

June is thirty-two years old and I believe that his physical and temperamental qualities will be everything you desire. June is very anxious to go with you and I am sure that Commander Read, Commanding Officer of this station, would be glad to cooperate with you in any way you may desire in case you are interested.

Commander Richard E. Byrd, USN (Ret)
% Bureau of Navigation
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

F. B. Stump
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Lieut. Comdr. USN
A&R Officer.

IN REPLY
REFER TO _____

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
NAVAL OPERATING BASE
HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA.

22 May, 1928

Commander R. E. Byrd, USN
Hotel Biltmore,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Comdr. Byrd:

In my letter to you about June I carefully avoided any exaggeration about his good qualities. Now that you have selected him I want to congratulate you on obtaining a man whom I think you will find up to any mark you desire to set for him either as a mechanic, a pilot, or a natural leader.

As I look back on his work here as my assembly and test division officer I can find no fault or criticism, which is a statement that can very rarely be made.

He has been forceful, energetic and thorough in directing his division and, at the same time, has inspired affection along with the respect of his subordinates.

He has carried out every order I have given him in the way I would have desired and without any "chocking up" being necessary on my part. I believe he has always been loyal and that when I gave him an order that meant some hardship to others he has executed such order without any excuses even such as "Mr. Stump says so and so",—you know what I mean.

I have seen June, who is quite a hunter, spend all night in the swamp after coon or bear and do his work the next day with no visible sign of fatigue. In the time I have known him he has had no sick days. I believe he has plenty of physical endurance.

He is a good "trouble shooter". When we have had difficulty lining up a plane or making an engine function he has assumed personal charge with good results.

I am sorry June is going except, it is a good opportunity for him and I think you are doing a great thing for the Navy with the public, for which the Navy owes you a great deal.

I wrote the first letter at June's request. He does not know of this letter.

Be sure to write to Admiral Moffett if you have not done so.

Sincerely,

William E. Stump
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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 Harold Irving June
ADDRESS _____ STREET*** Stanford CITY Conn. STATE.
AGE* 33 NATIONALITY American
PLACE OF BIRTH Stanford CITY Conn. STATE
DATE OF BIRTH Feb. 12, 1895
MARRIED OR SINGLE Married
NEAREST RELATION Wife May Elizabeth June Wife
ADDRESS*** 975 S. Main St. N. B. Stamford Conn. STATE
PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS
HEIGHT five ft 11 in FEET 11 in INCHES
WEIGHT 183 POUNDS
COLOR OF EYES Blue COLOR OF HAIR Dr. Brown
COMPLEXION Ruddy
PROMINENT MARKS AND SCARS Small scars left cheek. Scar from
apendicitis operation right side. Mark right cheek bone
HAVE YOU EVER HAD MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE* Eleven years Naval.
BRANCH Chief machinist mate & Chief aviation Pilot U.S.N.
APPROXIMATE PERIOD Eleven years May 3, 1917 to date except nine months
LENGTH OF SERVICE Eleven years.
HIGHEST RANK OR RATING ATTAINED Chief aviation Pilot.
ARE YOU NOW A MEMBER OF THE ARMY, NAVY OR MARINE CORPS Navy
IF SO GIVE COMPANY, DIVISION OR REGIMENT*** Aviation
TRADE OR PROFESSION Machinist & Pilot Aviation
IN WHAT OTHERS HAVE YOU A WORKING KNOWLEDGE Electricity & Marine Eng.
RELIGION Protestant
EDUCATION One year High School
GRAMMAR SCHOOL Graduate
HIGH SCHOOL One year
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY No DEGREES No
WERE YOU A MEMBER OF COMMANDER BYRD'S NORTH POLE EXPEDITION No

IN WHAT OTHER SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED None

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION Yes

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Yes

WHAT FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS DO YOU BELONG TO None at present August 1928

WHAT OTHER CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS None

DID YOU EVER SERVE WITH COMMANDER BYRD IN THE NAVY No

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On Lecture Tour,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jan. 8, 1931.

Hiram
Senator Hyrum Bingham,
U. S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Hiram
My dear Senator:

I appreciate deeply the assistance you are giving to Harold I. June in getting recognition for him from Congress for his services to his country.

June made with me every flight of exploration including the flight to the South Pole. On these flights he acted as relief pilot, mechanic and radio operator. He made a very great contribution to the success of all of these flights. His contribution to the success of the whole expedition was also great. He gave to his leader at all times loyalty that was unswerving even under the most difficult possible conditions. His courage was perfect.

June has a wide range of knowledge which made him most useful to the Expedition. He possessed efficiency to a degree seldom met with and he put in many hours of toil and labor to make the Expedition successful, and gave himself far above the call of duty.

Again let me tell you how much I appreciate what you are doing for June. I can assure you that his contribution to the success of our Expedition was so outstanding that he deserves reward from his country.

With kindest regards.

Respectfully yours,

Hotel Biltmore
New York
July 9, 1930.

From: Rear Admiral R. E. Byrd, U. S. N., retired.
To: Secretary of the Navy.
Via: Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics
Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

Subject: Harold I. June, Chief Aviation Pilot - commendation.

1. The above-mentioned chief petty officer was the representative of the Navy on the Byrd Antarctic Expedition and so valuable was the service that he rendered the expedition that the Commanding Officer feels it is his duty to record it.

2. June was a member of the crew on every flight of exploration. On these flights he acted as pilot, radio operator, mechanic and fuel engineer. He met every situation that presented itself with courage, calmness and efficiency.

3. His work in connection with aviation on the ground was always thoroughly and efficiently done. In all of the other work of the expedition June was a leader in character and in loyalty which are far more important than other matters on Polar expeditions.

4. June made a big contribution to the success of the expedition, lived up to the highest traditions of the Naval Service, and what he did for the expedition in efficiency, loyalty and labor was over and above the call to duty.

5. It is strongly recommended that some recognition be given June's services to the expedition as a representative of the Navy.

R. E. Byrd.