

Tom Crean Timeline

1877	20th July	Born near Anascaul in Co. Kerry, the son of Patrick & Catherine Crean
1893	10th July	Runs away from home and enlists in the Royal Navy

1901	10th December	Joins Captain Scott's Antarctic exploration ship, Discovery
1902	February	Makes first sledging expedition in the Antarctic
1904	February	Discovery leaves Antarctic

1910	April	Joins Captain Scott's Terra Nova expedition to reach the South Pole
1911	January	Terra Nova reaches Antarctica and establishes hut point
	1st November	March to South Pole starts
1912	4th January	Only 150 miles from South Pole; among the last to see Scott alive; starts 750 mile return to base camp
	18th February	Volunteers to walk 35 miles to base camp to save Lt. Evans
	19th February	Reaches base hut after 18 hour march
	29th October	Starts search for bodies of Captain Scott's Party
	12 November	Discovers Captain Scott's tent and buries bodies
1913	January	Terra Nova leaves Antarctica
	2th July	Tom receives Albert Medal at Buckingham Palace from King George for saving the life of Lt. Evans

1914	25th May	Joins Sir Ernest Shackleton Endurance expedition
	1st August	Endurance sails from London (just two days after war is declared!)
1915	19th January	Endurance trapped in Weddell Sea ice
	27th October	Endurance abandoned, crew camps on the ice
	21st November	Endurance crushed by ice and sinks - crew drags boats toward land
1916	9th April	Takes charge of 'Stancomb Wills' lifeboat to Elephant island
	15th April	Lands on Elephant Island
	24th April	Sails in 'James Caird' to South Georgia - (Easter Rising starts in Dublin!)
	10th May	Lands on South Georgia
	19th May	Starts traverse of mountains of South Georgia with Shackleton & Worsley
	20th May	Reaches whaling station at Stromness
	30th August	Returns to Elephant Island and rescues 22 castaways
	8th October	Sails for Europe - which is in the midst of a World War

1917	5th September	Marries Eileen (Nell) Herlihy, Anascaul, Co. Kerry
1920	24th March	Retires Royal Navy with 27 years service - in midst of war of independence
1927		Opens the 'The South Pole Inn', Anascaul, Co. Kerry
1938	27th July	Dies at Bon Secours Hospital Cork, aged 61