

READY FOR ALASKA FLIGHT.

Four Army Airplanes Scheduled to Leave Mineola Today.

Mineola, N. Y., July 14.—Preparations for the 9,000-mile flight to Nome, Alaska, and return, which army air service pilots will attempt at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, in four airplanes, virtually were completed here tonight. Selection of an observer for one machine only remains. Official reasons given for the flight are the establishment of a direct air route to Asia for the movement of air service units in event of need, and photographing unmapped, inaccessible areas of Alaska that would require three years for ground surveying.

The itinerary and consecutive distances in miles to be covered are: Mitchel field to Erie, Pa., 350; Grand Rapids, Mich., 300; Winona, Minn., 310; Fargo, N. Dak., 320; Portal, N. Dak., 290; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, 280; Edmonston, Alberta, 300; Jasper, 200; Prince George, B. C., 200; Hazelton, 220; Wrangell, Alaska, 210; White Horse, Yukon, 300; Dawson, 250; Fairbanks, 275; Ruby, 240, and Nome, 300.

The expedition will be commanded by Capt. St. Claire Street.
