

# When Your Life Depends on It

## Extreme Decision Making Lessons from the Antarctic

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### Tables and Map to accompany the Audiobook

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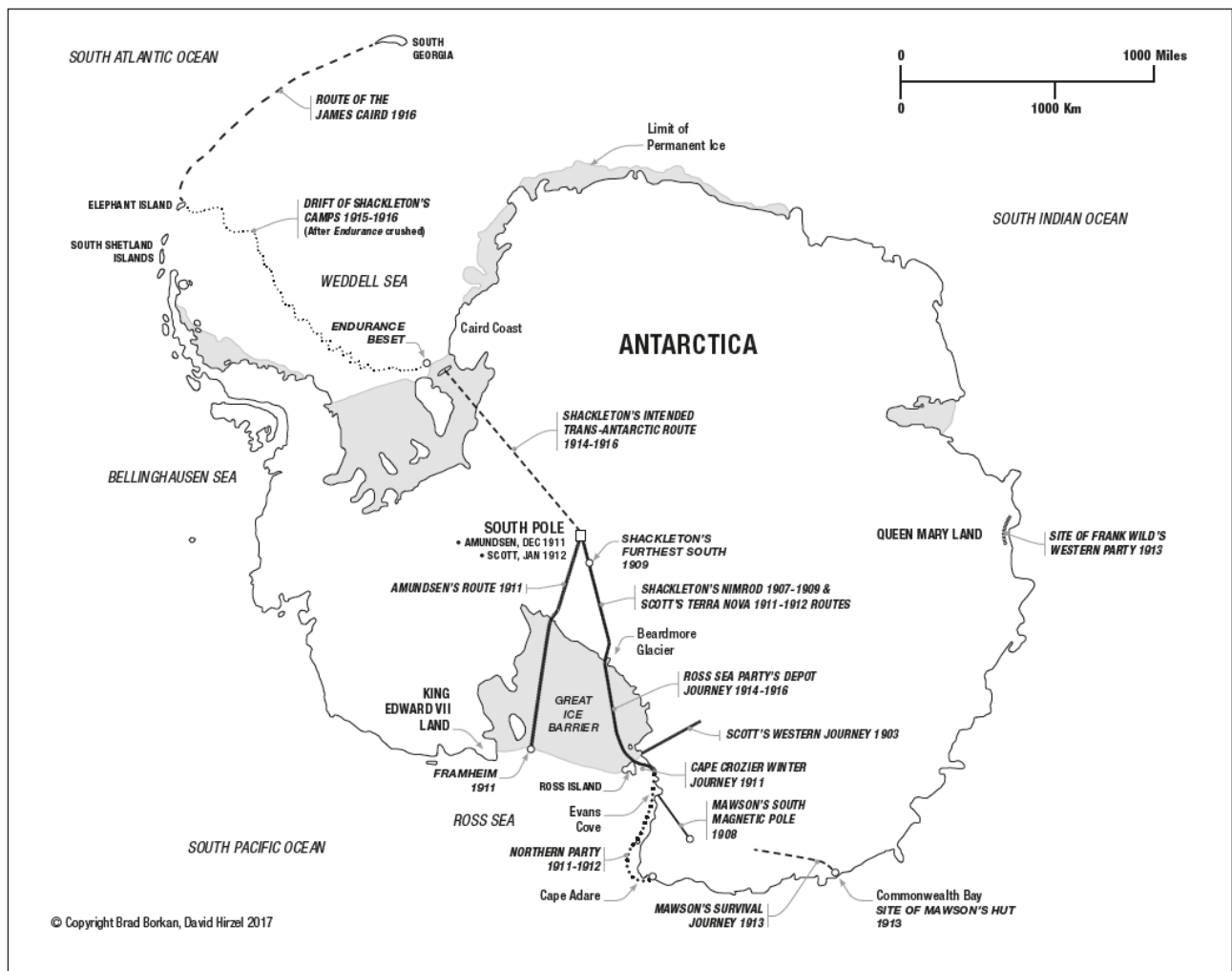
### Chapter 1: Table: Heroic age expeditions featured in the book

Expedition Name	Dates	Ship	Nationality	Leader	Objectives
<i>Discovery Expedition</i> <i>Official Name:</i> British National Antarctic Expedition	1901-1904	<i>Discovery</i>	British	Scott	Science, discovery and exploration
<i>Nimrod Expedition</i> <i>Official Name:</i> British Antarctic Expedition	1907-1909	<i>Nimrod</i>	British	Shackleton	Be first to the South Pole, as well as science and exploration
<i>Terra Nova Expedition</i> <i>Official Name:</i> British Antarctic Expedition	1910-1913	<i>Terra Nova</i>	British	Scott	Science, exploration and be the first to the South Pole
Norwegian Antarctic Expedition	1910-1912	<i>Fram</i>	Norwegian	Amundsen	Race Scott to the South Pole
Australian Antarctic Expedition	1911-1914	<i>Aurora</i>	Australian	Mawson	Science, discovery and exploration of 2,000 mile coast of Antarctica
<i>Endurance Expedition</i> <i>Official Name:</i> Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition	1914-1917	Weddell Sea side: <i>Endurance</i> Ross Sea side: <i>Aurora</i>	British	Weddell Sea side: Shackleton Ross Sea side: Mackintosh	Be first to cross the Antarctic continent via the South Pole

