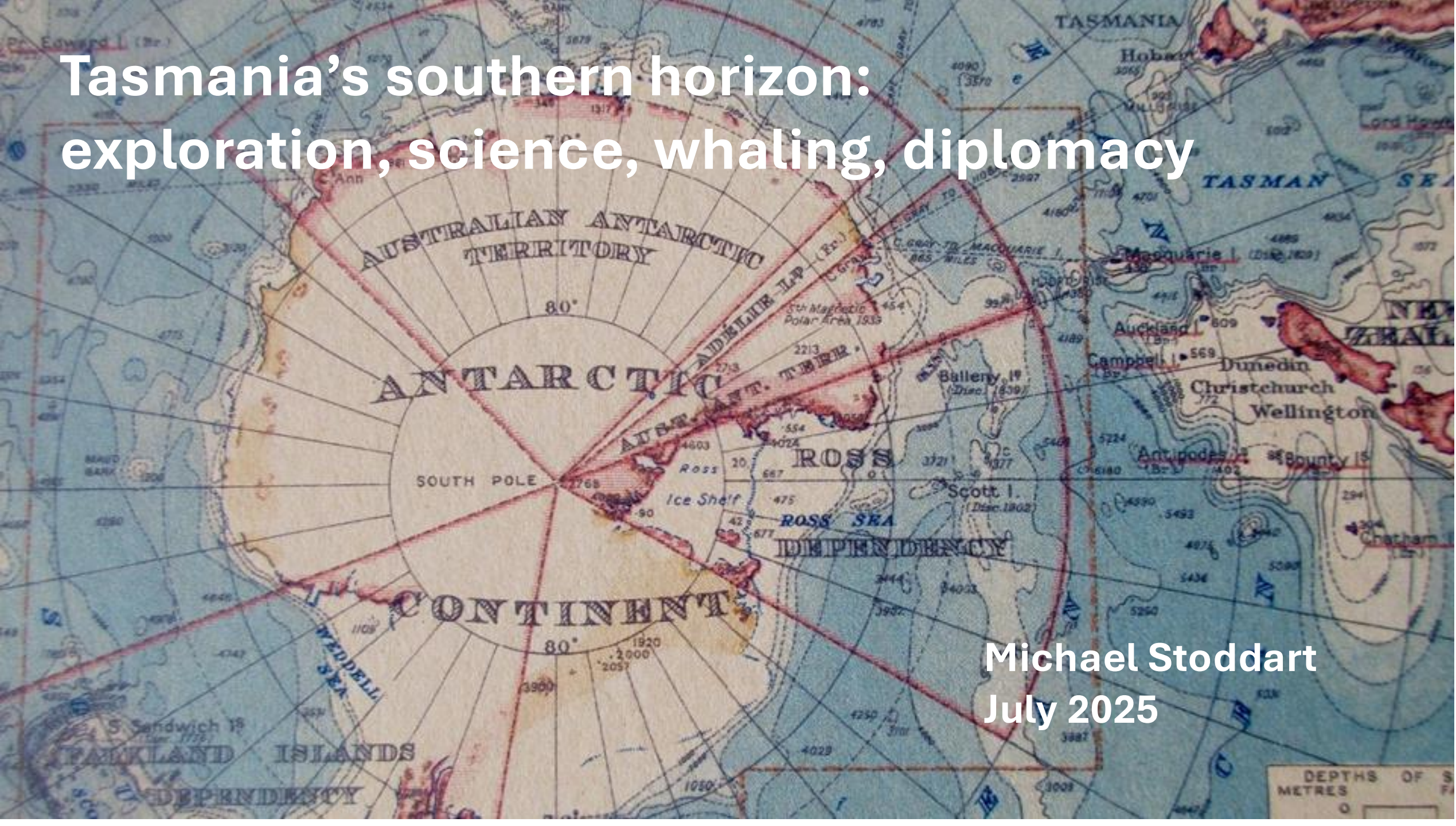
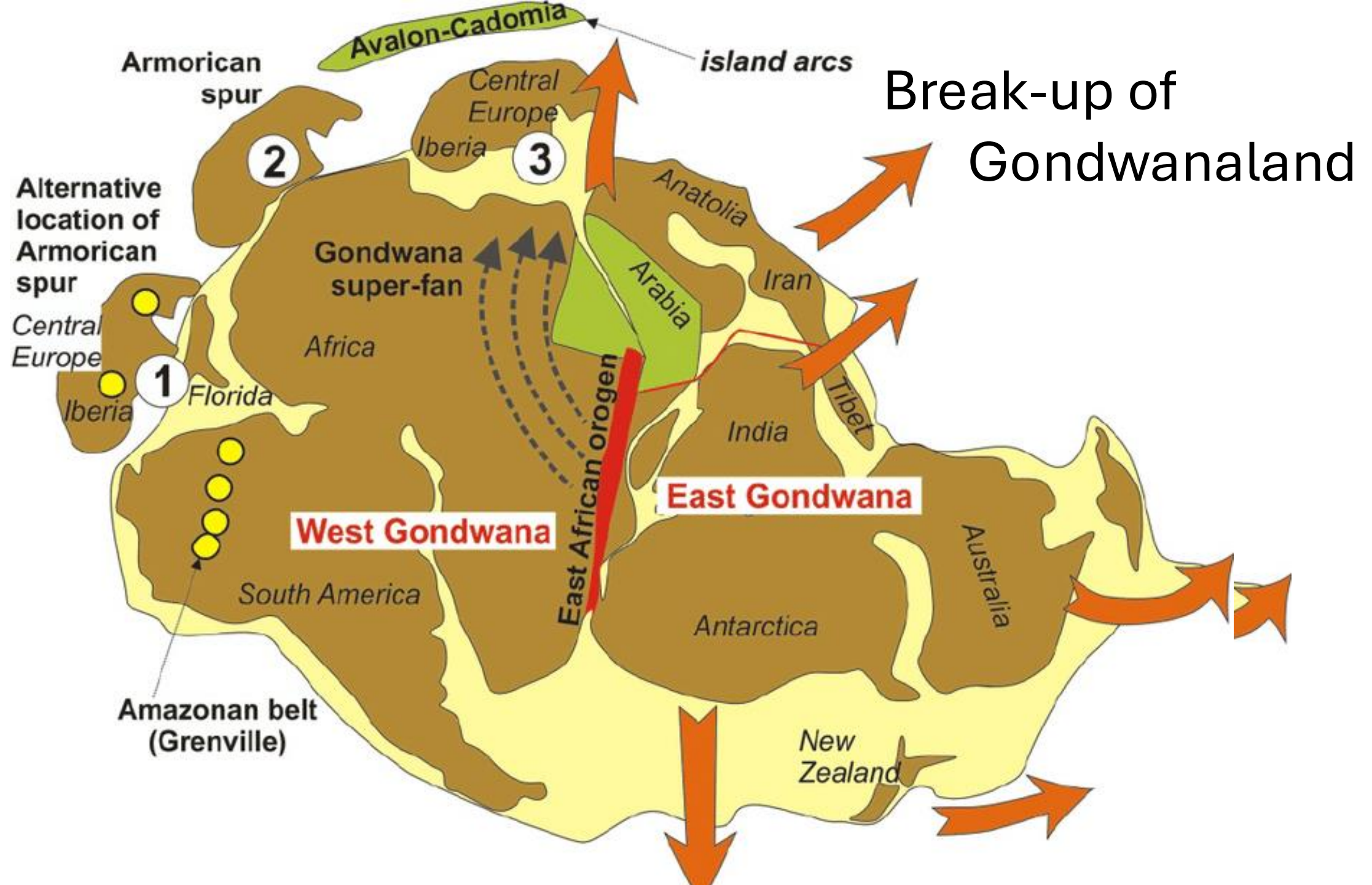
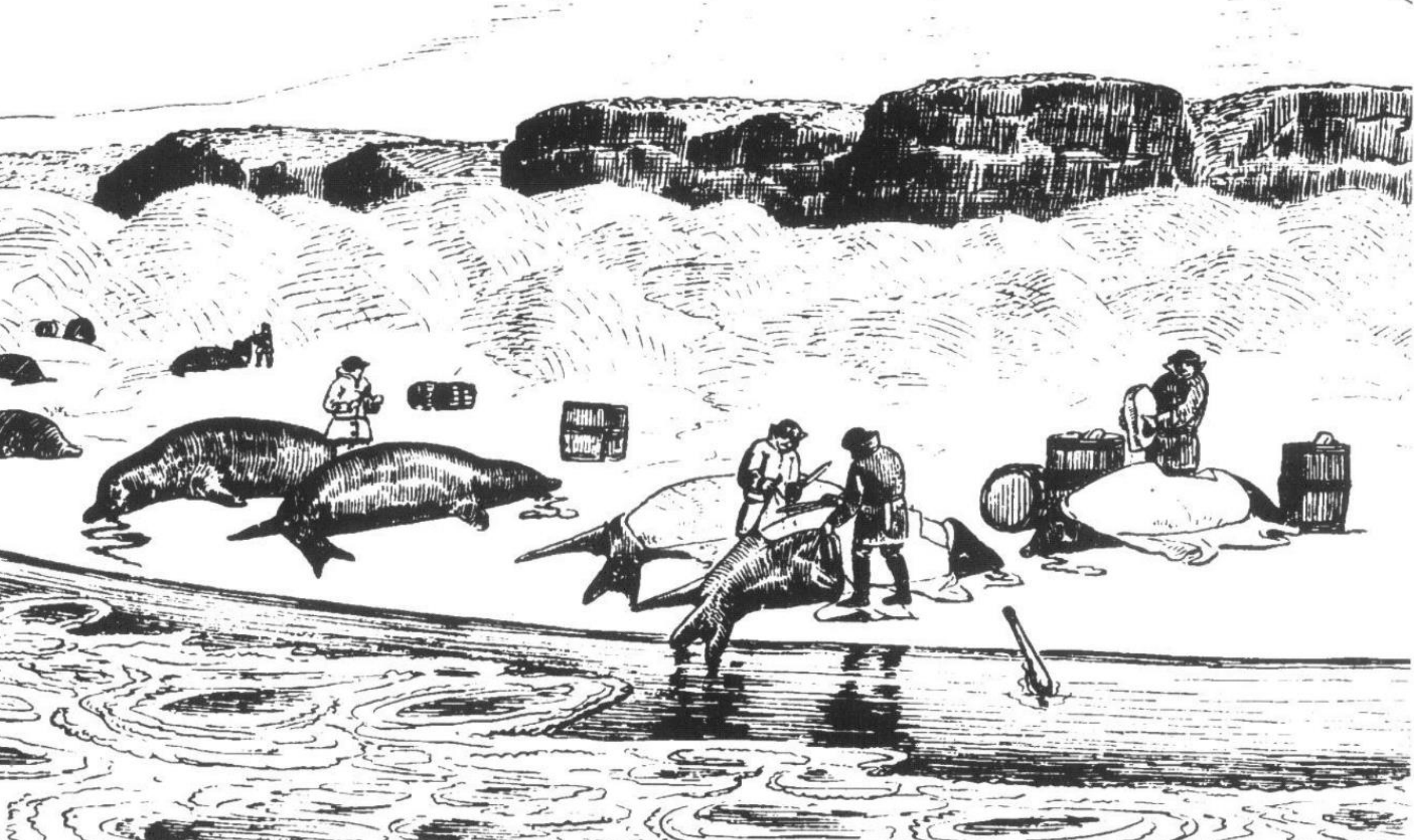


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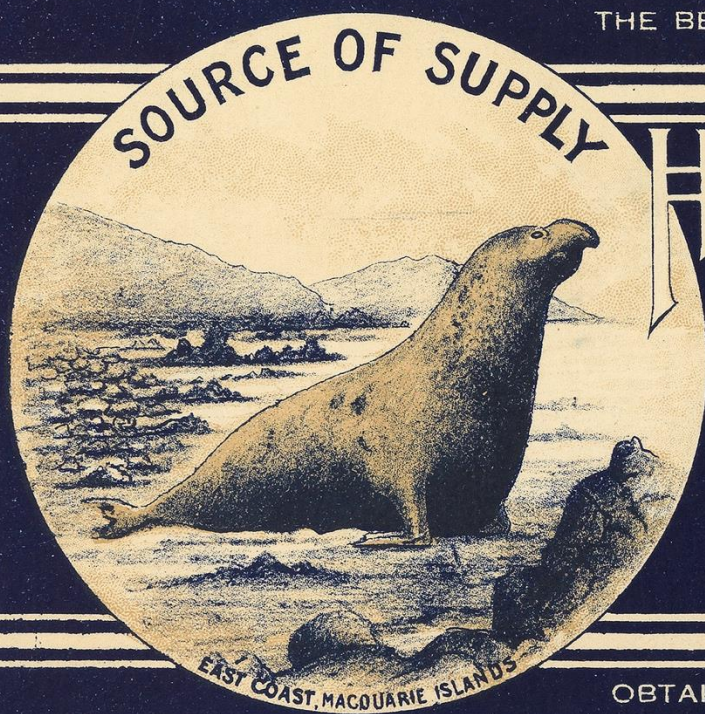


