

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934Date of earliest event
reported: January 17, 2001American Airlines, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)Delaware
(State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number)

1-2691

13-1502798
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)4333 Amon Carter Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)76155
(Zip Code)(817) 963-1234
(Registrant's telephone number)

Item 5. Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith a press release issued on January 17, 2001 by its parent company, AMR Corporation, as Exhibit 99.1 which is included herein. This press release was issued to report AMR's fourth quarter and full year 2000 earnings.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following exhibit is included herein:

99.1 Press Release

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

American Airlines, Inc.

/s/ Charles D. MarLett
Charles D. MarLett
Corporate Secretary

Dated: January 17, 2001

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Press Release

Contact: Corporate Communications
Fort Worth, Texas
817-967-1577

FOR RELEASE: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001

Editor's Note: A live Webcast reporting fourth-quarter earnings will be broadcast on the Internet on Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. EST. (Windows Media Player required for viewing.)

AMR REPORTS FOURTH-QUARTER EARNINGS OF
\$56 MILLION BEFORE SPECIAL ITEMS

FULL-YEAR EARNINGS ARE \$752 MILLION BEFORE SPECIAL ITEMS

FORT WORTH, Texas -- AMR Corporation, the parent company of American Airlines, Inc., today reported fourth-quarter net earnings of \$56 million, or \$0.34 per common share diluted, before special items. This compares to net earnings of \$87 million, or \$0.57 per common share diluted, before special items for the same period in 1999.

"We had a challenging fourth quarter," said Donald J. Carty, American's chairman and chief executive officer. "While demand for air travel was strong, severe weather across much of our system resulted in lost traffic and higher operating costs. And of course, fuel prices remained very high.

"Nevertheless, we had a successful year, with strong revenue driven by both high load factors and robust yields," Carty added. "Undoubtedly, this performance was aided by our More Room Throughout Coach initiative that we launched last February, and which has been a huge success in terms of building customer loyalty."

Carty noted that cargo revenue also remained strong, rising 9.8 percent for the quarter and 12.1 percent for the year.

AMR's fourth-quarter results brought the company's full-year 2000 net earnings to \$752 million, or \$4.65 per common share diluted, before special items and an extraordinary loss. This compares with 1999 net earnings of \$543 million, or \$3.45 per common share diluted, before special items.

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For the seventh consecutive year, the company will share its success with employees through its profit sharing program, Carty said. In March, the company will distribute nearly \$300 million to employees, which will be one of the highest payouts since profit sharing began.

After accounting for two special items noted below, AMR reported net earnings of \$47 million (\$0.29 per common share diluted) for the quarter, as compared to net earnings of \$209 million (\$1.37 per common share diluted) in 1999.

Fourth Quarter Results

(in millions, except per share amounts)

	2000		1999	
	Amount (net of tax)	Diluted earnings per share	Amount (net of tax)	Diluted earnings per share
Net earnings before special items	\$56	\$0.34	\$87	\$0.57
Gain from recovery of start-up expenses related to the Canadian Airlines service agreement	26	0.16	-	-
Charge for employee home computer program	(35)	(0.21)	-	-
1999 special items	-	-	122	0.80
Net earnings as reported	\$47	\$0.29	\$209	\$1.37

Including these and prior quarters' special items and an extraordinary loss, AMR's full-year 2000 net earnings were \$770 million, or \$4.76 per common share diluted, as compared to 1999 net earnings of \$656 million, or \$4.17 per common share diluted.

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Looking ahead to the coming year, Carty said, "We are cautiously optimistic about 2001. We will continue building the best fleet in the industry with the addition of 55 new Boeing jets while retiring a number of our older airplanes, and we expect that More Room Throughout Coach will continue to have a positive effect on revenue.

"At the same time, there are signs that the economy may be softening and there is still uncertainty regarding fuel prices," Carty added. "However, American Airlines is well positioned to face these challenges. We have a strong balance sheet, an excellent fleet and an outstanding product. And through oneworld(TM) and our other airline alliances, we have created a broad route network that will only get stronger when we complete our acquisition of assets from TWA, United and US Airways."

