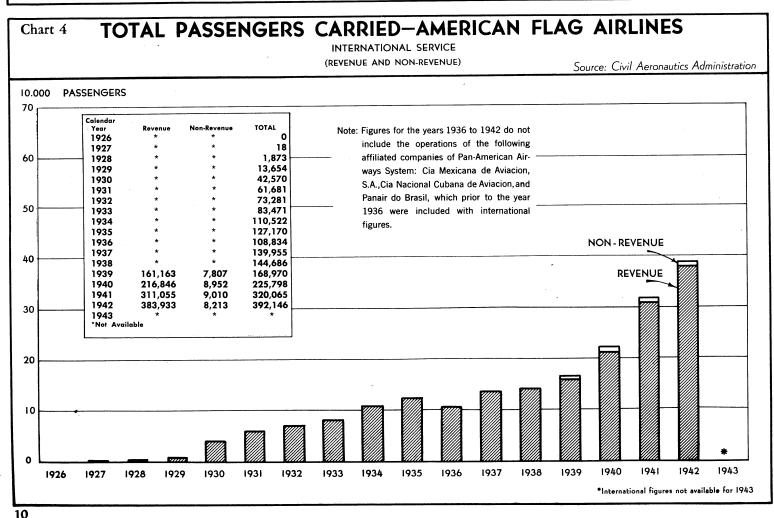
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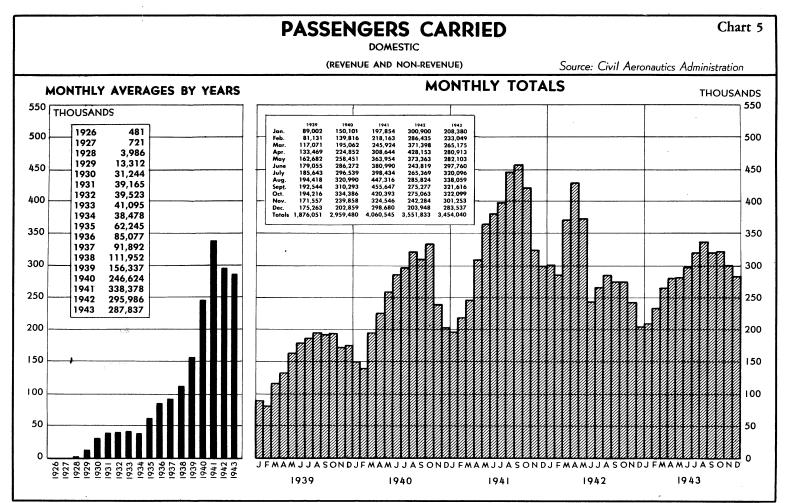
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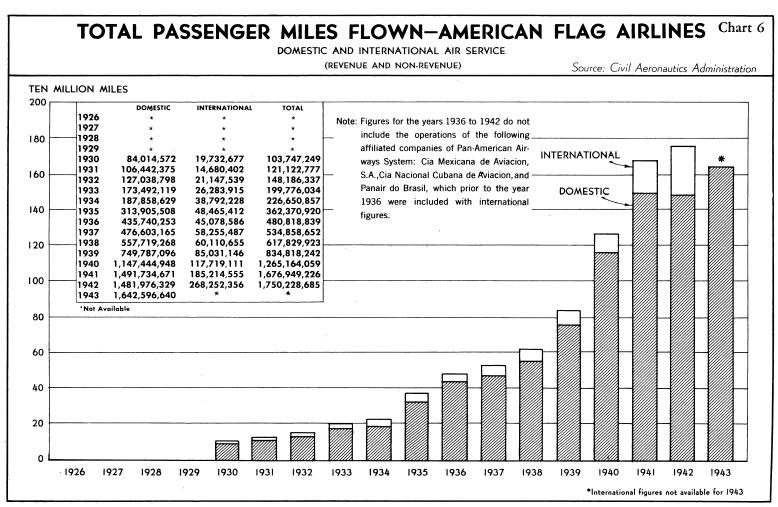
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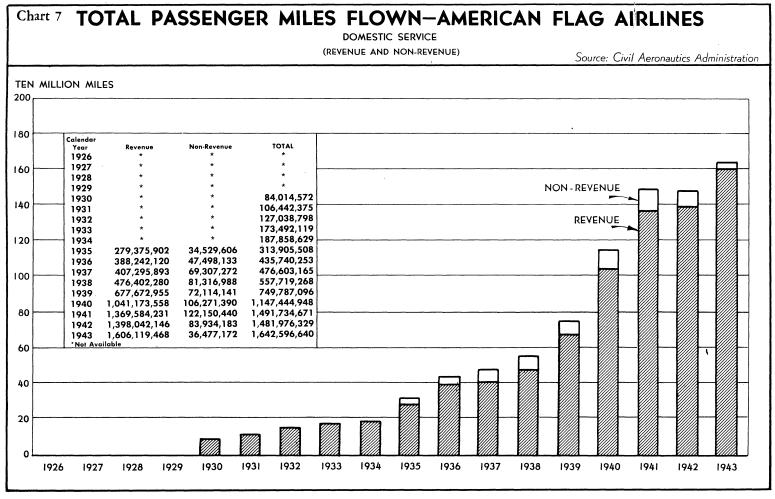


