

## CONCLUSION

This year has seen a marked advance primarily in the sphere of administration and organization in the development of the peacetime Air Force. The future efficiency of the Service will depend primarily upon the response to the recruiting programme in the way of adequate numbers of a high calibre.

I wish to express my thanks to all ranks of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, civilian staff of Air Department, and to the Departments with which the Air Force is closely associated for their services and assistance during the past year.

I have, &c.,

A. DE T. NEVILL, Air Vice-Marshal,

Chief of the Air Staff.

## APPENDIX A—FLYING STATISTICS FOR YEAR 1ST APRIL, 1947, TO 31ST MARCH, 1948

Operational Units—			Flying-hours.	Training—			Flying-hours.
No. 14 (F) Squadron	..	..	3,032·45	Air Navigation School	..	..	767·25
No. 5 (FB) Squadron	..	..	993·50	No. 1 Flying Training School	..	..	2,118·20
No. 75 (BR) Squadron	..	..	785·15	Instrument Flying School	..	..	607·45
Total	..	..	4,811·50	Total	..	..	3,493·30
				Miscellaneous—			
Transport Units—				Canterbury Project Flight	..	..	419·05
No. 41 Squadron	..	..	6,232·20	Forestry Fire Patrol	..	..	78·50
No. 40 Squadron	..	..	2,259·35	Communication Flight (Rongotai)	..	..	50·15
Sunderland Squadron	..	..	578·55	Miscellaneous Station Flying	..	..	729·55
General Purpose Flight	..	..	2,273·10	Total	..	..	1,278·05
Total	..	..	11,344·20	Grand total	..	..	20,927·45

## APPENDIX B—HONOURS AND AWARDS

*Honours*

	Conferred 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948.			
Commander of the Order of the British Empire	..	..	..	1
Officer of the Order of the British Empire	..	..	..	3
Member of the Order of the British Empire	..	..	..	12

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*Awards*

	Conferred 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948.			
Air Force Cross	..	..	..	7
British Empire Medal	..	..	..	4
U.S. Legion of Merit	..	..	..	2
Croix de Guerre (French)	..	..	..	7
Legion of Merit (French)	..	..	..	1
Legion of Honour (French)	..	..	..	1
Chevalier of Order of Leopold	..	..	..	4
Netherlands Flying Cross	..	..	..	2
				28
Mentioned in Despatches	..	..	..	1
Commendations	..	..	..	10