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About this time Havens decided to continue the Great Lakes Cruise flight to New York and on August 23rd flew to Cleveland enroute to Buffalo. At Cleveland he again carried passengers and demonstrated the flying boat. On September 1st he flew from Cleveland to Buffalo, carrying Charles T. Chenevert, to complete approximately 1,200 miles over Great Lakes waters since leaving Chicago. At Buffalo he entered another Perry Celebration, flying with Glenn Martin, Al Engle and William S. Lucky. Again the weather was bad but the aviators made a fair showing on Motor Island at Riverside Park. From Buffalo, Havens shipped the Curtiss boat to Albany where Verplanck joined him, and on October 7th they flew from Albany to Midland Beach, Staten Island, to complete the flight from Chicago to New York via the Great Lakes and Hudson River. There they were awarded the Curtiss Gold Medal for this most outstanding achievement. The completion of this extensive over-water flight was easily the high point of Havens' early aviation career and was acclaimed everywhere as "The Flight of the Year."

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