

FLASHBACK FRIDAY – SHACKLETON

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You likely read the new story this week of the extraordinary discovery of Antarctic legendary explorer Ernest Shackleton's ship *The Endurance* 10,000 feet deep at the bottom of the Weddell Sea: Ernest Shackleton's Sunken Ship *Endurance* Found 107 Years Later (3/09/22).

Perhaps you read my account of his incredible exploits in *Endurance* (April 2013). I thought to commemorate the ship's discovery with this photo of me at Shackleton's gravesite at the abandoned whaling station of Grytviken on the Antarctic island of South Georgia.

Shackleton was the most heroic arctic explorer of them all. The famous eulogy at his funeral says it all:

For scientific discovery, give me Scott

For speed and efficiency of travel, give me Amundsen

But when disaster strikes and all hope is gone

Get down on your knees and pray for Shackleton

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