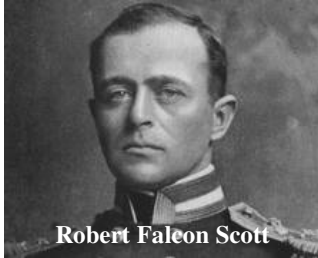


# CrossTalk

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, March 2012



Robert Falcon Scott

## SCOTT OF THE ANTARTIC

The English polar explorer, Robert Falcon Scott, died in the Antarctic 100 years ago this month. Scott reached the South Pole on 17<sup>th</sup> January but discovered that the Norwegian, Roald Amundsen, had, five weeks earlier, beaten him to become the first man to reach the Pole. "The worst has happened", he wrote in his journal, "All the day dreams must go. Great God! This is an awful place".

Scott and his four comrades faced a 1,300km return journey to base camp. Despite poor weather, they had crossed the 500km Polar Plateau by 7<sup>th</sup> February. During their descent of the 160km Beardmore Glacier one of the team, Edgar Evans, injured himself in a fall, which left him "dull and incapable". He suffered a further fall on 17<sup>th</sup> February and died at the foot of the glacier.

In worsening weather, hungry and exhausted, and suffering from snow-blindness and frostbite the men struggled northward across the 670km Ross Ice Shelf. On 16<sup>th</sup> March, Lawrence Oates, barely able to walk, sacrificed himself for his friends. As he left the tent Scott recorded his last words as: "I am just going outside and may be some time".

The team pressed on for a further 32km before reaching their final camp, only 18km short of the food depot they had set up on the outward journey but 38km beyond Oates' recommended location for the depot. Scott had over-ruled Oates who had replied, "Sir, I'm afraid you'll come to regret not taking my advice".

Trapped in their tent for ten days, with storms raging outside and their supplies running out they died one by one. From the position of the bodies it is thought Scott was the last to die. In his Letter to the Public, written shortly before his death on 29<sup>th</sup> March, Scott wrote: "We took risks, we knew we took them; things have come out against us, and therefore we have no cause for complaint, but bow to the will of Providence, determined still to do our best to the last ... Had we lived, I should have had a tale to tell of the hardihood, endurance, and courage of my companions which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman".

On learning of Scott's death Amundsen is reported to have said, "I would gladly forgo any honour or money if thereby I could have saved Scott his terrible death".

*Article by Jonathan*



## Net News

**NET LESSONS:** Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?....Try our *lessons on the Internet!*

\* Call for details: **089 9217595**

**SITE OF THE MONTH:**

Read all about Scott here:

[www.coolantarctica.com/Antarctica%20fact%20file/History/Robert%20Falcon%20Scott.htm](http://www.coolantarctica.com/Antarctica%20fact%20file/History/Robert%20Falcon%20Scott.htm)

# *Some Thoughts for the Month*



**Joshua Says:** Some of our younger students have been doing really well recently, getting accepted into prestigious universities, and in general gaining significant success in various ways with their English. We are going to feature a few of their success stories on P3 of our monthly newsletters. This month we start off with Rikuta Morifuji who has done really well at Eiken. So well in fact, that the Eiken Association itself has taken notice. Check him out on P3.

**Junko Says:** A new term will start next month. This is a good time to join Crossroads, and I would like to encourage you to invite any of your friends who want to become English speakers to join us! A good way to introduce us to them is to “check-in” at our Face-book page. As soon as you visit our page and click the check-in button, you will automatically be introducing us to your friends on Face-book. They will be able to find us and learn all about what we are doing.



**Jonathan Says:** I moved house last month. My new house is about 50 years old and very cold; it has no heating of any kind. The first night there was one of the coldest this year and I couldn't sleep for hours. Just holding the toothpaste tube made my hands cold. I remembered Scott of the Antarctic (see my article on page 1) and tried not to complain.

**Matthew Says:** I am always amazed when people are shocked that I do not like eating fish. I always get the same response – “Why don't you like fish?” This is an impossible question to answer. I can say *why* I don't like baseball or mosquitoes or rap music or big loud American women but I cannot explain *why* I do not like a specific type of food! Can you?



**Arno Dit:** Voilà maintenant 1 an que le Japon a été frappé de terribles évènements, évènements qui ont fait la une de la presse mondiale. Je ne peux m'empêcher de penser à tous les japonais qui vivent dans les régions touchées, et à Fukushima. J'espère que le gouvernement japonais dévoilera les informations et aidera sa population comme il aurait du le faire.

# NOTICE BOARD

## THE END OF TERM PARTY

**This term's details:**

DATE: Saturday, 31-03-'12

TIME: 8:00pm

PLACE: here at Crossroads



Performances, guitar and singing recitals, karaoke, good food and wine, and good company! And..., as a special treat, Matthew will give juggling lessons to anyone game enough to try....!

So, don't miss out!!

Invite your friends and family to join in too!



## WAY TO GO, RIKUTA!

The Eiken Association of Japan has chosen Rikuta Morifuji, one of our long-term students, to give a speech at their annual awards' ceremony in Tokyo. He was chosen top out of about 500,000 people from all over Japan who sat for the pre-second test last year – That's right folks, top in Japan! And, he is the only one to be invited to give a speech at the ceremony which will be attended by the Minister of Education and other dignitaries. Here's what he has to say about it:

*"Last autumn, I took the Eiken pre-2<sup>nd</sup> grade test. At first, I wasn't very confident. I wondered what if I encounter questions I don't know the answers for. But I felt that it was no use lamenting my lack of knowledge. So I studied eagerly not to make any mistakes. As a result, I got an excellent score and received an award! I couldn't believe it! This experience taught me the joy of learning English. I want to continue studying"*

Congratulations Rikuta from everyone at Crossroads! Good Job!!



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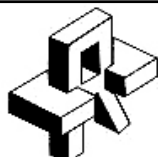
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