**Sir Ernest Shackleton, Endurance Expedition Time Line**

**August 1st 1914** – The Endurance sets sail from London.

**November 5th 1914** – Arrival at Grytviken whaling station, South Georgia.

**December 5th 1914** – Set sail for Antarctica, last contact with the outside world for 18 months, last contact with land for 497 days.

**December 7th 1914** – First encounter with pack-ice.

**January 18th 1915** – Endurance becomes beset, frozen into heavy pack ice a day’s sail from the intended landfall.

**February 22nd 1915** – Furthest south position reached at 77°S 35°W, the ice now starts to drift north carrying the Endurance with it.

**August 1st 1915** – Ice surrounding the ship starts to break and push over itself, dogs brought on board.

**September 1st 1915** – Ice pressure begins to act upon the ship.

**October 27th 1915** – The Endurance is badly damaged by the pressure of ice acting upon her and leaking, Shackleton orders her to be abandoned, stores and equipment are taken onto the sea-ice and a camp established.

**November 1st 1915** – After an attempt to march with boats and sleds, “Ocean Camp” is established a mile and a half from the Endurance.

**November 21st 1915** - The broken and splintered Endurance sinks below the ice into the Weddell Sea.

**December 22nd 1915** – Kept as Christmas Day, all remaining luxuries were eaten, the last really good meal for 8 months.

**December 23rd 1915** – Ocean Camp is abandoned to try to move westwards to Paulet Island and a substantial food depot. Crew and dogs drag sleds and three lifeboats across the sea-ice.

**December 29th 1915** – Very broken-up un-negotiable ice is met, a new camp is established “Patience Camp”, they were to live on the floe for nearly three and a half months.

**April 9th 1916** – Ice floes breaking up and open water meant It was time to take to the boats and head towards the South Shetland Islands.

**April 15th 1916** – Landfall at Elephant Island, the first time in 497 days.

**April 24th 1916** – Shackleton and 5 others set off in the James Caird for South Georgia.

**May 10th 1916** – James Caird arrives at King Haakon Bay, South Georgia.

**May 19th 1916** – Shackleton, Crean and Worsley set out to cross South Georgia to reach the Stromness whaling station.

**May 20th 1916** – Arrival at Stromness whaling station.

**May 23rd 1916** – 1st rescue attempt, Shackleton sets out on the Southern Sky, a whaling boat to reach Elephant Island, is turned back by sea-ice and heads north arrives at the Falkland Islands on the 31st of May.

**June 10th 1916** – 2nd rescue attempt on a trawler, *Instituto de Pesca No. 1* loaned and provisioned by the Uruguayan government, again turned back by ice.

**July 12th 1916** – 3rd rescue attempt by the schooner Emma, chartered and provisioned by donations raised at Punta Arenas, Chile also turned back by ice.

**August 25th 1916** – 4th rescue attempt by the steam tug Yelcho loaned by the Chilean government successfully retrieves all of those on Elephant Island on August the 30th.

**September 3rd 1916** – Yelcho reaches Punta Arenas with all 28 men of the Endurance expedition.

The Men of the Endurance

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