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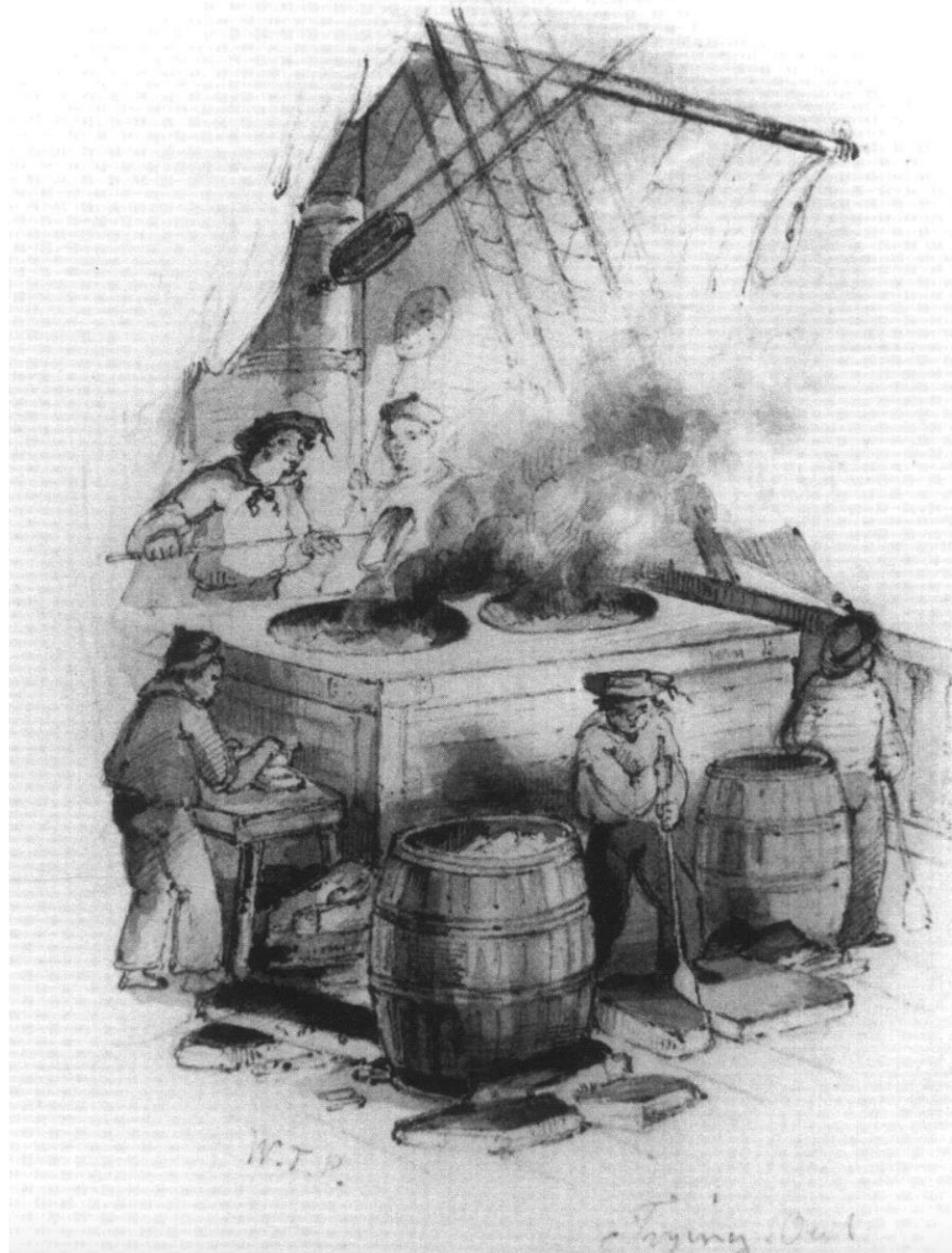
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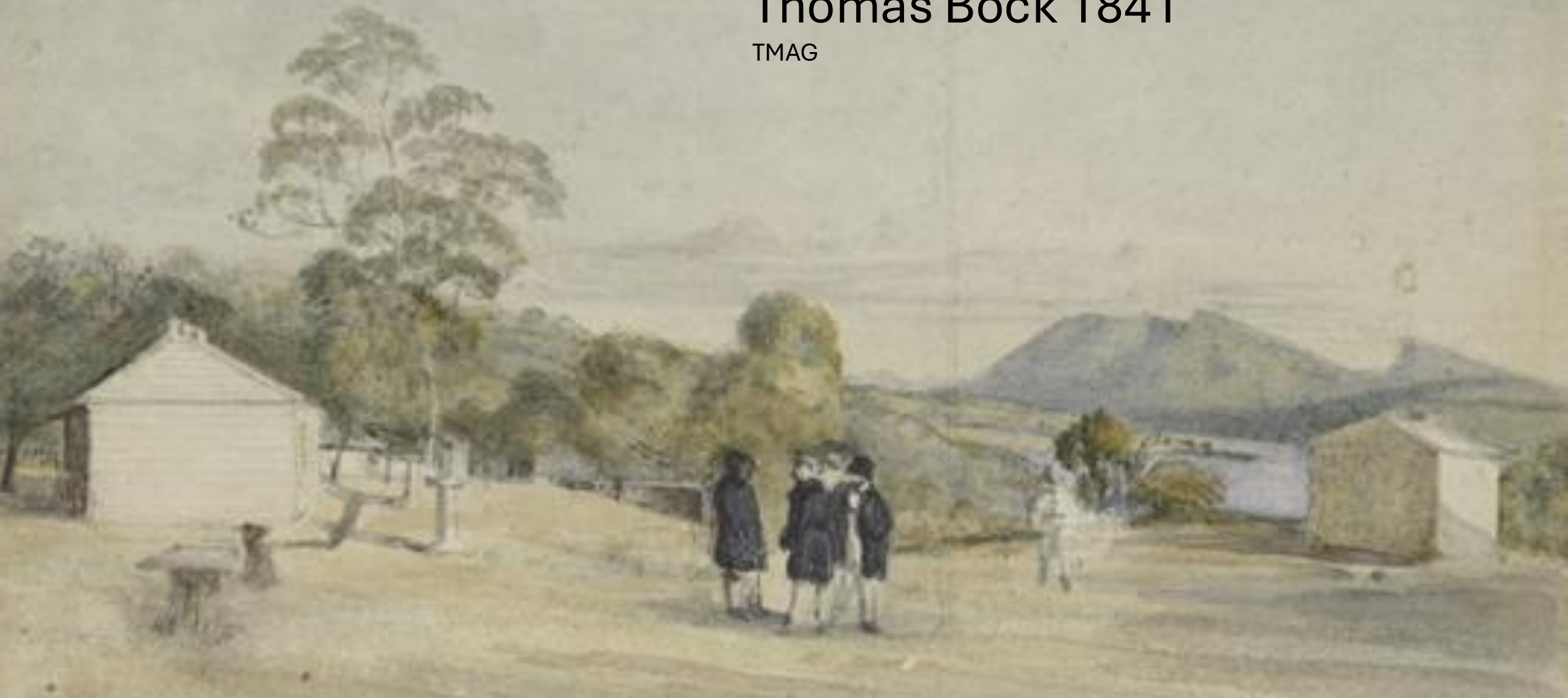
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Rossbank Observatory, Hobart

