

Fladeland Has Great Record As a Flyer

Forum: Predominant among records at flying in the United States on file with the Aero Club of America, is that of a member, Lieut. John Earl Fladeland of Fargo, who, over a period of about four years, has flown 2,592 miles over territory of every nature with not a single accident and without breaking as much as a propellor or tailskid.

In 2,374 hours of professional flying, 3,078 passengers were carried, 216 exhibition flights produced without missing a contract date, rain or shine, and approximately 115,000 miles of cross-country travel were accomplished. On a speed basis of 80 miles per hour, and figuring four ascensions to the hour, the grand total amounts to 207,360 miles flown with 10,368 take-offs and landings.

This is all the more remarkable in that the only established landing field used was that of Curtiss airport at St. Paul, while the hundreds of others were scattered over the hilly, wooded, swampy and prairie sections of the northwest, and all were selected from the air with no advance arrangements made. Numerous cross-country flights were made over long stretches of unsettled country where no suitable fields of any kind were available.