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American Airlines traffic in October was the second highest of any month in the company's history. The 180,739,000 passenger miles for the month are only slightly below the all-time industry record of 181,624,408 passenger miles performed by American in June of this year.

It was the best record for any October. The month is generally on a par with September, when the summer traffic usually drops off sharply.

Company spokesmen attributed the October record partially to the stepped up defense production, increased traffic of armed forces personnel, a general upswing in business conditions, and the weather, particularly in the high density travel area of the Eastern part of the U.S. American completed 99.3 per cent of its schedules during the month.

Air mail traffic also registered a sharp upswing. American for the first time in any October performed more than a million ton miles of air mail transportation. It accumulated 1,001,365 ton miles. Air Express was high but did not set any records. American performed 794,201 ton miles in Air Express. Airfreight ton miles totalled 3,989,670, a record for October.

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