Carty also said that American Eagle, American's regional affiliate, will contribute to the company's success in 2001. American Eagle will continue to take delivery of regional jets, which have proven to be very popular with customers. In 2001, American Eagle will add 31 regional jets to its fleet and will be the launch customer for the new 44-seat ERJ 140, built by Embraer.

Note: All net earnings figures cited above are before discontinued operations.

Editor's note: AMR's Chief Financial Officer, Thomas W. Horton, will be available to answer questions during a telephone news conference on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. EST. Reporters interested in joining the conference should call 817-967-1577 for details.

Statements in this news release contain various forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which represents the Company's expectations or beliefs concerning future events. When used in this release, the word "expects" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements in this release are based on information available to the Company on the date of this release. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations. Additional information concerning these and other factors is contained in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including but not limited to the Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 1999.

Detailed financial information follows.

AMR CORPORATION
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
 (in millions, except per share amounts)
 (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Percent
	2000	1999	Change
Revenues			
Passenger - American Airlines	\$4,036	\$ 3,736	8.0
- AMR Eagle	356	331	7.6
Cargo	191	174	9.8
Other revenues	276	246	12.2
Total operating revenues	4,859	4,487	8.3
Expenses			
Wages, salaries and benefits	1,771	1,559	13.6
Aircraft fuel	727	477	52.4
Depreciation and amortization	313	295	6.1
Maintenance, materials and repairs	274	260	5.4
Commissions to agents	241	262	(8.0)
Other rentals and landing fees	256	224	14.3
Food service	190	192	(1.0)
Aircraft rentals	152	147	3.4
Other operating expenses	855	801	6.7
Total operating expenses	4,779	4,217	13.3
Operating Income	80	270	(70.4)
Other Income (Expense)			
Interest income	46	33	39.4
Interest expense	(114)	(98)	16.3
Interest capitalized	41	29	41.4
Miscellaneous - net	30	14	*
	3	(22)	*
Income From Continuing Operations			
Before Income Taxes	83	248	(66.5)
Income tax provision	36	39	(7.7)
Income From Continuing Operations	47	209	(77.5)
Income From Discontinued Operations (net of applicable income taxes and minority interest)			
	-	71	-
Net Earnings	\$ 47	\$ 280	(83.2)

* Greater than 100%

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AMR CORPORATION
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)
 (in millions, except per share amounts)
 (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2000	1999
Earnings Per Common Share		
Basic		
Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 0.31	\$ 1.42
Discontinued Operations	-	0.47
Net Earnings	\$ 0.31	\$ 1.89
Diluted		
Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 0.29	\$ 1.37
Discontinued Operations	-	0.47
Net Earnings	\$ 0.29	\$ 1.84
Number of Shares Used in Computation		
Basic	151	148
Diluted	165	153

AMR CORPORATION
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	Year Ended December 31,		Percent
	2000	1999	Change
Revenues			
Passenger - American Airlines	\$16,377	\$14,707	11.4
- AMR Eagle	1,452	1,294	12.2
Cargo	721	643	12.1
Other revenues	1,153	1,086	6.2
Total operating revenues	19,703	17,730	11.1
Expenses			
Wages, salaries and benefits	6,783	6,120	10.8
Aircraft fuel	2,495	1,696	47.1
Depreciation and amortization	1,202	1,092	10.1
Maintenance, materials and repairs	1,095	1,003	9.2
Commissions to agents	1,037	1,162	(10.8)
Other rentals and landing fees	999	942	6.1
Food service	777	740	5.0
Aircraft rentals	607	630	(3.7)
Other operating expenses	3,327	3,189	4.3
Total operating expenses	18,322	16,574	10.5
Operating Income	1,381	1,156	19.5
Other Income (Expense)			
Interest income	154	95	62.1
Interest expense	(467)	(393)	18.8
Interest capitalized	151	118	28.0
Miscellaneous - net	68	30	*
	(94)	(150)	(37.3)
Income From Continuing Operations			
Before Income Taxes and			
Extraordinary Loss	1,287	1,006	27.9
Income tax provision	508	350	45.1
Income From Continuing Operations			
Before Extraordinary Loss	779	656	18.8
Income From Discontinued Operations			
(net of applicable income taxes			
and minority interest)	43	265	(83.8)
Gain on Sale of Discontinued			
Operations (net of applicable			
income taxes)	-	64	-
Income Before Extraordinary Loss	822	985	(16.5)
Extraordinary Loss (net of			
applicable income taxes)	(9)	-	-
Net Earnings	\$ 813	\$ 985	(17.5)

