

The race for the South Pole

* Robert Falcon Scott





On June 15 1910 the English ship "Terra Nova" left England went to the Antarctic. On a board of the ship was an English naval Officer Robert Falkon Scott. He had a dream. He wanted to be first the first on the South Pole.

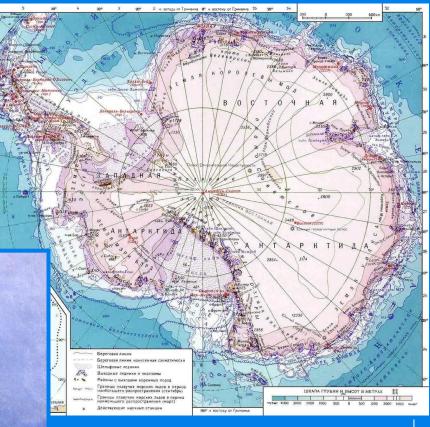


On 1 November 1912 Scott and his expedition started to go to the Pole.



Scott had already been to the Antarctic and had prepared for everything.



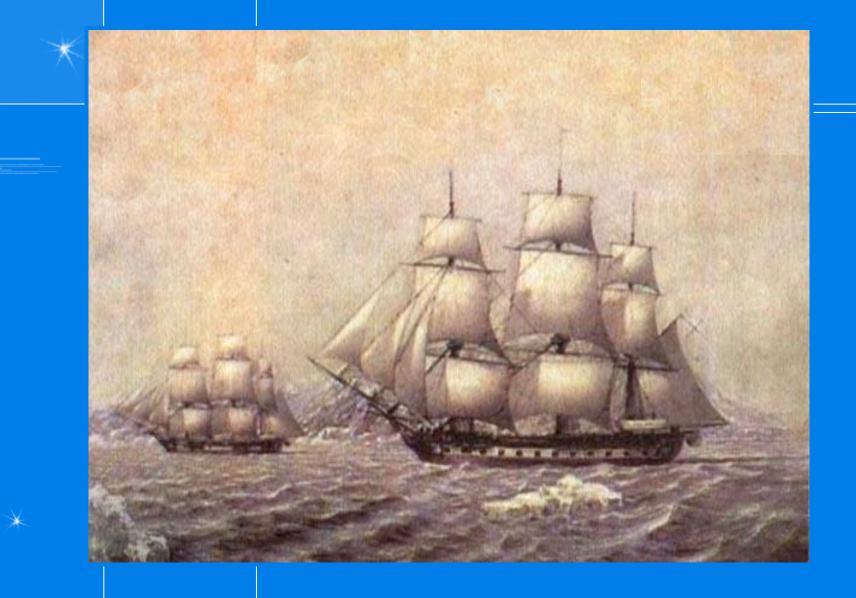


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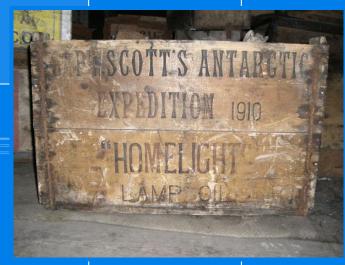


The weather was very bad: it was cold and windy.



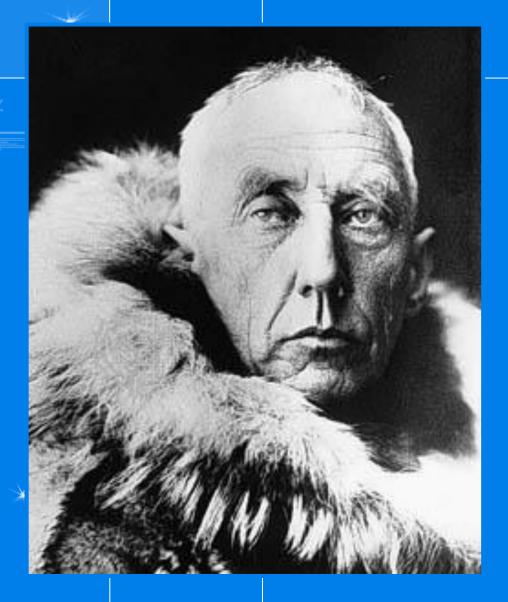


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He had thought of everything. But one thing worried Scott: another famous explorer Roald Amundsen from Norway, had also gone to the Antarctic



