

After Army service Forbes joined the Navy. He met his wife Hertha in Brooklyn hospital where he was sent to recover from yellow jaundice. They were married on his birthday Jan. 1, 1920.

Before the Navy service, Forbes "bought his way out" of the Coast Artillery for \$75 (could buy your way out if your time was short and your record was good). Served four years in the Navy during World War I. Made 14 trips to Europe carrying Army troops... usually to Brest, France. Went to the Phillipines during his Army Signal Corps days (just one trip, not assigned there).

He was on the Battleship Mississippi and it was in dry dock when he got Yellowjaundice. Hertha was in a church group visiting sick in hospitals. She was reared in Brooklyn. They moved to Akron after his discharge from the Navy. Forbes had a job as a machinist. Went back to Brooklyn to have baby - Evelyn Baker (Melville). Left New York when baby was about one month old and headed to Alaska. Traveled through Skagway, over White Pass Railroad, down Yukon to Tanana and up to Fairbanks. Forbes and Hertha had another daughter Helen Bowles and a son Forbes Dorman.

Forbes' brother Dorman died in Camp Lewis where he was stationed with the Army infantry. Einar Tonseth and Edby Davis were in the same group. Melo Salich headed the group. Salich had instructions to reach Ft. Lewis by the fastest means. When he and his Alaskan recruits reached Skagway the Sophia and another ship were in the harbor. The orders were to take the Sophia unless some other ship was faster. The other ship was leaving sooner so Salich and his men boarded. The Sophia went down at sea on that trip. Nobody survived.

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Bakers' children all educated in Fairbanks.

Forbes has lived in Fairbanks most of his life with exception of first nine years (before Skagway) and the 11 years in the Army and Navy. His mother died in Tucson, Ariz. where she had gone for her health.

Forbes worked in the N.C. steam plant. Then went into the N.C. machine shop. Charlie Peterson ran the machine shop. Frank Mapleton was in the Alaska Railroad machine shop and didn't get along with his boss too well. So the two men swapped jobs.

Later Jalmar Nordale asked Forbes to learn to run the linotype machine since he was having y trouble with the operator who was an epeleptic and had too many seizures on the job if he took a drink of booze (which he was taking too much of, apparently). W.F. Thompson owned the paper and Nordale was editor.