

Thorne

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NAME George A. Thorne Jr.
ADDRESS 1130 STREET Lake Shore Drive CITY Chicago STATE Ill
AGE 26 NATIONALITY American
PLACE OF BIRTH Winnetka CITY _____ STATE Ill
DATE OF BIRTH Dec 20, 1901
MARRIED OR SINGLE Single
NEAREST RELATION Mother - Mrs George Thorne KINSHIP _____
ADDRESS *** 1130 STREET Lake Shore Drive CITY Chicago STATE Ill
PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS
HEIGHT 5 ft FEET 8 INCHES
WEIGHT 152 POUNDS
COLOR OF EYES Blue COLOR OF HAIR light
COMPLEXION ruddy
PROMINENT MARKS AND SCARS _____
HAVE YOU EVER HAD MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE* No.
BRANCH _____
APPROXIMATE PERIOD _____
LENGTH OF SERVICE _____
HIGHEST RANK OR RATING ATTAINED _____
ARE YOU NOW A MEMBER OF THE ARMY, NAVY OR MARINE CORPS _____
IF SO GIVE COMPANY, DIVISION OR REGIMENT *** _____
TRADE OR PROFESSION Forster
IN WHAT OTHERS HAVE YOU A WORKING KNOWLEDGE Aviation
RELIGION _____
EDUCATION Scientific
GRAMMAR SCHOOL Winnetka Public School
HIGH SCHOOL The Hill School (Master of Forestry)
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY Yale DEGREES B.S. & M.F.
WERE YOU A MEMBER OF COMMANDER BYRD'S NORTH POLE EXPEDITION _____

IN WHAT OTHER SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION _____

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS _____

WHAT FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS DO YOU BELONG TO _____

St. Anthony at York,

WHAT OTHER CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS _____

DID YOU EVER SERVE WITH COMMANDER BYRD IN THE NAVY _____

WHEN AND WHERE _____

New York Sept. 22nd, 1933.

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

Elsie Ann

Murphy

L. A.

c/o V6
544 W 43rd
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Dear Dick:-

Many thanks for your letter which I received last night.
I am sorry to hear that Paramount may not contract with you.

If I am not going with you this time it will be an awful blow to me. On the many walking and skiing trips we went together at Little America when you talked about your future plans, you always said that I should go along on your future expeditions. On the pleasant three days my family and I spent with you as your guests at your summer home in Maine, you repeated that I should go with you. Therefore I thought it for granted that I was to go with you again. I wrote that in my book and I have told many of my friends that.

If you contract Paramount or Metro Goldwyn for silent film only, I could go as an assistant camera man talking pictures on sledtrips and airplane flights together with the radio work as I suppose that Harold will be too busy ^{to do} this time being chief pilot.

I called up the publisher of the Norwegian Newspaper here in Brooklyn this morning, (Friend of me) and he was very interested in the possibility of me sending press reports, but he could not handle the expenses in salary for me alone, but if he could associate with a Norwegian newspaper in Norway, it might be possible. I am to see him and the editor Monday evening. This newspaper have their own radio operator who receives press from Norway direct, he could if necessary copy the articles you would allow me to send.

If everything goes against me, cant you pay me the same salary I had the last time? I think it would be worth while. You know from the last expedition have greatly you need a radio man that can correspond in the Norwegian language and who can make use of skis for dogsledtrips and airplane flights, *and familiar with conditions in arctic and Antarctic.*

Hoping that something can be done to prevent me from being heartbroken the day you sail south. You know that I have been loyal to you and you know that you can depend on me no matter what it is.

Affectionately yours,

Carl

29 Princeton Place, Merriek, L.I. June 27th, 1933.

Admiral R.E. Byrd,
Boston.

Dear Dick:-

Many thanks for your letter of June 22nd which I received last night.

You know I am ready any time you call on me and nothing would suit me better than to go south this fall.

If I could I would go for nothing, but having a family to take care of it is impossible. If I only had some relatives my wife could stay with it would be easy. You know how hard it was last time to get along with \$125 a month and she could not have done that had it not been for the extra help you many times gave us and also because she is a very good and economical wife.

I am now making \$55 a week and it is not much that I can save of that after policies etc have been paid. I therefore would appreciate if I could get a similar pay from you. I know that you can get much cheaper men, but you must also think of the loyalty and character and I think I can be of even better help this time now that B.B. have dropped out.

Don't you think that the newspaper concern you connect with could pay part of my salary? Maybe also Paramount would be willing if you let them take the films. Norwegian Newspapers also would be glad to make some kind of an agreement.

I have talked with Mr. Lynch, representative for the National Radio Co and he thought sure the National Co would be willing to supply you with all the receiving sets required. At present they manufacture the best commercial receivers used by airlines, transatlantic phone companies and the department of commerce. They will gladly let me have a set for testing purpose whenever you say the word. *Mr. Bob Drexler chief engineer of Paramount and myself are experimenting with small ham-moths and receive signals for field work.*

If you wish I can come up Saturday night to talk with you about the salary question and other things it also would be nice to see the ship. If you want me to come please send me a wire so I can prepare to leave Saturday noon either by bus or take my car. I would like very much to see you and talk with you.

If you wire me it will be best to send it to Paramount Sound News, 544 W. 43rd St, New York City as it take much longer time to Merriek.

With best wishes to Mrs Byrd and yourself hoping that we will be on our way South by September.

Loyally yours Dave

22 June 1933

My dear Carl:

If we are to get away on the Expedition this year, I must decide very shortly on the personnel. On account of the depression, we have raised practically no money and if the pay of the personnel and all the other costs are too much, we will not be able to go South at all. I am writing to ask, therefore, what is the least you would be willing to take to go with us. You know that I want you with me, and I believe you want to go on the expedition, but I do not want you to make too great a sacrifice and we must consider your future ahead of the expedition.

With best wishes to Mrs. Petersen, Charmaine, and yourself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Carl Petersen
29 Princeton Place
Merrick, L.I.