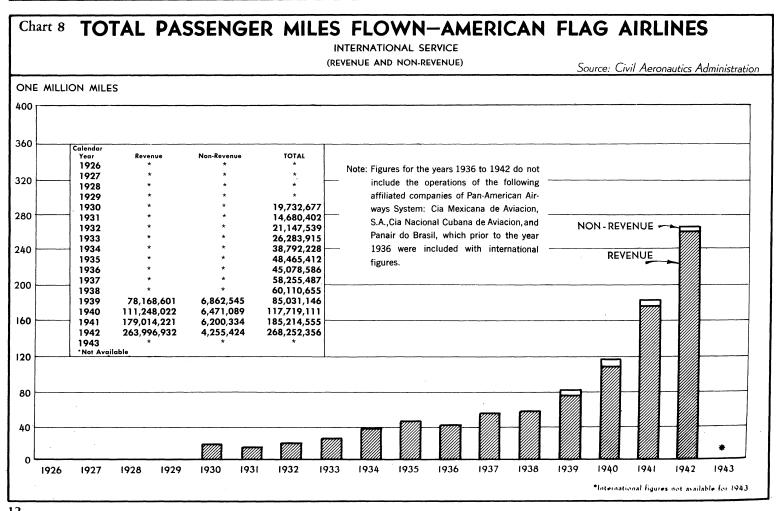


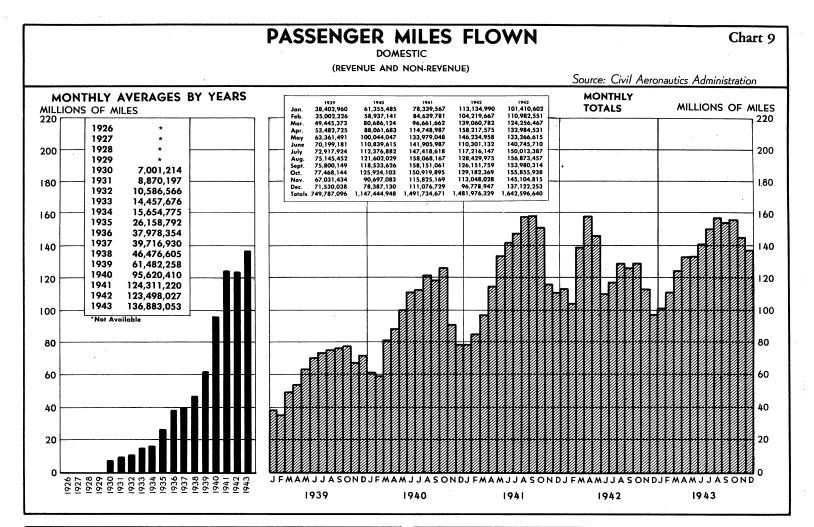


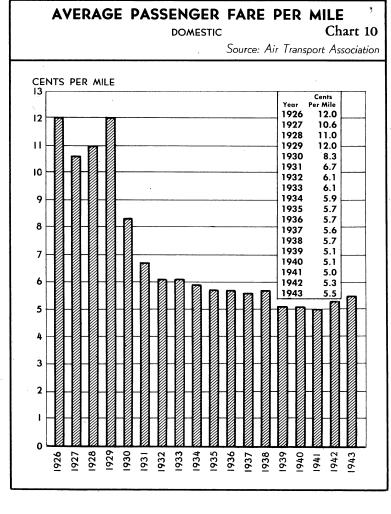












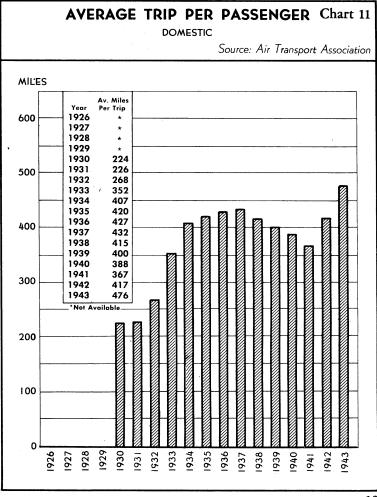
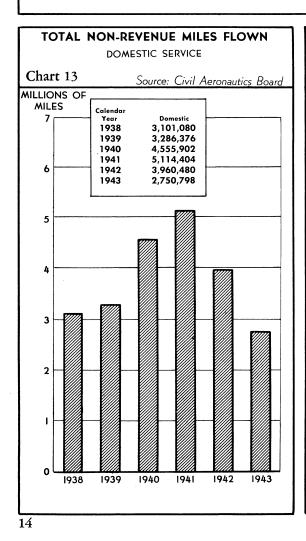
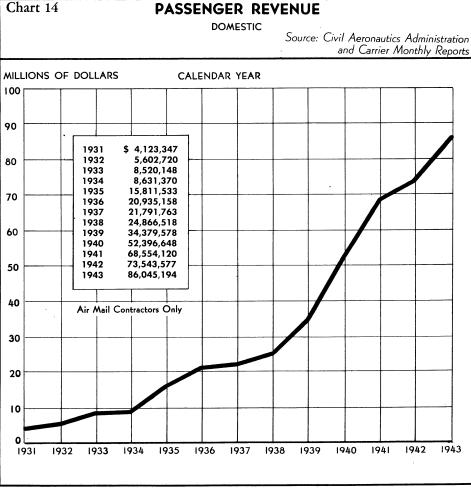
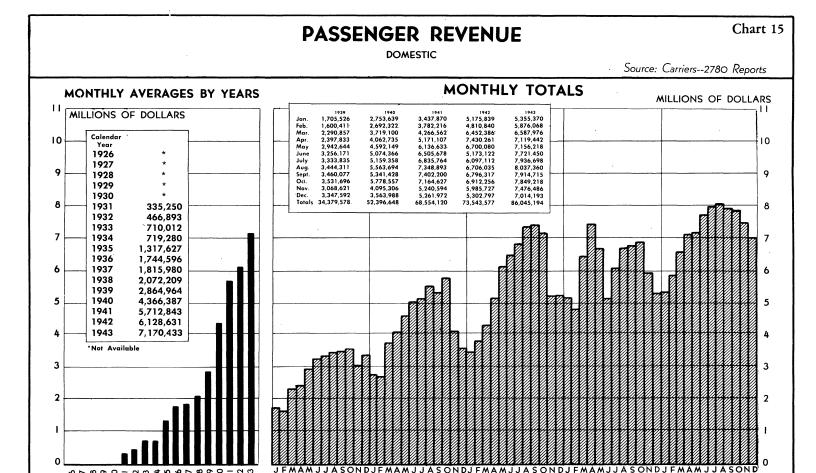