## Map of the Expeditions

This map shows the relative locations of sites in Antarctica and the paths of the six Antarctic heroic age expeditions cited in this book. Scale is only approximate. A larger version of the map can be found on our website:

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**Table: The huts used in the expeditions and what is visible today**

Expedition Name/ Date/Leader	Ship	Hut	Hut Location	What is visible today
<i>Discovery</i> Expedition (1901-1904) Scott	<i>Discovery</i> (Relief/rescue ships: <i>Morning</i> and <i>Terra Nova</i> )	Discovery Hut	Hut Point, Cape Evans	Discovery Hut still standing. The <i>Discovery</i> is at Discovery Point which is a museum in Dundee, Scotland.
<i>Nimrod</i> Expedition (1907-1909) Shackleton	<i>Nimrod</i>	Shackleton's Hut	Cape Royds	Shackleton's Hut still standing. The <i>Nimrod</i> sank off coast of Norfolk, England in 1919.
<i>Terra Nova</i> Expedition (1910-1913) Scott	<i>Terra Nova</i>	Terra Nova Hut (also known as Scott's Hut)	Cape Evans <i>Also Northern Party over- wintered at Cape Adare, then went to Evans Cove. Winter Journey went to Cape Crozier.</i>	Terra Nova Hut still standing. The <i>Terra Nova</i> sank off the Greenland coast in 1943.
Norwegian Antarctic Expedition (1910-1912) Amundsen	<i>Fram</i>	Framheim	Bay of Whales, (Ross Ice Shelf)	Framheim no longer exists. The <i>Fram</i> is in the Fram Museum in Oslo, Norway.
Australian Antarctic Expedition (1911-1914) Mawson	<i>Aurora</i>	Mawson's Huts	Cape Denison, Commonwealth Bay <i>Also Western Base Party was based at Queen Mary Land.</i>	Mawson's Huts are still standing. The <i>Aurora</i> sank in 1917 en route from Australia to Chile.
<i>Endurance</i> Expedition  <i>Official Name:</i> Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-1917) Shackleton	<i>Endurance</i> (Weddell Sea side)  <i>Aurora</i> (Ross Sea Party)	The <i>Endurance</i> never landed so no hut was built.  Ross Sea Party used the Terra Nova Hut at Cape Evans as well as Discovery Hut.		The <i>Endurance</i> was crushed in the ice. The <i>James Caird</i> survived and is on display at Dulwich College, England.  The <i>Aurora</i> sank in 1917 en route from Australia to Chile.

**Chapter 11**  
**Table: Deaths on the Expeditions**

Expedition	Leader	# in Shore Parties	# of Deaths in Antarctica	Approximate Cause of Death
<i>Discovery Expedition</i>	Scott	46	1	<i>Accident:</i> Vince slipped on icy cliff.
<i>Nimrod Expedition</i>	Shackleton	15	0	
<i>Terra Nova Expedition</i>	Scott	31	5	<i>Accident:</i> Evans suspected head injury after a fall. <i>Exposure and want:</i> Scott, Bowers, Oates and Wilson of multiple causes including lack of food and oil. Died on their return from the South Pole.
Norwegian Anatarctic Expedition	Amundsen	9	0	
Australian Anatarctic Expedition	Mawson (Frank Wild for Queen Mary Land division)	26	2	<i>Accidents:</i> Ninnis fell in crevasse; Mertz died from accidental vitamin A poisoning after eating dog liver.
<i>Endurance Expedition</i>	Shackleton (Weddell Sea side)	28	0	
	Mackintosh (Ross Sea Party)	10	3	<i>Scurvy:</i> Spencer-Smith, after extended sledging. (Ross Sea Party) <i>Accident:</i> On ill-advised trek over sea ice from Hut Point to Cape Evans, Mackintosh and Hayward fell through the ice.
<b>Total</b>		<b>165</b>	<b>11</b>	
<i>Assessment:</i> 3 were due to unforeseen accidental falls. 4 were the result of extended time in the field with insufficient nutrition available. 2 have since become avoidable, due to the discovery and understanding of vitamins. 2 were entirely avoidable, the result of setting forth on unstable sea ice.				

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