

Scott, Oates and Heroism

We were very honoured to be visited last Wednesday by Sir Ranulph Fiennes, the

diffidently, so quietly is what adds to his heroism and greatness. To look around him and say "I'm just going outside now, I may be some time" and have everyone who heard know exactly what he meant makes him live in the collective memory. Was his sacrifice in vain? No one was saved. I think it was not in vain...

Oates was never found. The bodies of Scott and his companions were discovered by a search party on 12 November 1912 and their records retrieved. Their final camp became their tomb; a high cairn of snow was erected over it, topped by a roughly fashioned cross. Oates