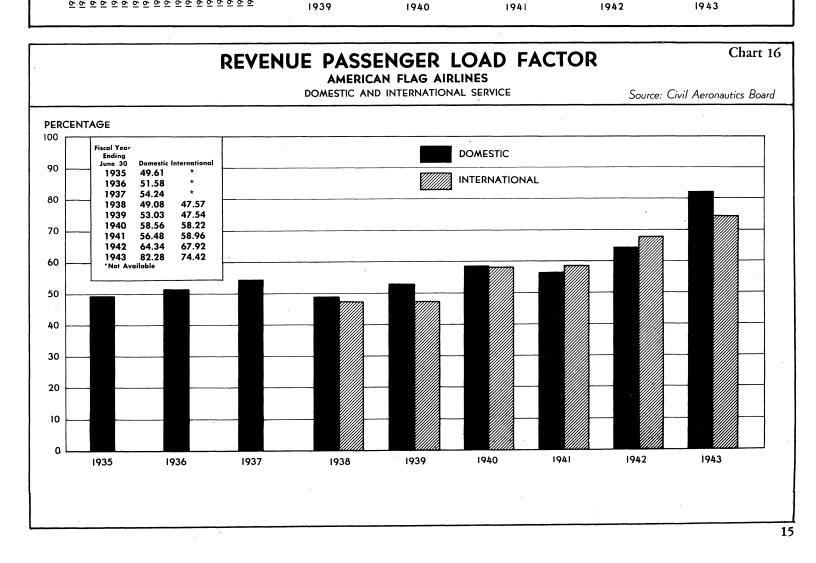
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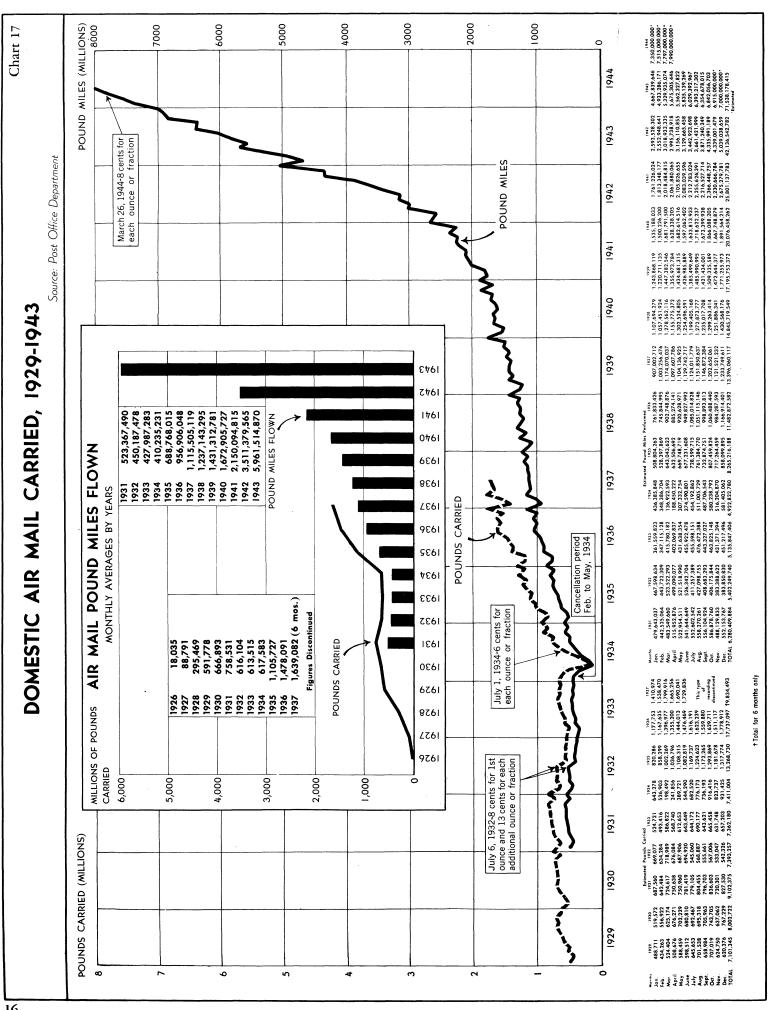


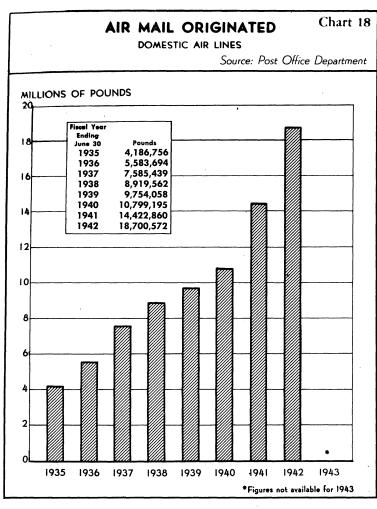


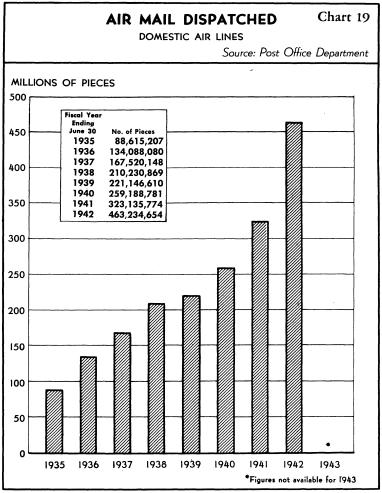
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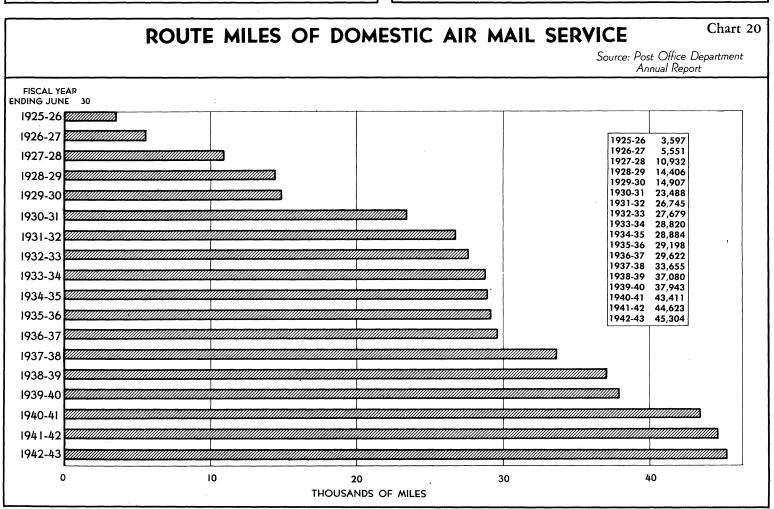


