

AMERICAN OVERSEAS AIRLINES

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American Overseas Airlines carried 21,411 passengers and 1,110,207 pounds of cargo across the Atlantic during the first six months of this year, more than double the passenger and cargo volume for the corresponding period of 1946.

The unprecedented increase in traffic has reached the point where AOA now leads all transatlantic airlines in the number of flights, and passengers transported, between the U. S. and Europe, Harold R. Harris, vice president and general manager, said.

AOA made 924 transatlantic flights between January 1 and June 30, of this year, carrying an average of 118 passengers a day. Also carried on these flights were 537,023 pounds of U. S. and foreign mail and 573,184 pounds of cargo.

The company had its biggest passenger carrying month in June, when 6,931 persons crossed the Atlantic aboard AOA Flagships. Mail for the month totaled 87,383 pounds and cargo 99,676 pounds, adding to the record payload. April was the heaviest month for mail with 123,371 pounds being carried, and May saw the largest cargo shipments which hit 102,794 pounds.

AOA currently operates 24 transatlantic round trips weekly for passengers and cargo, and one weekly all-cargo flight.

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