

REAR ADMIRAL DONALD B. MacMILLAN

Explorer, Scientist, Teacher, Author

- 30 Arctic Expeditions
1st Trip Assistant on Peary North Pole Expedition (1908-9) — 30th Trip in 1954.
- Awarded Special Congressional Medal for "Distinguished Services"
- Elisha Kent Kane Gold Medal for "Daring Exploration and Scientific Research"
- Hubbard Gold Medal of National Geographic Society for "Outstanding Arctic Explorations from 1908 to 1952 and Valuable Service to Geographic Education and Science"
- Gold Medal from Chicago Geographic Society for "Geographic and Scientific Achievements"
- Medal of Explorers Club
- Bowdoin College Award: "Once in each five years to the graduate or former member of the college, or member of the Faculty at the time of the award, who shall have made during the period, the most distinctive contribution in any field of human endeavor."
- Thrilling natural color film of one of the most important sections of today's world



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GREENLAND AND THE FAR NORTH

LOWELL THOMAS SAYS:

"If you want an interesting speaker, a man with unusual pictures, don't miss Admiral MacMillan! Every organization in the country should book him. His new pictures are marvelous. And MacMillan, one of the foremost living explorers, is a grand story teller, and one of the most fascinating personalities on the platform. I would go many miles to hear MacMillan any day."



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Excerpts from Editorial Boston Herald, June, 1954:

Most of us still think of the world as we saw it first in the classroom—laid out in a line, North America, the Atlantic, Europe, Asia, the Pacific. We hardly think of the white space at the North as being anything at all. But the men in the Pentagon and the Kremlin see a different world. The Arctic will almost certainly be a major battleground in another war. We have officially recognized that, putting our air defenses first in the Arctic, giving highest priority to bases at Thule in North Greenland and elsewhere.

We have few men who really know the top of the world. One who has taught us about the Arctic is New England's own Donald B. MacMillan, who will leave on his 30th trip to the Arctic Saturday. His ship will be filled with scientists who will bring back another load of information—facts which will be of vital importance to all services as they plan to defend the Free World in an air age.

In the past his knowledge—and the knowledge of the hundreds of young men he has either taken to the North or inspired to study the Arctic—has served our country well in many levels. He himself wrote an Eskimo dictionary which was distributed to our servicemen in the North. During the last war he served in the Navy and was influential in many ways. For example, his command took 10,000 aerial photographs of Labrador, Baffin Land and Greenland coast. He worked on Arctic fighting plans and helped choose sites for eventual bases.

As a scientist, a military man, a citizen, a teacher and as one of the last great explorers he deserves every honor the nation can give him. There is no title which can reward "Dan" MacMillan properly for what he has done for his country and for the Free World. Once more he sails North to push forward the borders of man's knowledge.



Donald and Miriam MacMillan
at wheel of BOWDOIN

Miriam MacMillan, only woman crew member on 9 Arctic Expeditions, author of GREEN SEAS AND WHITE ICE (published in England under title I MARRIED AN EXPLORER), ETUK THE ESKIMO HUNTER, KUDLA AND HIS POLAR BEAR, article National Geographic Magazine, October 1951, "Far North with Captain Mac."