

Trapped by the Ice!

The <i>Endurance</i> was trapped. Giant blocks of ice were slowly crushing her sides. From the deck, Sir Ernest Shackleton looked at the snow and ice that spread to the horizon. Ten months before, all he had wanted was to be the first person to cross the South Pole's ice cap.	9 18 29 41 50
Now his only concern was for his men. What would happen to them - and how much longer did the ship have before it broke apart? The <i>Endurance</i> was leaking badly. Shack could not delay.	60 71 80 84
Shack ordered his crew off the <i>Endurance</i> and camp was set up on the frozen Weddell Sea. Tools, tents, scrap lumber for firewood, sleeping bags, and what little food rations and clothing the men had left were saved from the ship, along with three lifeboats in case they ever reached open water.	93 104 113 124 134 136
The <i>Endurance</i> was a sad sight now, a useless hulk lying on its side. For months she had been the crew's home. Now they would have to get used to life on the ice - stranded hundreds of miles from the nearest land.	147 159 171 178
Almost one month later, the sound of crushing wood startled the men. It was what they had feared. Turning toward the ship's wreckage, they saw her stern rise slowly in the air, tremble, and slip quickly beneath the ice.	187 197 208 217
Minutes later, the hole had frozen up over the ship. She was gone forever, swallowed by the Weddell Sea.	227 236