Shackleton’s Antarctic Expedition

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ENDURANCE: THE ANTARCTIC LEGACY OF SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON AND FRANK HURLEY

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Endurance presents Frank Hurley’s photographs of the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-1917) undertaken by renowned explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew: 100 years after the epic expedition.

Hurley’s photographs remain one of the greatest ever photographic records of human survival. Scanned at the highest resolution from the Royal Geographical Society’s incomparable collection of the original glass plate and celluloid negatives, Hurley’s intrepid documentation of the expedition can be seen in stunning detail through a presentation of large format images in various mediums. Accompanied by select artifacts from the expedition and a narrative comprised of the logs and diaries of Shackleton and his crew. Endurance brings the incredible story of human survival and the drive to explore unreached territories to life.

Image Credit: The Long, Long Night
Exploration in Antarctica Before Shackleton’s Antarctic Expedition

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Outline

• Antarctica before the 18th Century
• Alexander Dalrymple, James Cook, and Changing Ideas about the Antarctic Circle
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Piri Reis (1465-1553)
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Gerardus Mercator (1512-1594)
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Jan Janssonius (1588-1664)
Matteo Ricci (1552-1610)
Alexander Dalrymple (1737-1808)
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MDCCLXX.
James Cook (1728-1779)
Path of the *Resolution* (Cook’s Second Voyage)
And now there came both mist and snow,
And it grew wondrous cold:
And ice, mast-high, came floating by,
As green as emerald.

And through the drifts the snowy cliffs
Did send a dismal sheen:
Nor shapes of men nor beasts we ken—
The ice was all between.

The ice was here, the ice was there,
The ice was all around:
It cracked and growled, and roared and howled,
Like noises in a swound!
British Naval History

The Naval History Collection contains 500 books on the voyages and maritime operations of Great Britain's Royal Navy in the 18th-20th centuries. The collection includes early navigation manuals, illustrated glossaries of naval terms, reports of major voyages such as those of captains Cook and Hawkesworth, as well as other types of material. The books are primarily in English, and the earliest item is dated 1636. Ships' logs, signal books, seamanship notebooks, and correspondence collected by Admiral Sir Angus Cunningham Graham, as well as the professional papers and extensive correspondence of UCI professor and historian Arthur J. Marder, complement the published books.

Spotlight on:
James Clark Ross (1800-1862)
The Ross Expedition in the Antarctic
John Wilson Carmichael, 1847
THE BOTANY
OF
THE ANTARCTIC VOYAGE
OF
H.M. DISCOVERY SHIPS REBEL AND TERROR
IN THE YEARS 1839—1843.
UNDER THE COMMAND OF
CAPTAIN SIR JAMES CLARK ROSS, K.C., R.N., F.R.S. A.C.
BY
JOSEPH DALTON HOOKER, M.D., R.N., F.L.S.
ASSISTANT CHIRURGUS OF THE "REBEL," AND CHIRURGUS OF THE "TERROR.

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LONDON:
KEVIN BROTHERS, KING WILLIAM STREET, STRAND.
1844.
H.M.S. "CHALLENGER" AFTER COLLISION WITH AN ICEBERG, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1874.

(From a sketch by Lieut. Aldrich, R.N.)
View of the Great Southern Barrier.
(From "Ross's Voyage to the Southern Seas")
International Polar Year (1882-3)
John Murray (1841-1914)
THE RENEWAL OF ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.*

By JOHN MURRAY, Ph.D., LL.D., of the "Challenger" Expedition.

When we cast a retrospective glance at the history of knowledge concerning our planet, we find that nearly all the great advances in geography took place among commercial—and in a very special manner among maritime—peoples. Whenever primitive races commenced to look upon the ocean, not as a terrible barrier separating lands, but rather as a means of communication between distant countries, they soon acquired increased wealth and power, and beheld the dawn of new ideas and great discoveries. Down even to our own day the power and progress of nations may, in a sense, be measured by the extent to which their seamen have been able to brave the many perils, and their learned men have been able to unravel the many riddles, of the great ocean. The history of civilisation runs parallel with the history of navigation in all its wider aspects.