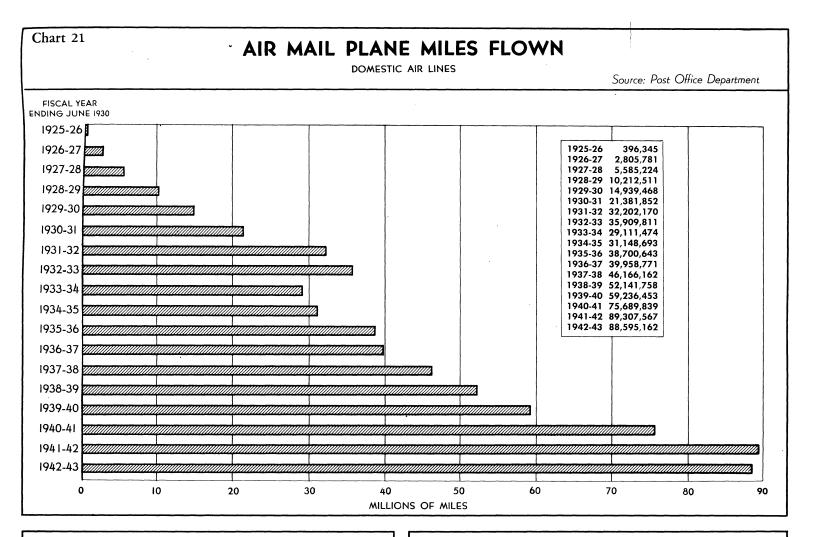


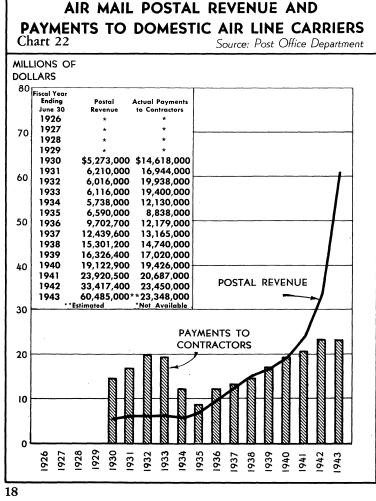


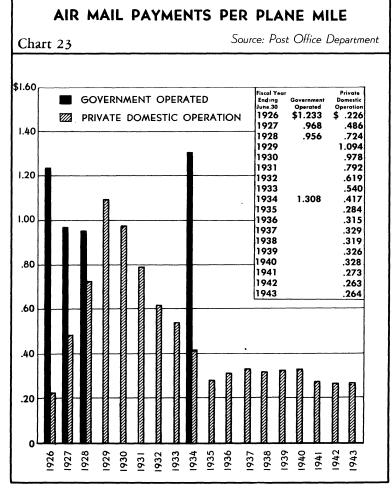




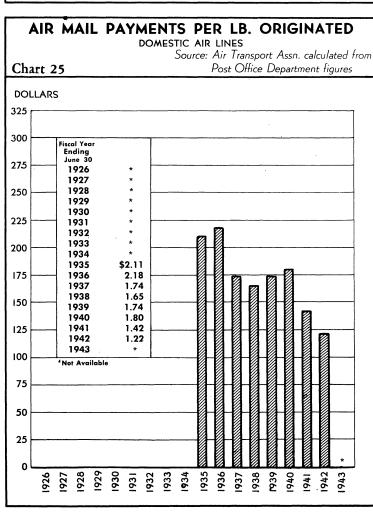


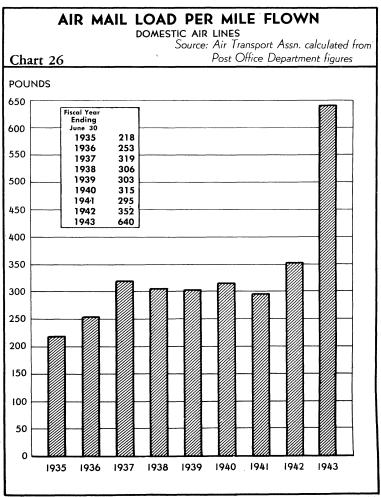


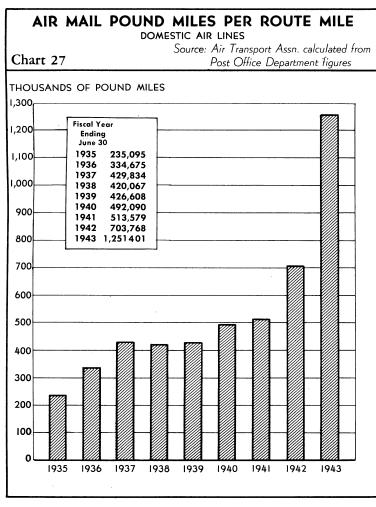


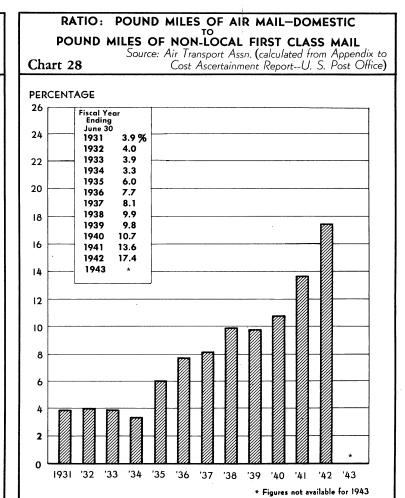


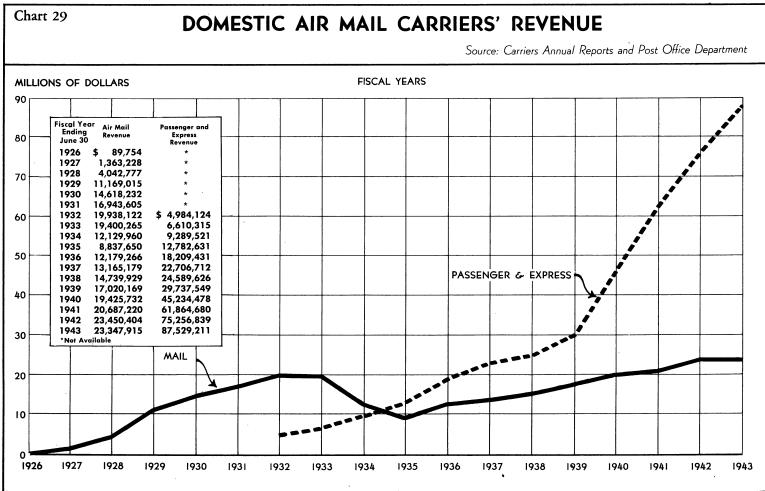
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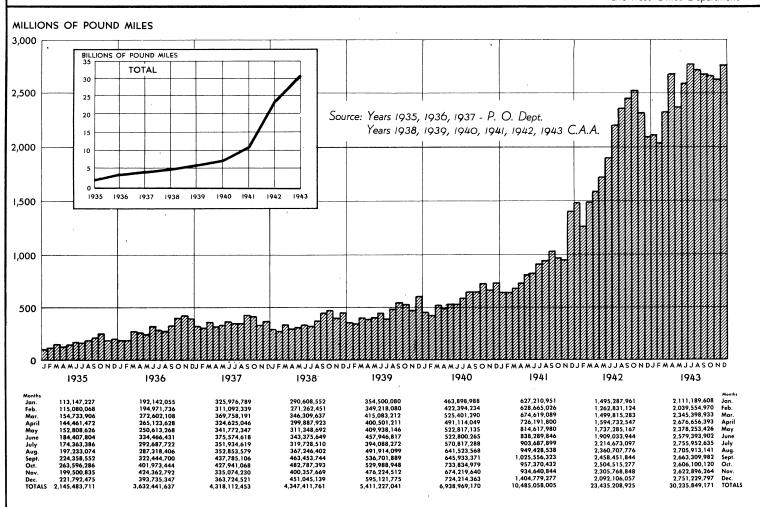