Thomas Bock 1841

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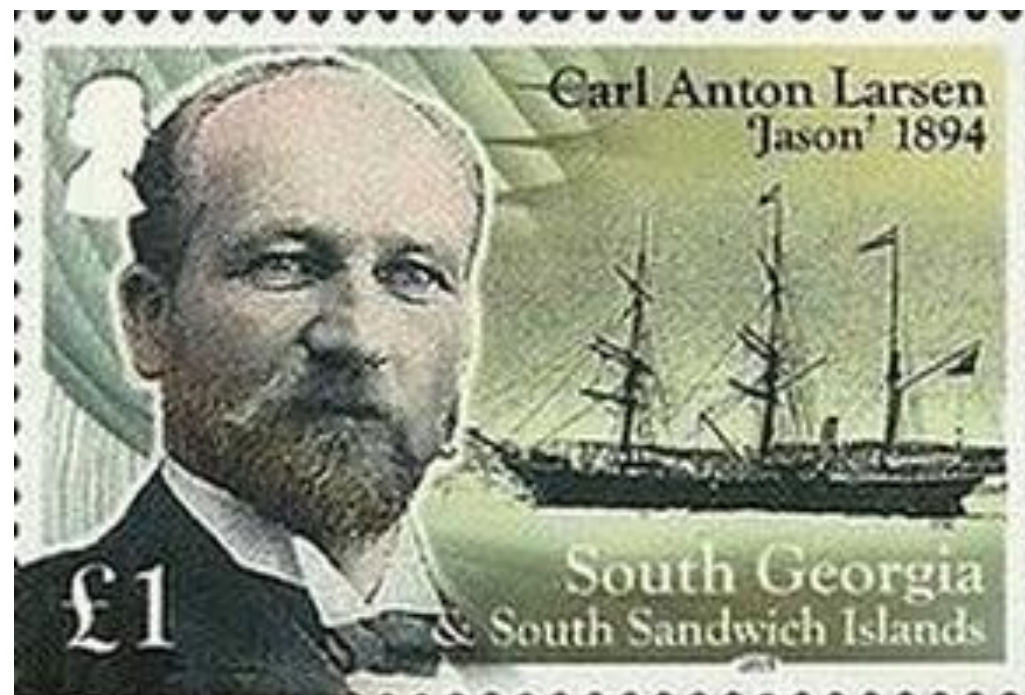
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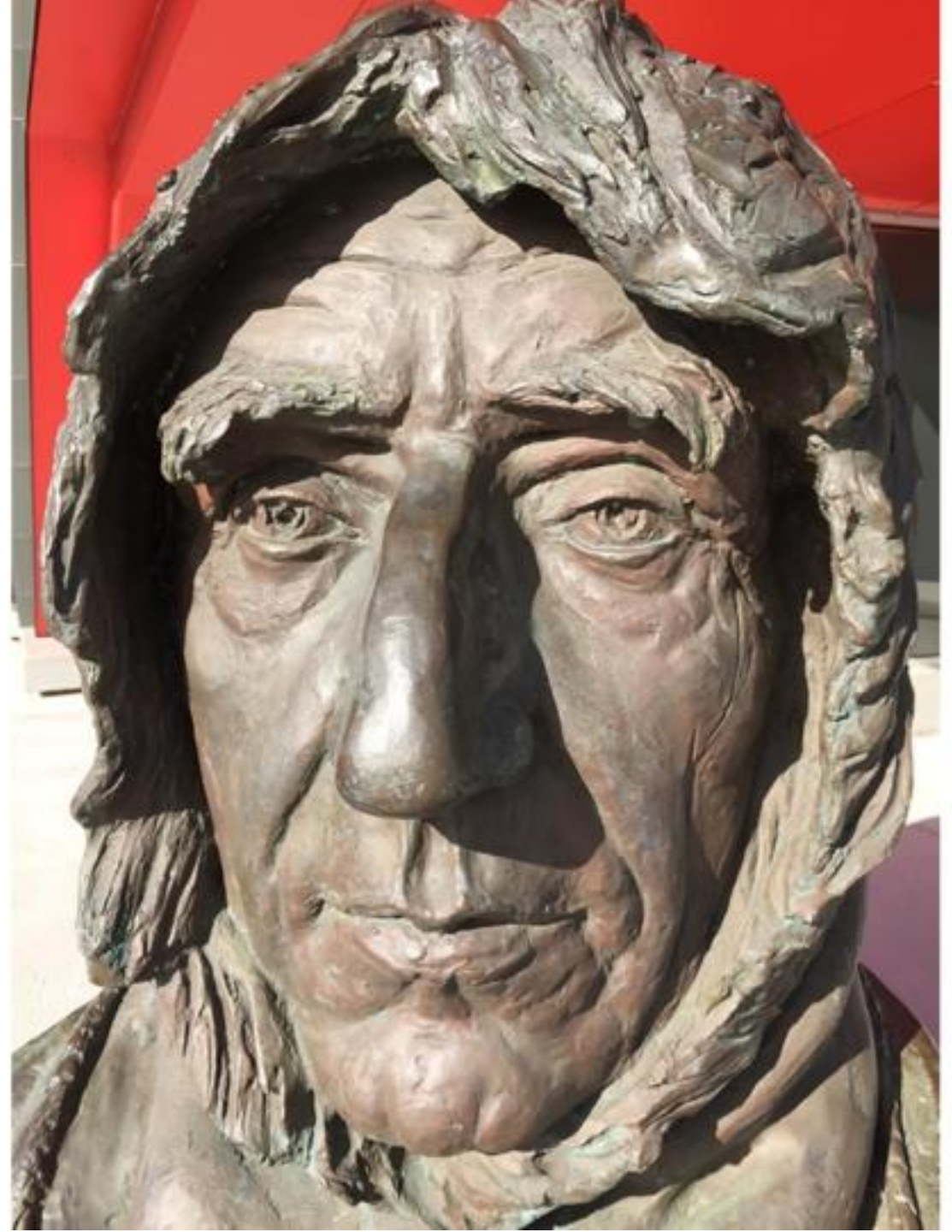






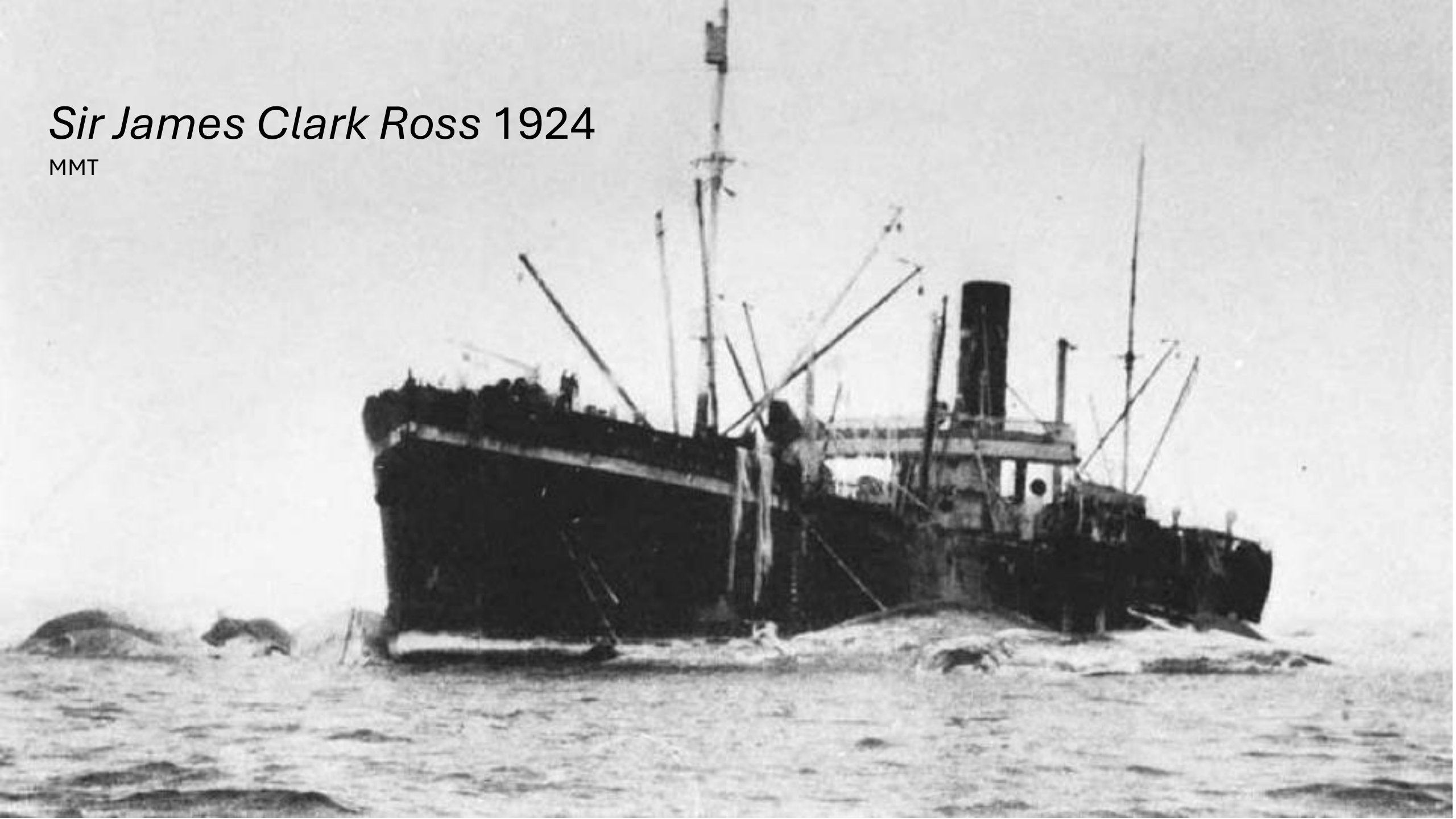
