

MILLION MILERS



Four of the members of American Airlines' Pilot Personnel who have flown in excess of 1,500,000 miles. American Airlines, Inc., employs a total of 152 first pilots, 48 of whom are over the 1,000,000 mile mark. Reading (top) left to right: Captain (Hap) Russell and Johnny Martin. (Bottom) left to right: Leland Andrews and Joe Glass. These pilots are assigned to the company's Southern Transcontinental route flying Flagship Skysleepers.

PILOT 7 YEARS ON ONE ROUTE

Flying the American Airlines plane "Southerner" from Los Angeles to El Paso yesterday, Pilot H. B. "Hap" Russell completed seven years' continuous service on the same route, a record termed remarkable in commercial flying.

Since July 1, 1928, Russell has made 716 round trips between Los Angeles and El Paso, covering 1,115,528 miles. Nearly every other veteran commercial pilot in the country has changed routes in the last seven years.

Russell, a native of California, learned to fly at San Diego in 1921.

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H. B. 'HAP' RUSSELL.
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Russell First On New Flight

S. D.-N. Y. Service Starts Tomorrow

The first American Airlines' plane to arrive at San Diego from Los Angeles at 12:30 p. m. tomorrow, inaugurating the company's new San Diego-New York service, will be piloted by Capt. Harold R. (Hap) Russell, native San Diegan.

Russell, with a record of more than 2,000,000 miles of flying aboard transports and 16,500 hours as a commercial pilot, began his aviation career here in 1918 as a mechanic at Rockwell field. He became a pilot for the Ryan School of Flying in 1923.

Russell moved to Los Angeles in 1925 and successfully flew with the Aero Corporation of California, Standard Airlines and Western Air Express. He is dean of American Airlines' Los Angeles-San Diego-Ft. Worth run.

Civic and military officials have been invited to welcome the plane at Lindbergh field. Two incoming and two outgoing transcontinental flights will be operated from San Diego daily, with flights to New York leaving here at 12:40 p. m. and 4 p. m., and planes arriving from New York at 9 a. m. and 11:29 a. m.

Walter T. Pleasants, transferred to San Diego from Knoxville, Tenn., is American Airlines station manager in charge of operations. William Sample jr., is traffic manager. The company has increased its San Diego staff from two to 12.

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