

Special Postman

Omaha is now the headquarters of the United States air mail service. This is the only unit of the entire Postoffice department which has its headquarters outside of the city of Washington. These photographs, which give an idea of the importance of these headquarters to Omaha, were taken especially for The Omaha Bee by Nat Dowell.

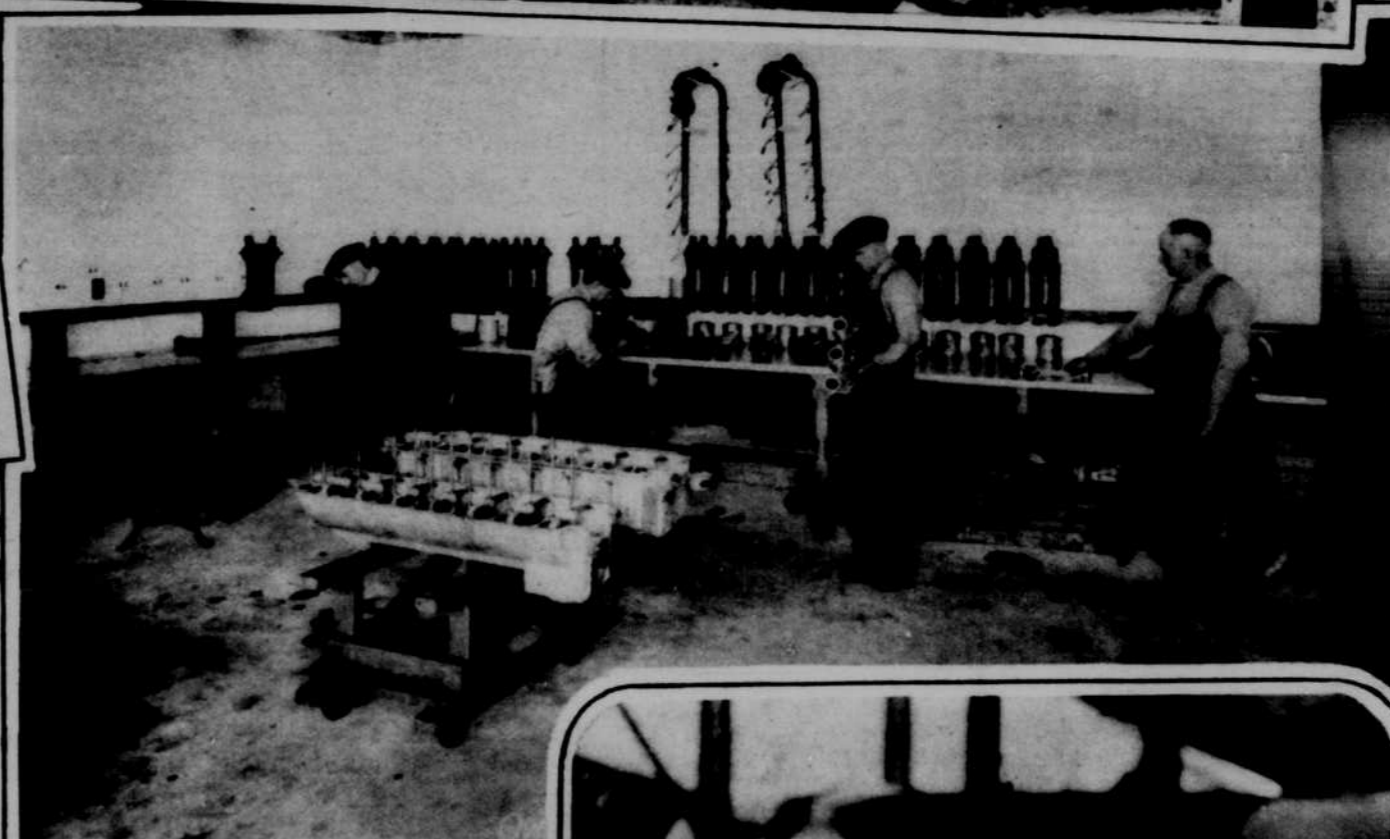
An emergency landing field. These landing fields are scattered along the route between Chicago and Cheyenne as a safety measure for the night fliers.

Carl F. Egge, superintendent of the air mail service, whose headquarters now are in Omaha.



The highest beacon light in the world. This 5,000,000 candle power beacon is located on the top of Sherman hill, 8,600 feet above sea level and is used to guide mail pilots on the transcontinental route on their flights.

Looking down on the parade ground at Fort Crook.



Overhauling Liberty motors in the shop at Fort Crook. Even though the motor may appear to be running perfectly, it is overhauled after each 100 hours of flying. The air mail takes no chances.



In the wood working room at Fort Crook.

A parachute flare ready for installation. Each plane is equipped with two of these parachute flares. In case of mechanical trouble the pilot releases the flare with a lever. The parachute opens and the flare burning brightly flutters to the ground, thus enabling the pilot to get a perspective of the territory where he must land.



Sailing over a little town in Iowa.

