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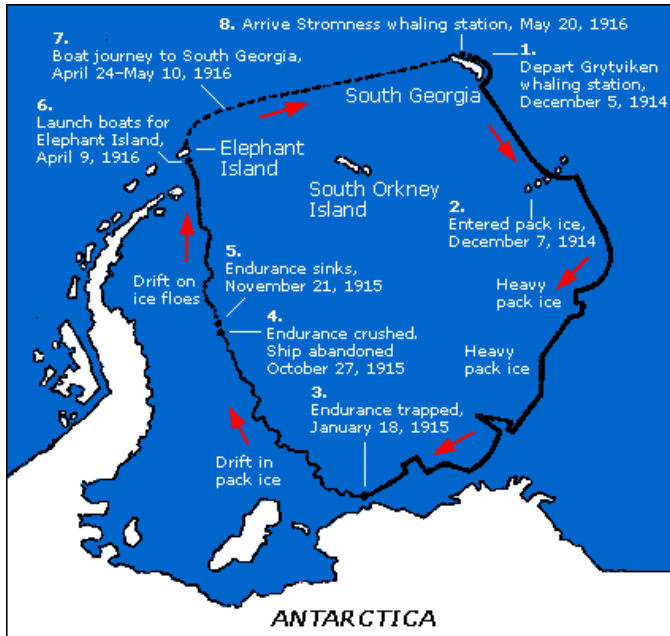
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S.'s Third Journey

S. was an Irish explorer, who first crossed the South Pole. He went to the Antarctica four times in all. When he first went to the Antarctica, he was a man of Scott, who tried to be the first person to reach the South Pole. Second time, he left Scott's team, and went there as a leader. He almost achieved his plan to cross the South Pole, but his men's life was in danger. Therefore he gave up and went back. Then in 1914, he challenged again. He was the captain, and 27 men were chosen to go with him. He got a ship called *Endurance*, and his third expedition started.

On December 5th, 1914, S. and his men entered the packed ice. After five weeks, *Endurance* got stuck in the ice, and they couldn't move any further. So they had to stay there. Finally after 10 months, S. ordered his crew to abandon the ship and give up to cross the South Pole.





On April 9th, 1916, S. and his men started sailing back to the Elephant Island. S. knew that nobody will rescue them if they didn't move. He decided to go back to South Georgia, where the whaling station is, and get rescue. All men wanted to go with him, but he chose only 5 men. On April 24th, S. and his 5

men started sailing again. It was a dangerous and an uncomfortable journey.

After several weeks, S. and his 5men finally reached South Georgia, but where they landed on was the oppsite side where the whaling station was. The boat was damaged so they couldn't sail to the other side anymore. Therefore the men had to cross the island on foot. On May 19th, 3 of the men started walking. The mountains were steep and jagged so it was extremely dangerous. After several days, the 3 men got to the whaling station. On May 23rd, they went back to Elephant Island to rescue the other men, but 10 days later, S. and his men came back. They couldn't get closer to the Island, because the ice was too thick. However S. did not give up. He asked the Chilean government for rescue. Finally S. and his men reached the Elephant Island on August



30th. Although it had past 4 months after S. and his 5men left, all 22 men were there.

S. finished his life on his fourth journey to Antartica. After 6 years from the third journey, he challenged to cross the South Pole again. But, on February 15th, 1922, he died at South Georgia. After his death, although he couldn't cross the South Pole, he became famous. That is because of his courage that he saved all his men on the third journey. Even the technology has developed now, the explorers can't do exactly what S. did. That tells us that S. was a great explorer in the history.

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