



Chicago, August 6th 28

Commander Erik. E. Byrd,
Hotel Biltmore,
New York.

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CHICAGO

February 7, 1928.

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

Dear Commander Byrd:

Mr. Carl Petersen, 3447 North Kimball Avenue, Chicago, has been corresponding with you with reference to being selected for one of the members of your Antarctic Expedition.

Mr. Petersen has been recommended to me as a highly trained radio operator and a licensed pilot of aircrafts. He has had extensive experience both in the arctic and in the antarctic.

From what I have learned of Mr. Petersen's qualifications, I believe he would be a valued addition to your expedition, and shall appreciate it very much if you will give his application your favorable attention.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

TRYGVE N. SIQUELAND,
Colonel 317th Cavalry, U. S. A.
Vice President, Geographic Society.

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Chicago, Ill. February 7th 1928.

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

Dear Commander Byrd:

Received Your favor of February 1st which
I very much appreciate.

Regarding to our conversation at Orchestra
Hall You said You would take, my joining Your expedition,
in serious consideration and told me to remind You of this
and also to write information about my experiences which I
herewith take the liberty to do.

I am Norwegian, age 30, married. Educated
in Norway, high school and wireless school in 1917. Have
taken out my first neutralization paper.
Employed in English and later Norwegian Marconi Company
from September 1917 to August 1926 in the following posi-
tions:

2 years as operator on cargo ships in foreign trade.

3 years as operator on Norwegian America lines passenger
ships "Bergensfjord" and "Stavangerfjord" as second and
chief operator.

1 year (1921-1922) in charge of Kings Bay radio, Spitzber-
gen. There I also assisted Dr. Stoll from Quade Hook with
baloon and local observations, which I sent via "Stavanger
Radio" to Captein Roald Amundsen at Point Barrow.

9 months operator on the Norwegian whaling factory "Solstreif"
stationed at several places South Shetlands. Approximately
74 degrees South and 62 degrees West. I was many times out
with the small whalers for days, cruising around the islands
and as far south as Biscoe Islands.
I also on this trip took several hundred feet of moving
pictures for the "Bio Film" company in Oslo.

3 months in charge of Norwegian government coast station
at Halten Norway during the fishing season.

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in Oslo.

Been employed in The All American Radio Corporation here in Chicago since my arrival September 1926 and were I am still employed as foreman for balancing and testing department making all kinds of receivers.

I have since 1917 been working with all kinds of transmitters, receivers and direction finders, both American, English and German stations, spark as well as tube transmitters for long and short waves.

I am a good skier and skater. During my stay at Spitzbergen and South Shetland I had a lot of experiences in skiing on the glaciers. I liked the over wintering at Spitzbergen and cold weather is my favorite.

I have finished a complete course in ground work and flying at The Chicago Aeronautical Service school last year with 10 hours flying time and solo flight. Chief instructor John H. Miller U.S.N. from Great Lakes.

Today I joined the army reserve air corps attack group.

I would, if possible, be very glad to have charge of the radio work and to accompany you on the flight over the South pole.

Sorry that you had so little time when in Chicago, but hope you will come here again so I could explain everything more completely and also show you my references from my former positions, which are the very best.

Enclosed letter from Colonel S. A. Sigueland, vice president in the Geographic Society of Chicago.

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BYRD ARCTIC EXPEDITION
NAVY BUILDING
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1926.

Mr. Carl Petersen,
Wireless Operator,
SS "BERGENSFJORD,"
New York.

Dear Mr. Petersen:

Thank you for your letter. I think it would be an advantage for me to have on the expedition a wireless operator, who knows Kings Bay.

I expect to be in New York Friday at the Hotel Astor and would appreciate it if you would call me up there and make an appointment with me. If I am not in when you call, leave your telephone number. I shall arrive about 7:30 A. M. and will be glad to meet you if you can manage at about a quarter to nine o'clock at the Astor Hotel.

Your letter was forwarded to me here.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Re Byrd

Please return