

Tom Crean's Story continued...

I didn't understand it at the time, but I didn't just learn the basics of how to survive on expeditions. I learned to do things for myself. I kept busy and developed my skills even when stranded on the ice. I saw how working in small groups to achieve common goals saved me and my crewmates.

I grew to understand Nature, not just by looking after the domestic animals we'd brought with us, but also by observing and writing about the landscape and creatures around us. I valued the support and guidance of my crewmates. We worked together as a team. Serving and respecting my shipmates taught me to do the same with family and friends when I returned home.

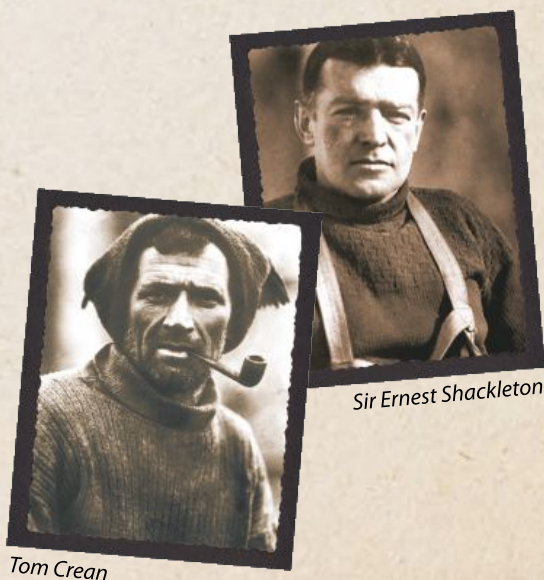
Everything I learned on each expedition helped me on the next. I grew strong in heart, as well as skills, and became a true explorer. Above all, it was my pledge of honour as a seaman which meant I always did my personal best to fulfil my duty.

Your Scouting Journey bears many similarities to my expeditions. It is designed for you to plot your own Personal Journey and set out your own achievements which will stand to you in future. By the end of your Journey, I hope you will have achieved your goals, enjoyed your adventures, relished your challenges, and discovered the tales of our many brave Irish explorers, old and new. All of them heroes like you.

Good luck as you embark on Your Journey!

Yours in Exploring,

Tom Crean, Irish Antarctic Explorer



Sir Ernest Shackleton

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