W.C. Haines, Meteorologist On Byrd Expeditions, Dies

William C. (Cyclone) Haines, 69, colorful old-time weather expert who accompanied Adm. Richard Byrd on three polar expeditions, died Saturday night in Veterans Administration Hospital at Jefferson Barracks.

He retired as assistant meteorologist of the St. Louis Weather Bureau in 1950. He joined the Weather Bureau in 1912. His home was at 7724 Wise ave., Richmond Height.

A treasured possession which Haines received as a gift was a wristwatch inscribed, "To my old friend Bill Haines whose brilliant forecast enabled us to conquer by air the North and South Poles. Dick Byrd, Dec. 29, 1939."

Haines served as meteorologist and seismologist on Byrd's 1926 expedition to the North Pole, and the first and second trips to the South Pole in 1928 and 1933. He was in command of one of the expeditions.

Byrd's high regard for Haines was based on important weather information which Haines supplied. Without correct forecasts, Byrd would not have been able to fly over the North and South Poles.

On one of the expeditions Byrd named a mountain in Little America after Haines. He sent Haines a photograph of the peak and wrote, "Dear Bill—Here is your mountain and with it goes my best regards."

AWARDED 3 MEDALS

Haines received two gold medals from Congress and one from the Navy for participating in the expeditions. Another item which he acquired on the crew called him that once when Haines, normally a slow and methodical man, had to move fast in an emergency—and the stick.

Haines served on the Board of Psychiatric Examiners. He was active in Democratic politics, and practiced law here after leaving the bench. He retired from active practice three years ago.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Shepard Funeral Home, 1457 Hamilton ave. Burial will be in Troy, Mo.

Eva Gabor Wed For Third Time

NEW YORK, Apr. 8 (AP) — In a one-minute ceremony delayed 45 minutes by inclement weather, Actress Eva Gabor and Dr. John Williams today became man and wife.

The single ring service was performed by Magistrate Louis Kaplan, a Gabor family friend, at the bride's Fifth Avenue home.

The wedding was delayed by the late arrival of Kaplan, forced to drive slowly through slush and snow-filled highways from his suburban home.

It was the third marriage for Miss Gabor and the second for the 52-year-old surgeon who practices in Beverly Hills, Calif. Also, it was the second wedding ceremony in seven days for the beautiful Gabor sisters. Magda Gabor was married last Sunday.

Zsa Zsa, the third sister, was...
July 9, 1923.

Commander Richard E. Byrd,
9 Brimmer Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Commander Byrd:

I have just received your letter of July 5, 1923, and in reply hasten to assure you that Mr. William C. Haines, who has been selected to accompany your Expedition as meteorologist, has also had abundant experience in aerological service. In fact, for several years now he has been in charge of the pilot balloon investigations of the Aerological Division and in that capacity has not only conducted the work in a very capable manner but has also carried through some very valuable research projects. I believe, therefore, that he is well qualified to superintend and carry out the meteorological and aerological work of the Expedition in all its phases.

It is, of course, entirely possible that there will be so much work to do that one man can not handle it alone. In that event, it would probably be sufficient to include in the personnel of the Expedition an assistant with some experience along observational lines but not necessarily one with any extended training. This matter should, it is believed, be taken up direct with Mr. Haines, who is now temporarily in charge of the airway station at Hadley Airport, New Brunswick, N.J.

With reference to Mr. Kallquist, I must say that we are anxious to receive him back into the regular Weather Bureau organization because his experience along aerological lines makes him a valuable man to assign to conduct the meteorological service in the aid of aviation at one of the airports that are being established under the supervision of the Department of Commerce. We are experiencing some difficulty in securing a sufficient number of trained men to assign to this work and as you can readily appreciate we are very anxious to get the most efficient personnel in connection with this service that we possibly can.

With best wishes for success in your enterprise, I am

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

C.F. Marvin,
Chief of Bureau.
May 23, 1923.

Mr. C. C. Clark,
Acting Chief, Weather Bureau,
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Clark:

Again let me express my great appreciation for arranging matters so that Mr.
C. Haynes can go to the Antarctic with us. It will be a great pleasure to take him along, as I know from our North Pole experience what a good ships mate he is.