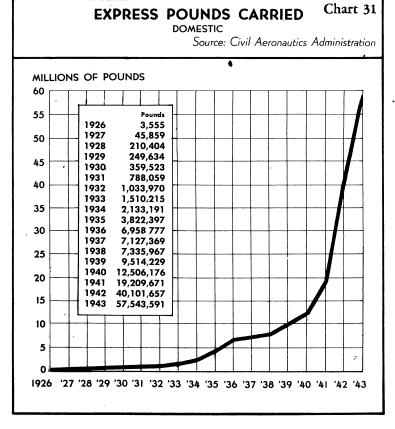
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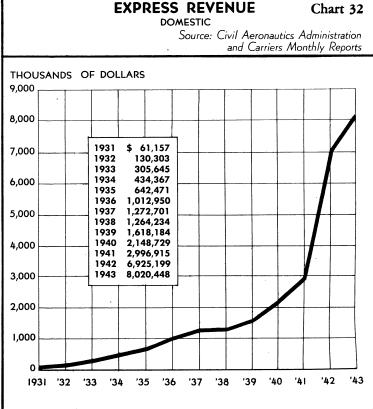
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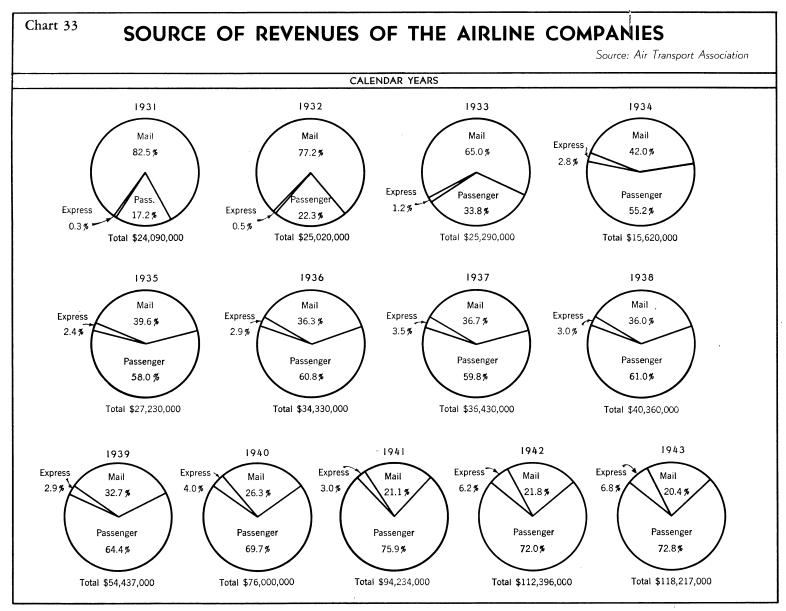
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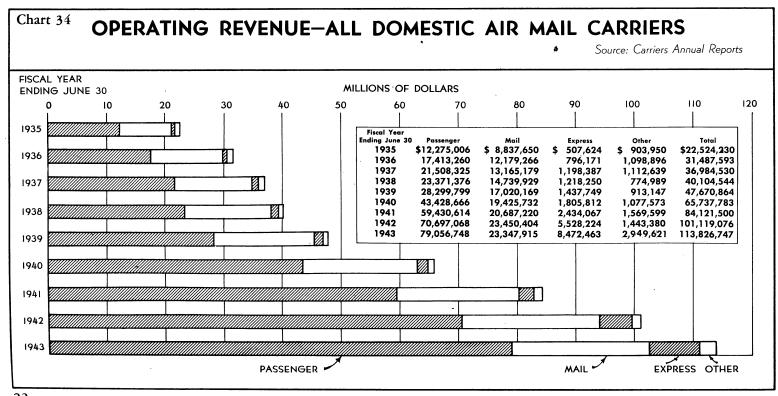
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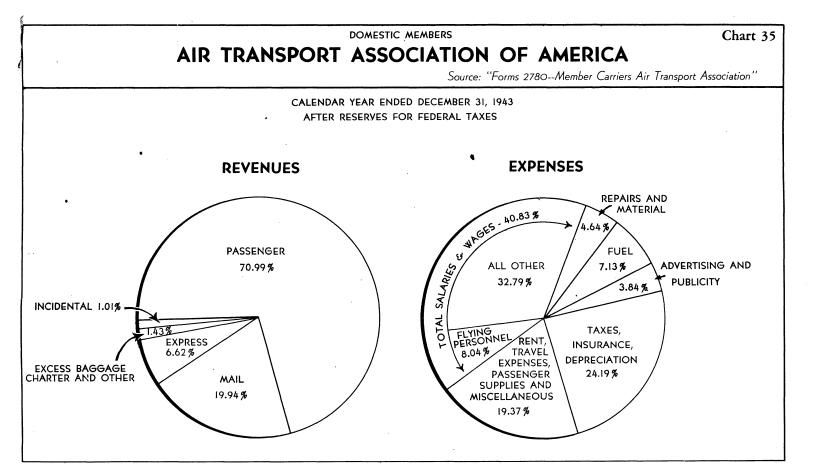






