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Former reporter died Tuesday

NEW YORK (AP) — H.D. "Doc" Quigg, who covered two wars, man's landing on the moon and some of the biggest trials of the century during a 49-year career as a reporter for United Press International, died Tuesday. He was 86.

Quigg was with Gen. Douglas MacArthur during World War II and accompanied Admiral Richard E. Byrd on his expedition to the Antarctic. He covered President Kennedy's death and funerals for MacArthur, Eleanor Roosevelt, President Eisenhower and Martin Luther King Jr.

He interviewed Winston Churchill and Pope Pius XII, swam with Jane Russell and went pub-crawling Errol Flynn. Trials he covered included those of Jack Ruby, Alger Hiss, Dr. Sam Sheppard and James Earl Ray.

He started his career at the

Boonville Daily News, but soon after joined United Press in Cleveland and later moved to New York, where one of his colleagues was Walter Cronkite. Quigg was named senior editor in 1967.

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In 1978, Quigg received the New York Society of Silurians award for distinguished reporting. He also was awarded the University Missouri Honor Medal for distinguished service in journalism.

"Doc was one of the stars of United Press," said former CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite. "He was a superb reporter and writer with a quixotic sense of humor. I always was told never to play cards with a guy named Doc, but if they were all like Doc, I would have played cards with any of them."

Associated Press special correc-

spondent Linda Deusch frequently shared a courtroom bench with Quigg.

"He was a giant in the business," she said. "He also wrote some of the most beautiful prose."

In 1969, Quigg covered man's landing on the moon, writing: "You sat there and watched man step into his own dream. The silent footfall on the airless moon that was the leap of ages. you sat and saw a corner-turning in the human saga."

A native of Marshall, Quigg grew up in Boonville. His parents named him Horace Dasher. His father was a doctor and he got the nickname "Little Doc," which stuck for life.

He earned bachelor of arts and journalism degrees from the University of Missouri.

He died of complications from heart disease, according to his daughter, Susan.

His daughter is his only survivor.

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