

US Postal Air Mail Service in Nebraska

The US Postal Air Mail Service began in May 1918. The original pilots were fielded from the US Army, but by August, the postal service was employing its own civilian pilots, like Ernest Allison from Superior, NE. Two Nebraska cities were official stops along the transcontinental route: North Platte and Omaha (first at Ak-Sar-Ben Field, then at Offut Field). Nebraska was also essential in the pioneering of night mail flights; on February 22, 1921, Jack Knight flew the first success night mail flight from North Platte to Omaha and points beyond. Three years later, regular overnight flying began. In 1927, the US Post Office Department turned over the task of transporting the nation's mail by air to Boeing Air Transport.



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