

# SEVEN U. S. ARMY PLANES LAND AT AKRON'S AIRPORT

## Fliers Are To Visit Goodyear-Zeppelin Corporation Plant Today

### SORENSEN IN COMMAND

The eyes of thousands of Akronites were attracted skyward just after 5 o'clock Tuesday evening when seven airplanes roared across the city in battle formation, headed directly for Akron airport.

The planes comprised a detachment of the air corps engineering school with headquarters at Wright Field, Dayton, which recently took part in the "red" and "blue" aerial maneuvers in the vicinity of Columbus and Cincinnati, and they all landed at the airport.

The army planes hardly had come to rest on the airport tarmac before motorists began streaming along the highways to the port, their curiosity aroused by the vast-colored planes.

**Planes Alighted Out**

Without unnecessary ado, Capt. Edgar P. Sorenson, in charge of the flight, ordered the planes staked out for the night and as the crowd of onlookers swelled, the 13 men in the detachment landed separately over their huge motors and changed from their flying coveralls to regulation dress.

Six of the planes were Douglas planes, of the type that serve for observation, transport, combat and general purposes for the army. The seventh plane was a small observation plane of Curtiss construction. All seven were biplanes.

The squadron flew here from Cleveland and is on a tour of the leading airplane factories of the United States. The visit here was made to permit the student engineers to visit the Goodyear Zeppelin Corp. plant and witness many of the processes through which dirigible parts are put in the course of construction.

**Arrival Is Unexpected**

So unexpected was the arrival of the planes here that even Goodyear officials were not notified until the planes had taken off from Cleveland. The word hardly had been received before the planes appeared in the northwestern sky.

Departure of the army fliers is scheduled for mid-afternoon, Wednesday. Captain Sorenson said that a return flight to Dayton would be made, after which the group would carry out an eastern itinerary which has not been entirely scheduled. Most of the leading eastern aircraft factories undoubtedly will be visited, however.

B. E. Fulton, airport manager, was in Akron on business when the fliers arrived and was not on hand to greet them. Representatives of various companies with equipment at the airport did the honors, however, and a delegation of Goodyear representatives including L. O. Guisner, was present to escort the aviators into town.

Complete personnel of the flight, in addition to Captain Sorenson, included Major Alvin H. Gilmore (student pilot); Captain Hubert V. Hopkins, First Lieutenant Clarence McMillan, James O. Taylor, George F. Tourtellot, Harold H. Carr, Muir S. Fairchild, Alfred A. Kessler, Second Lieutenant George F. Schuler, John W. Bowman and Charles H. Caldwell.

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