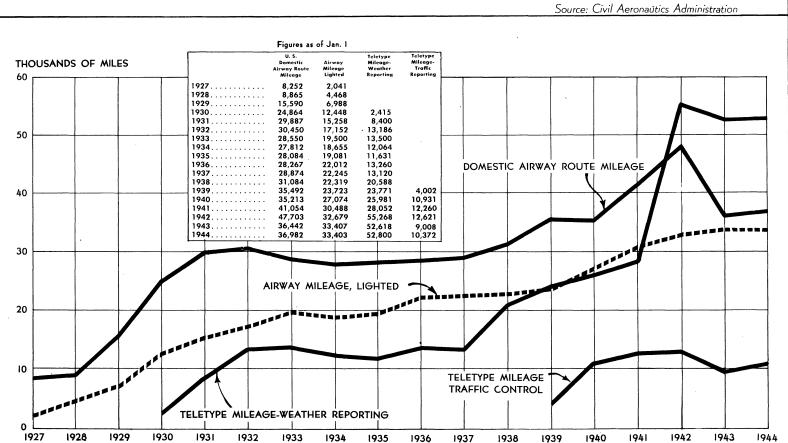


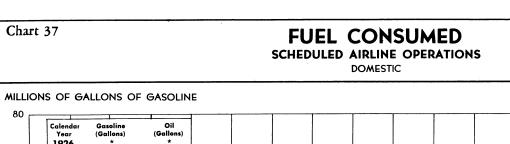


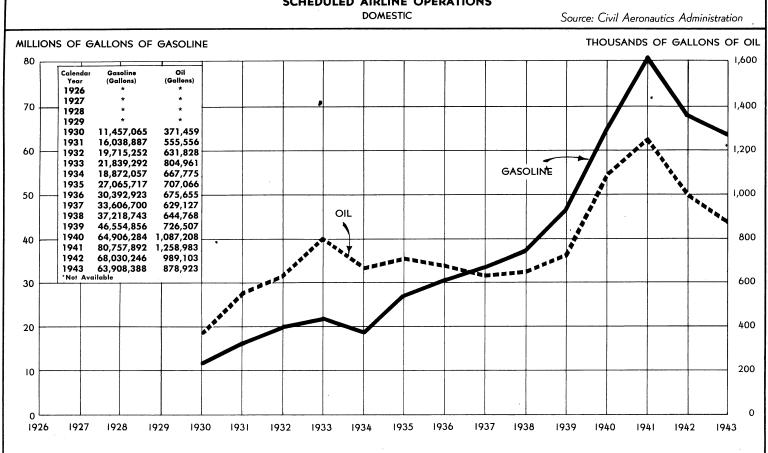


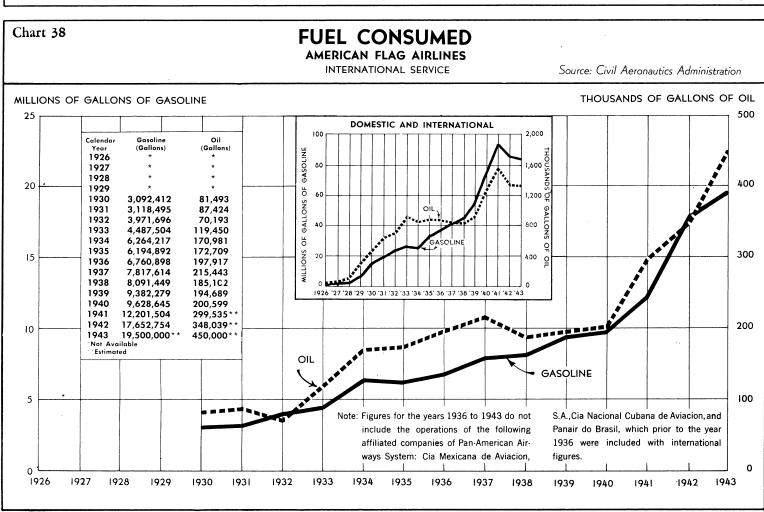
U. S. DOMESTIC AIRWAY SYSTEM, AIRWAY MILEAGE, AIRWAY MILEAGE LIGHTED AND MILES OF TELETYPE SERVICE

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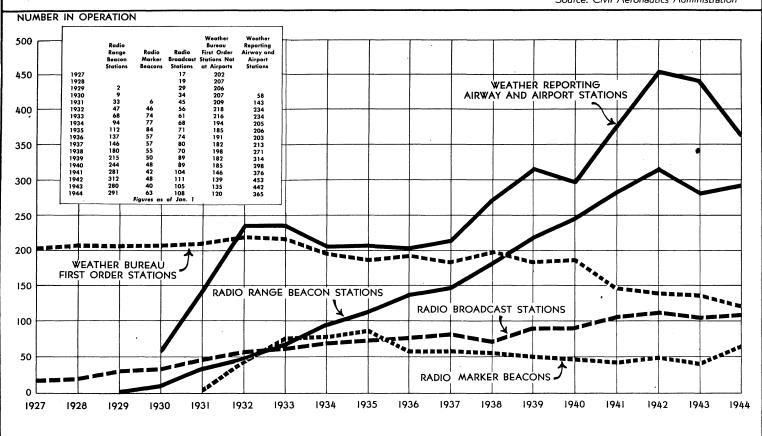


