

DEPARTURE



Worried about being trapped by the ice, Shackleton had his men hastily rushed aboard, fired the little steamer's engines and headed north for South America. The men all agreed that they would honour and remember 30 August for the rest of their lives.

Exhausted and glad to be alive, the crew steamed away on the *Yelcho* while Wild recalled stories of their life waiting on the island. The men would later receive a hero's welcome in Punta Arenas, Chile, where 30,000 people filled the streets warmly awaiting their return.

Against all the odds, Shackleton had ended his expedition without losing a single member of *Endurance's* crew.