I will let you know three weeks in advance when we will need his services.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,
The following information is necessary in compiling permanent records of the expedition and for use in releasing newspaper and magazine articles. Please mark as "confidential" any statements you do not desire to be given out of the office.

NAME  William C. Haines

ADDRESS  Weather Bureau STREET*** CITY Washington, D.C. STATE.

AGE*  41 NATIONALITY American

PLACE OF BIRTH  Reinersville CITY Ohio STATE

DATE OF BIRTH  February 1, 1887

MARRIED OR SINGLE  Single

NEAREST RELATION  Jasper D. Haines KINSHIP Father

ADDRESS***  -- STREET Reinersville CITY Ohio STATE

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

HEIGHT  5 FEET 5\(\frac{1}{2}\) INCHES

WEIGHT  150 POUNDS

COLOR OF EYES  Blue COLOR OF HAIR  Dark

COMPLEXION  Fair

PROMINENT MARKS AND SCARS  None

HAVE YOU EVER HAD MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE*  Yes

BRANCH  Signal Corps, U. S. Army

APPROXIMATE PERIOD  February, 1918 to February 1919

LENGTH OF SERVICE  1 year

HIGHEST RANK OR RATING ATTAINED  Sgt. 1st Class

ARE YOU NOW A MEMBER OF THE ARMY, NAVY OR MARINE CORPS  No

IF SO GIVE COMPANY, DIVISION OR REGIMENT***

TRADE OR PROFESSION  Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau

IN WHAT OTHERS HAVE YOU A WORKING KNOWLEDGE  ----

RELIGION  Protestant

EDUCATION  Equivalent to College

GRAMMAR SCHOOL  Reinersville, Ohio

HIGH SCHOOL  McConnelsville, Ohio

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY  George Washington

DEGREES  None

WERE YOU A MEMBER OF COMMANDER BYRD'S NORTH POLE EXPEDITION  Yes
IN WHAT OTHER SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED None

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION No

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS No

WHAT FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS DO YOU BELONG TO None

WHAT OTHER CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS City Club, Washington, D.C.; American Meteorological Society, The Philosophical Society of Washington

DID YOU EVER SERVE WITH COMMANDER BYRD IN THE NAVY No

WHEN AND WHERE -----
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WEIGHT  158 POUNDS

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WHEN AND WHERE  -----
September 1, 1933.

Dr. C. F. Marvin
United States Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Marvin:

My expedition has assumed enormous proportions and I am carrying an indescribable burden. We have recently acquired the SS PACIFIC FIR, a ship of 10,000 tons' displacement, and in addition to that we are taking 3 airplanes.

I am in entire sympathy, of course, with your letter and with your position in the matter of economy of administration.

Here is the situation as I see it. The meteorological data that we should collect will from a scientific standpoint, I think, be of great value. I am not sure that you agree with me, in view of the original letter you wrote me declining to guarantee the reinstatement of Mr. Haines upon his return. However, I have had statements from scientific leaders throughout the land stating that this meteorological data is of considerable importance.

As far as I personally am concerned, my life and that of many of my men is involved in the matter of having Haines with us. He is the only man available who knows the conditions down there. We are going on many hazardous undertakings where his predictions will be a great safeguard. For this reason alone you can easily understand why I am so anxious to have Mr. Haines accompany us.

This expedition has no funds whatever available to pay the salary of a meteorologist. It seems to me that such an undertaking as this should have some backing from the government. Other governments, such as Great Britain, have put up as much as half of the expense of the scientific undertakings into the south polar regions.

I have not forgotten the help you have given us in the past, which I have deeply appreciated. It is therefore with the greatest reluctance that I tell you that I have no funds with which to pay Mr. Haines.

You have asked me when Mr. Haines is to depart. It is necessary to have him with us immediately. You were many weeks in answering my letter concerning him and now the expedition is about to depart (the date being September 25) and my Meteorological Department is in a sad condition insofar as preparation is concerned.
Your first letter concerning this matter greatly disappointed me in that I had counted on getting some equipment from the Weather Bureau. Certainly there must be surplus equipment which is of no cost to the government. May I ask you again if you will supply us with some of this equipment?

The collection of meteorological data has an important diplomatic angle since a number of South American countries are deeply and vitally interested in meteorological data from the Antarctic.