U. S. DOMESTIC AIRWAYS-RADIO RANGE

Chart 39

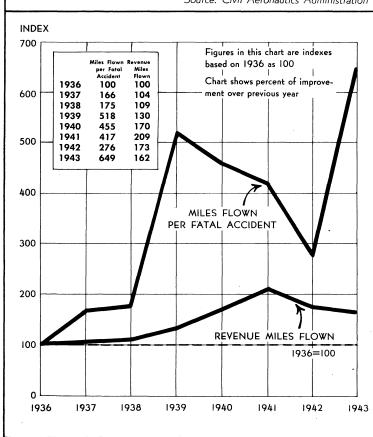
BROADCASTING FACILITIES AND WEATHER STATIONS

Source: Civil Aeronautics Administration





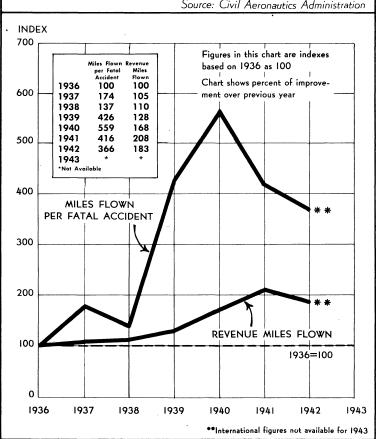
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AIR CARRIER Chart 41 **OPERATIONS AND SAFETY RECORD**

DOMESTIC, FOREIGN AND TERRITORIAL

Source: Civil Aeronautics Administration



MILES FLOWN AND FATAL ACCIDENTS IN CARRIER OPERATIONS

Chart 42

(DOMESTIC)

Source: Civil Aeronautics Administration

TOTAL MILES FLOWN

CAL. YEAR

1936 63,777,226

1937 66,071,507

1938 - 69,668,827

1939 - 82,571,523

1940

1941

1942

1943

NUMBER FATAL ACCIDENTS

CAL. YEAR

1936 ** * * * * * * * * * * * *

1937 * * * * * * 5

1938 * * * * * 5

1939 🗶 🗶 2

1940 💥 💥 💥 3

1941 💥 💥 💥 🐉 4

1942 * * * * * 5

1943 🗶 🗶 2

EACH SYMBOL REPRESENTS I ACCIDENT

MILES FLOWN AND FATAL ACCIDENTS IN CARRIER OPERATIONS

(DOMESTIC, FOREIGN AND TERRITORIAL)

Chart 43

Source: Civil Aeronautics Administration

TOTAL MILES FLOWN

CAL. YEAR

1936

1937 74,700,237

1938 78,197,239

1939 - 90,976,0631

1940

1941

1942

1943*

*International figures not available for 1943

NUMBER FATAL ACCIDENTS

CAL. YEAR

1936 ** * * * * * * * * * * * * * * 10

1937 * * * * * * * 6

1938 * * * * * * * * * * * 8

1939 🗶 🗶 🕉 3

1940 🗶 🗶 🕱 3

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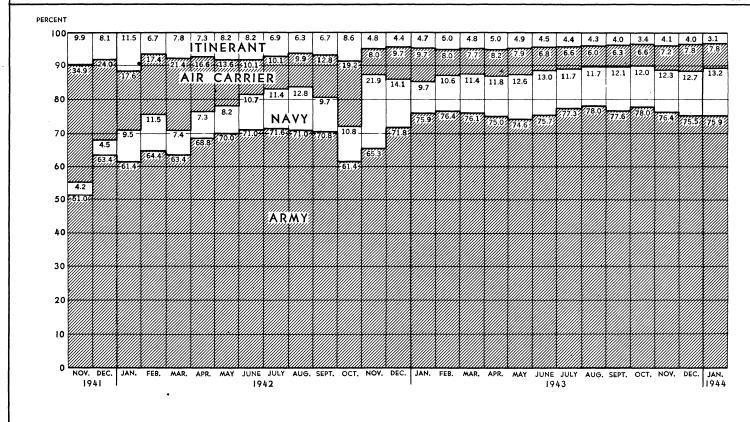
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Chart 44

USE OF THE FEDERAL AIRWAYS

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS ALONG THE FEDERAL AIRWAYS

Source: Civil Aeronautics Administration

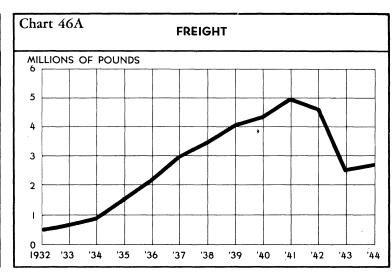


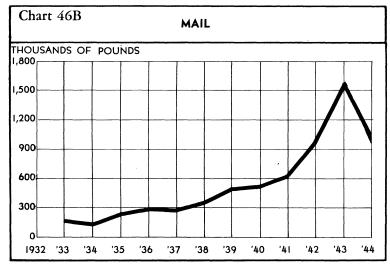
TENTATIVE CLASSIFICATION OF AIRPORTS

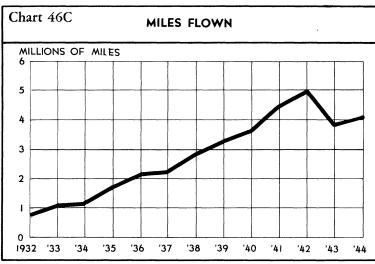
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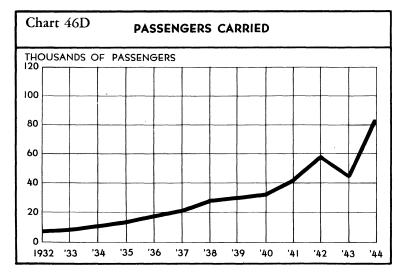
		SOURC	E: AIRPORT DIVISION—CIVIL AERO	ONAUTI	ICS ADMINISTRATION			
AS OF		1						
Jan. 1, 1942 1523	Jan. 1, 1943 1238	Jan. 1, 1944 910		CLASS	SMALL PRIVATE OWNER TYPE AIRCRAFT. 2 TO 5 PLACE ADEQUATE FOR AIRCRAFT UP TO 4,000 GROSS WEIGHT. FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES AND SECONDARY AIRPORTS. LANDING STRIPS 1800 TO 2500' LENGTH			
702	905	774		CLASS 2	*LARGER SIZE PRIVATE OWNER TYPE AIRCRAFT AND SMALL SIZE TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. UP TO 20 PLACE ADEQUATE FOR AIRCRAFT FROM 4,000 TO 15,000 F GROSS WEIGHT COMMUNITIES OF 5,000 TO 25,000 POPULATION. LANDING STRIPS 2500 TO 3500 LENGTH.			
187	367	430		CLASS	PRESENT DAY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. UP TO 30 PLAGE ADEQUATE FOR AIRCRAFT FROM 10.000 ** TO 50.000 ** GROSS WEIGHT. CITIES OF 25.000 TO 250.000 POPULATION ON AIRWAYS SYSTEM. LANDING STRIPS 3500' TO 4500' LENGTH.			
72	299	655		CLASS 4	LARGEST AIRCRAFT NOW IN USE AND THOSE PLANNED FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE. 50 PLACE AND LARGER ADEQUATE FOR AIRCRAFT OF GROSS WEIGHTS OF 50.000 # AND OVER.			
	Total				MAJOR METROPOLITAN CENTERS AND AIRWAY TERMINALS			
2,484	2,809	2,769			LANDING STRIPS 4500' LENGTHS AND OVER			