Scott's expedition remembered about Amundsen and didn't want to lose the race



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Very quickly Scott understood that he had made a lot of mistakes



The sledges didn't work. The ponies couldn't walk in a deep snow and soon died. Scott hadn't bought any dogs, and the men had to pull the sledges with their food and equipment



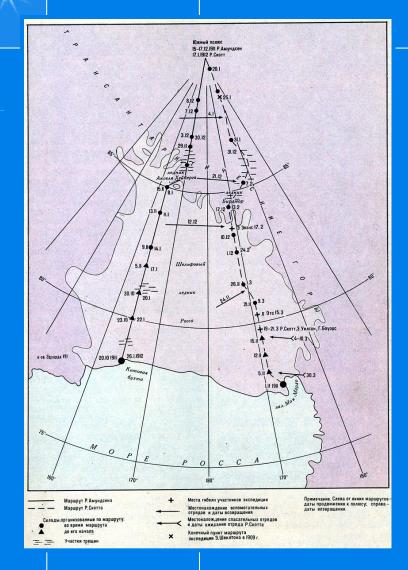


The team had never been to the Antarctic before, so they were not ready for all the difficulties











Finally on 12 January Scott and his men got to the South Pole. There they saw a Norwegian flag; Amundsen had got there two weeks before.

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In the last letter he wrote: "We knew that our expedition was dangerous. But we had been on the South Pole. And I ask for God's sake look after our relatives"



The people in Scott's expedition died on their way back to the camp. Winter killed them.

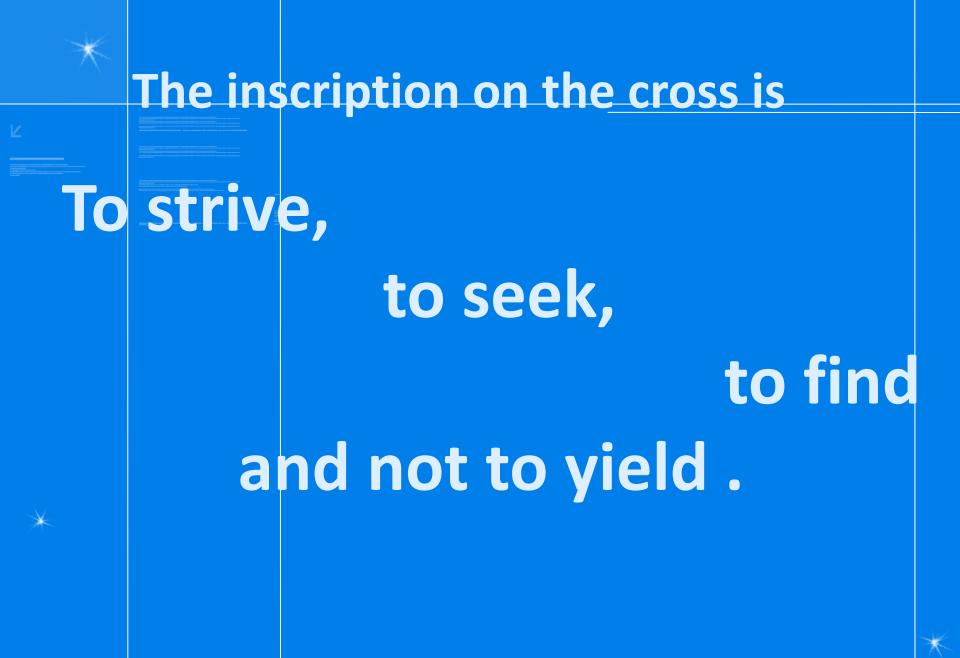


They were not first at the South Pole. But they showed an example of courage, strength and love for their country in the hearts of people all over world.





There is a simple wooden cross in the Antarctic. People put it there in the memory of the brave Englishmen.



Thank you for your work Good bye!