I sincerely hope that you will not misunderstand my attitude. I am fighting a desperate battle for what I think is worth while. I realize, of course, that you too have your problems.

With kindest regards,

Respectfully,

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Bill
Washington-Hoover Airport,  
South Washington, Va.,  
February 29th 1932.

Admiral R. E. Byrd,  
9 Brimmer Street,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Byrd:

I have inclosed a list of meteorological instruments that will be needed for a first class Weather Station at Little America. There is also inclosed an additional list of equipment in case a secondary station is established in the interior. In selecting these instruments I have assumed that we would have ample transportation facilities.

The instruments I have indicated with numbers have been selected from the Instrument Catalogue of Julien P. Frieze & Sons, Inc., Belfort Observatory, Baltimore, Md. Similar instruments are manufactured and sold by a number of other companies as for instance Taylor Instrument Companies, Rochester, N. Y., and J. Green, Brooklyn, N. Y.

In selecting these instruments I have kept strictly to the meteorological field. In case there is no physicist or hydrographer along there should be some additional instruments added to the list for making observations in those fields.

I have no idea of the cost of the instruments selected but know they are quite expensive. Commander Saunders and I were discussing the possibility of getting an appropriation through Congress for the establishment of an Antarctic Station for the International Polar Year. This may be worth investigating.

Slight changes will have to be made on some of the instruments to adapt them for the Antarctic. Therefore have Czgeka to keep in close touch with me before any instruments are selected.

I am investigating the possibility of a small hydrogen generator for manufacturing hydrogen gas for pilot balloon work at the interior base. As you know, upper air observations are considered very important.

Very truly yours,

Bill
June 9, 1935

Dear Bill:

I cannot leave you behind. You have got to go as far as the ice with me. I want to tell you, in the strictest possible confidence, that I am making a flight from the edge of the ice, between Little America and South America, to Little America. Do you get what I mean? Draw a line from South America to Little America, and where it strikes the ice I will take off for Little America. I have simply got to have you to tell me when to go. If you cannot spend the winter, of course I won't insist upon that.

Please start at once investigating Frost from the standpoint of his ability to get along with men. That is what is more important than anything else.

Bill, old fellow, it won't be the same without you. You don't know how much I need you. I have a wonderful crowd of fellows together this time. I picked them with the greatest of care on account of those bad eggs we had last time. I don't want to be stung again.

Please go vigorously into the matter of getting instruments, etc., etc.

Have I your permission to ask the Secretary to allow you to go at least as far as Little America with us? I can wait a little while on this if you like. The President is one of my oldest and closest friends, as is also the Secretary of the Navy. I know also the Secretary of War, Agriculture, Secretary of the Treasury, and the Postmaster General. So, I don't think you would suffer professionally from going with me. I believe you would gain. Anyhow, in spite of what I said above, I must not be selfish where you are concerned.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. William Heineke
U.S. Weather Bureau
Washington, D.C.
6 July 1933

The Hon. William E. Woodin
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

William C. Baines of the United States
Weather Bureau accompanied my expeditions both to the North
and South Poles and, for scientific meteorological investiga-
tions of the Polar regions, deserves the greatest possible
credit. Baines will accompany us on our next expedition
which expects to leave this country in September.

I am just informed that his wife, Irene
G. Baines is employed in the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Mis-
cellaneous Tax Section. She is now in Grade Three having been
reduced from Grade 7 last November. I understand there is a
likelihood of her being dismissed from the service account of the
fact that her husband is in the Weather Bureau. Baines' work has
been of such an outstanding nature that it would seem to me that
if not all married women are to be dismissed, his wife, who has a
splendid record, should be given consideration. My brother, Senator
Byrd, joins me in urging you to give this consideration. I am sure
you understand that neither my brother, nor myself, would ask you to
do anything that was not for the best interests of the Department and
for the Government service as a whole.

In my books "Skyward" and "Little America" I
have called attention to the remarkable work done by Baines and, since
he is to go South with me and sacrifice his time again, I hope you will
feel warranted in giving his family some consideration. At any rate,
my brother and I will deeply appreciate it if you will do this.

Respectfully yours,

Rear Admiral, U.S.N. (Ret)