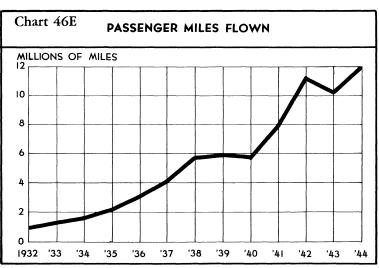
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Chart	46 FOR	THE Y	EAR END	ING DEC	EMBER 31, 1	1943		
	Timė	Trips	Miles	Passengers	Passenger Miles	Freight	Mail	
January	1,633/22	658	180,679	1,836	396,551	146,368	103,241	
February .	1,547/17	640	171,594	1,628	355,620	101,111	122,958	
March	2,541/42	1,070	277,415	2,917	761,941	220,558	132,705	
April	3,117/16	1,345	356,646	4 ,025	857,873	280,532	97,385	
Мау	3,486/24	1,506	406,915	5 ,583	1,111,401	243,998	107,934	
June	4,736/23	1,436	548,575	5 ,925	1,117,747	1,119,431	108,089	
July	4,016/30	1,453	449,126	14 ,382	1,178,232	219,172	98,104	
August	4,198/26	1,505	434,072	12,174	1,399,665	216,210	94,335	
September	3,955/19	1,367	423,897	10 ,875	1,292,022	255,764	83,434	
October	3,367/39	1,250	387,826	9 ,917	1,233,448	242,784	83,682	
November	2,664/46	960	309,697	8,320	820,115	199,493	106,694	
December	1,973/20	725	230,151	6 ,812	950,379	145,569	97,031	
	TOTALS 37,238/40 13,915 4,176,593 84,394 11,474,994 3,390,990 1,238,592 Source: Alaska Aeronautics and Communications Commission, Office of the Supervisor.							











Plane	es in Service	Pounds of Freight	Pounds of Mail	Passenger Miles Flown	Passengers Carried	Plane Miles Flown
Two-year period ending March 31, 1929	8	94,701	24,250	272,999	2,171	331,591
Year ending June 30, 1930	24	103,043	1 <i>7</i> ,690	684,261	3,654	338,422
Year ending June 30, 1931	26	161,718●	•	947,695	7,947	381,234
Year ending June 30, 1932	31	496,680●	•	942,176	6,637	742,854
Year ending June 30, 1933	42	634,016	151,570	1,222,510	7,743	1,059,155
Year ending June 30, 1934	56	869,398	124,972	1,533,311	10,194	1,126,610
Year ending June 30, 1935	73	1,496,917	225,840	2,148,692	13,318	1,685,654
Year ending June 30, 1936	79	2,138,886	279,730	3,035,018	16,982	2,130,939
Year ending June 30, 1937	102	2,947,726	264,201	4,021,798	20,958	2,209,206
Year ending June 30, 1938	155	3,415,759	342,736	5,634,461	26,885	2,829,258
Year ending June 30, 1939	175	4,010,730	489,574	5,801,787	29,814	3,247,046
Year ending June 30, 1940	*	4,315,660	520,232	5,745,804	31,435	3,598,790
Year ending June 30, 1941	*	4,947,516	611,422	7,918,054	41,703	4,434,232
Year ending June 30, 1942	*	4,630,456	954,026	11,106,122	57,028	4,932,868
Year ending June 30, 1943	*	2,427,107	1,548,902	10,150,469	45,801	3,700,903
†Year ending June 30, 1944	*	2,568,005	982,901	12,065,139	83,823	4,015,334



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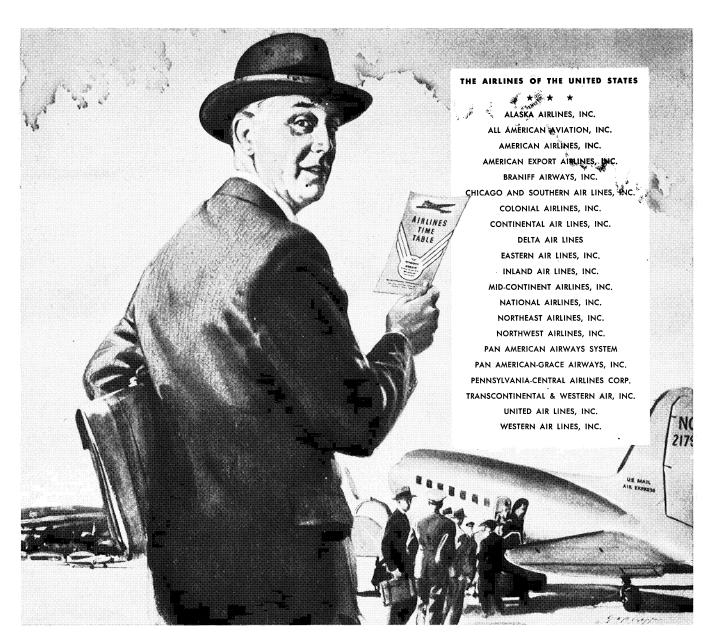
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