Is the last great piece of maritime exploration on the surface of our Earth to be undertaken by Britons, or is it to be left to those who may be destined to succeed or supplant us on the ocean? That is a question which this generation must answer.
Break!
Adrian de Gerlache (1866-1934)
Belgica Expedition 1897-99
Cape Adare
Carsten Egeberg Borchgrevink (1864-1934)
Southern Cross Expedition (1898-1900)
"THEIR NESTS WERE FOUND AS FAR AS 1,000 FEET UP."
Discovery Expedition (1901-1904)
Robert Falcon Scott (1868-1912)
Edgar Evans (1876-1912)
William Lashly (1867-1940)
Edward Evans (1880-1957)
Ernest Joyce (1875-1940)
Tom Crean (1877-1938)
Frank Wild (1873-1939)
Ernest Shackleton (1874-1922)
Nimrod Expedition (1907-09)
Edgeworth David (1858-1934)
Douglas Mawson (1882-1958)
Raymond Priestley (1886-1974)
The Magnetic South Pole
Mount Erebus
The Famous “Shackleton Whiskey,” abandoned by the Party of the *Nimrod Expedition*
Can you Spot the Problem with the Whiskey Bottle?
THE HEART OF THE ANTARCTIC
BEING THE STORY OF THE BRITISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION 1907–1909
BY E. H. SHACKLETON, C.V.O.

WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY HUGH ROBERT MILL, D.Sc.
AN ACCOUNT OF THE FIRST JOURNEY TO THE SOUTH MAGNETIC POLE
BY PROFESSOR T. W. EDDINGTON, F.R.S.

LONDON
WILLIAM HEINEMANN
1909
Japanese Antarctic Expedition (1910-12)  
(Kainan Maru)
Norwegian *Fram* Expedition (1910-12)
German *Gauss* Expedition (1901-03)
Scottish National Antarctic Expedition (1902-04)
Australasian Antarctic Expedition (1911-1914)
Terra Nova Expedition (1910-1913)
Herbert Ponting (1870-1935)
Scott’s Party reaches the Pole
January 12\textsuperscript{th}, 1912
Norwegian Party reaches Pole on December 14th 1911
We are weak, writing is difficult, but for my own sake I do not regret this journey, which has shown that Englishmen can endure hardships, help one another, and meet death with as great a fortitude as ever in the past. We took risks, we knew we took them; things have come out against us, and therefore we have no cause for complaint, but bow to the will of Providence, determined still to do our best to the last. But if we have been willing to give our lives to this enterprise, which is for the honour of our country, I appeal to our countrymen to see that those who depend on us are properly cared for.

Had we lived, I should have had a tale to tell of the hardihood, endurance, and courage of my companions which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman. These rough notes and our dead bodies must tell the tale, but surely, surely, a great rich country like ours will see that those who are dependent on us are properly provided for.
Scott’s Last Words, Thursday March 29th 1912

We had fuel to make two cups of tea apiece and bare food for two days on the 20th. Every day we have been ready to start for our depot 11 miles away, but outside the door of the tent it remains a scene of whirling drift. I do not think we can hope for any better things now. We shall stick it out to the end, but we are getting weaker, of course, and the end cannot be far. It seems a pity, but I do not think I can write more.

R. SCOTT.

For God’s sake look after our people.
Book Recommendations

• Stephanie Barczewski, *Antarctic Destinies: Scott, Shackleton and the changing face of heroism*
• T.H. Baughman, *Before the Heroes Came: Antarctica in the 1890s*
• Edward Larson, *An Empire of Ice: Scott, Shackleton, and the Heroic Age of Antarctic Science*
• Meredith Hooper, *The Longest Winter: Scott’s Other Heroes*
• Brian William Richardson, *Longitude and Empire: How Captain Cook’s Voyages Changed the World*
• John Noble Wilford, *The Mapmakers*
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