* Greater than 100%

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AMR CORPORATION
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)
 (in millions, except per share amounts)
 (Unaudited)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2000	1999
Earnings Per Common Share		
Basic		
Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 5.20	\$ 4.30
Discontinued Operations	0.30	2.16
Extraordinary Loss	(0.07)	-
Net Earnings	\$ 5.43	\$ 6.46
Diluted		
Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 4.81	\$ 4.17
Discontinued Operations	0.27	2.09
Extraordinary Loss	(0.05)	-
Net Earnings	\$ 5.03	\$ 6.26
Number of Shares Used in Computation		
Basic	150	152
Diluted	162	157

AMR CORPORATION
OPERATING STATISTICS
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	December 31, 2000	1999	
American Airlines			
Revenue passenger miles (millions)	27,539	27,545	-
Available seat miles (millions)	39,497	40,857	(3.3)
Cargo ton miles (millions)	587	585	0.3
Passenger load factor	69.7%	67.4%	2.3 pts.
Breakeven load factor	68.5%	62.3%	6.2 pts.
Passenger revenue yield per passenger mile (cents)	14.66	13.56	8.1
Passenger revenue per available seat mile (cents)	10.22	9.14	11.8
Cargo revenue yield per ton mile (cents)	32.21	29.38	9.6
Operating expenses per available seat mile (cents)	11.04	9.44	16.9
Fuel consumption (gallons, in millions)	760	745	2.0
Fuel price per gallon (cents)	90.8	61.1	48.6
Fuel price per gallon, excluding fuel taxes (cents)	84.8	55.9	51.7
Operating aircraft at period-end	717	697	2.9
AMR Eagle			
Revenue passenger miles (millions)	909	876	3.8
Available seat miles (millions)	1,565	1,504	4.1
Passenger load factor	58.1%	58.3%	(0.2) pts.
Operating aircraft at period-end	261	268	(2.6)
AMR Corporation			
Average Equivalent Number of Employees			
AA Jet Operations	93,000	88,500	
Other	14,500	14,400	
Total	107,500	102,900	

AMR CORPORATION
OPERATING STATISTICS
(Unaudited)

	Year Ended		Percent Change
	December 31, 2000	1999	
American Airlines			
Revenue passenger miles (millions)	116,594	112,067	4.0
Available seat miles (millions)	161,030	161,211	(0.1)
Cargo ton miles (millions)	2,280	2,068	10.3
Passenger load factor	72.4%	69.5%	2.9 pts.
Breakeven load factor	65.9%	63.8%	2.1 pts.
Passenger revenue yield per passenger mile (cents)	14.05	13.12	7.1
Passenger revenue per available seat mile (cents)	10.17	9.12	11.5
Cargo revenue yield per ton mile (cents)	31.31	30.70	2.0
Operating expenses per available seat mile (cents)	10.38	9.39	10.5
Fuel consumption (gallons, in millions)	3,045	2,957	3.0
Fuel price per gallon (cents)	77.9	54.8	42.2
Fuel price per gallon, excluding fuel taxes (cents)	72.3	50.1	44.3
Operating aircraft at period-end	717	697	2.9
AMR Eagle			
Revenue passenger miles (millions)	3,731	3,371	10.7
Available seat miles (millions)	6,256	5,640	10.9
Passenger load factor	59.6%	59.8%	(0.2) pts.
Operating aircraft at period-end	261	268	(2.6)
AMR Corporation			
Average Equivalent Number of Employees			
AA Jet Operations	91,700	87,200	
Other	14,600	14,200	
Total	106,300	101,400	

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