Captain Roald Amundsen

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Sir James Clark Ross 1924

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The painting depicts a steamship, likely the 'Star' mentioned in the title, navigating through a dense field of ice in the Ross Sea. The ship is a dark-hulled vessel with a single prominent smokestack emitting a plume of dark smoke. It is positioned in the lower center of the frame, surrounded by a vast expanse of ice floes and leads. In the background, a massive, jagged ice formation, possibly a glacier or a large iceberg, rises steeply from the sea. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, and the overall color palette is dominated by cool blues, greys, and whites, with the dark tones of the ship providing a focal point.

Star catcher in ice Ross Sea 1924

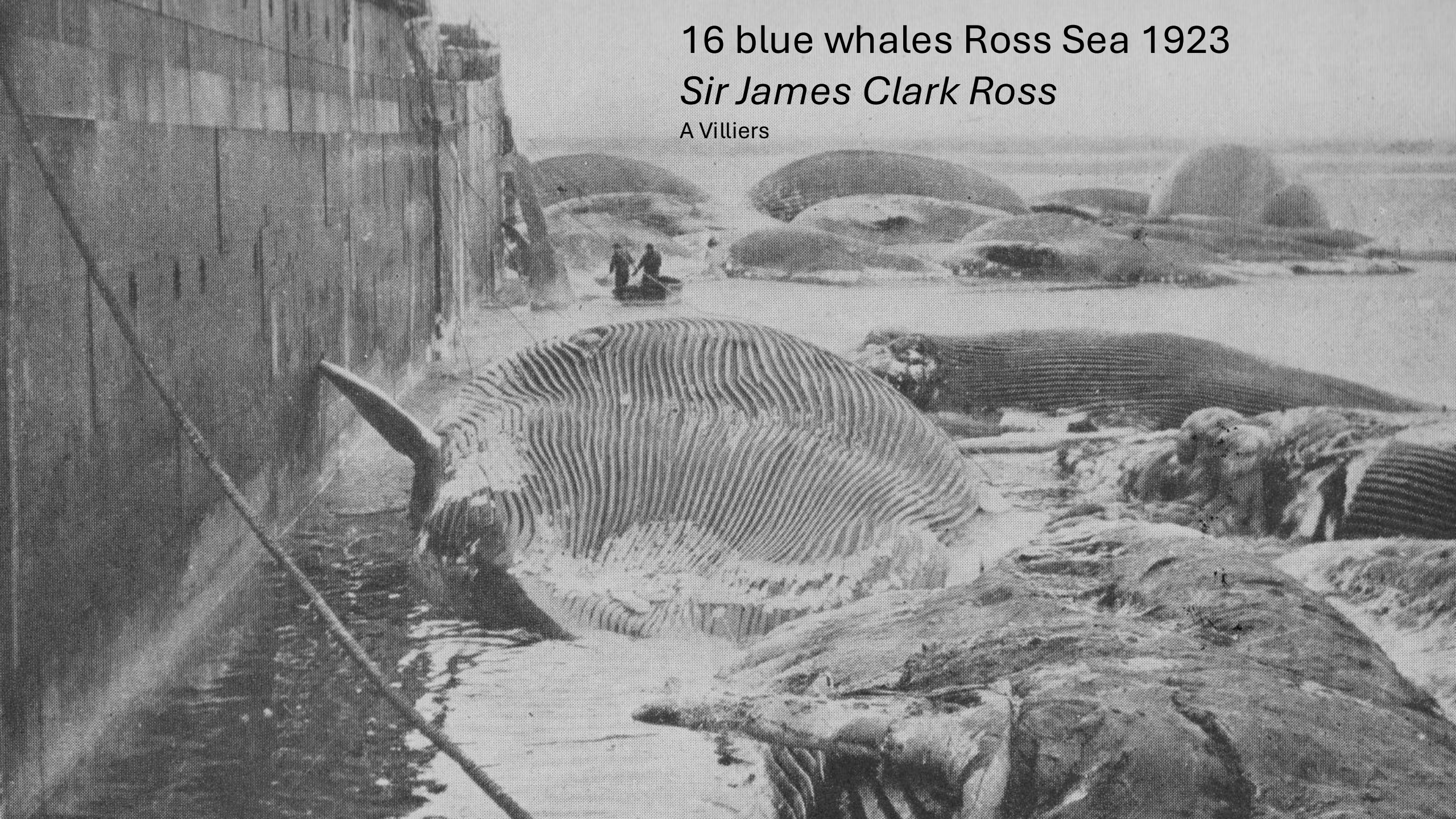
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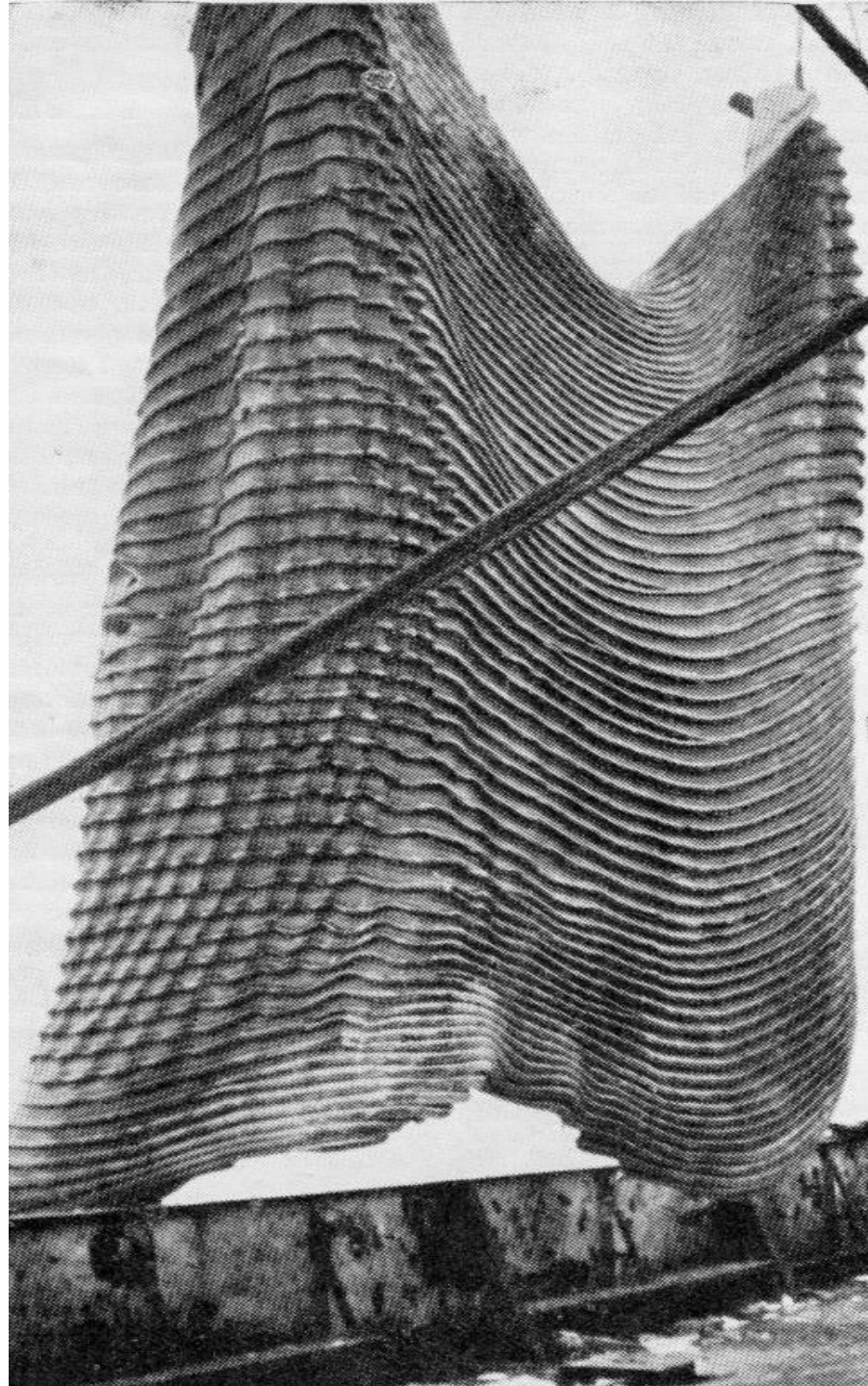
16 blue whales Ross Sea 1923

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An enormous sheet of blubber from belly of blue whale measuring 30 by 40 feet. Will render 30 barrels of oil.





Larsen to Johan Rasmussen,
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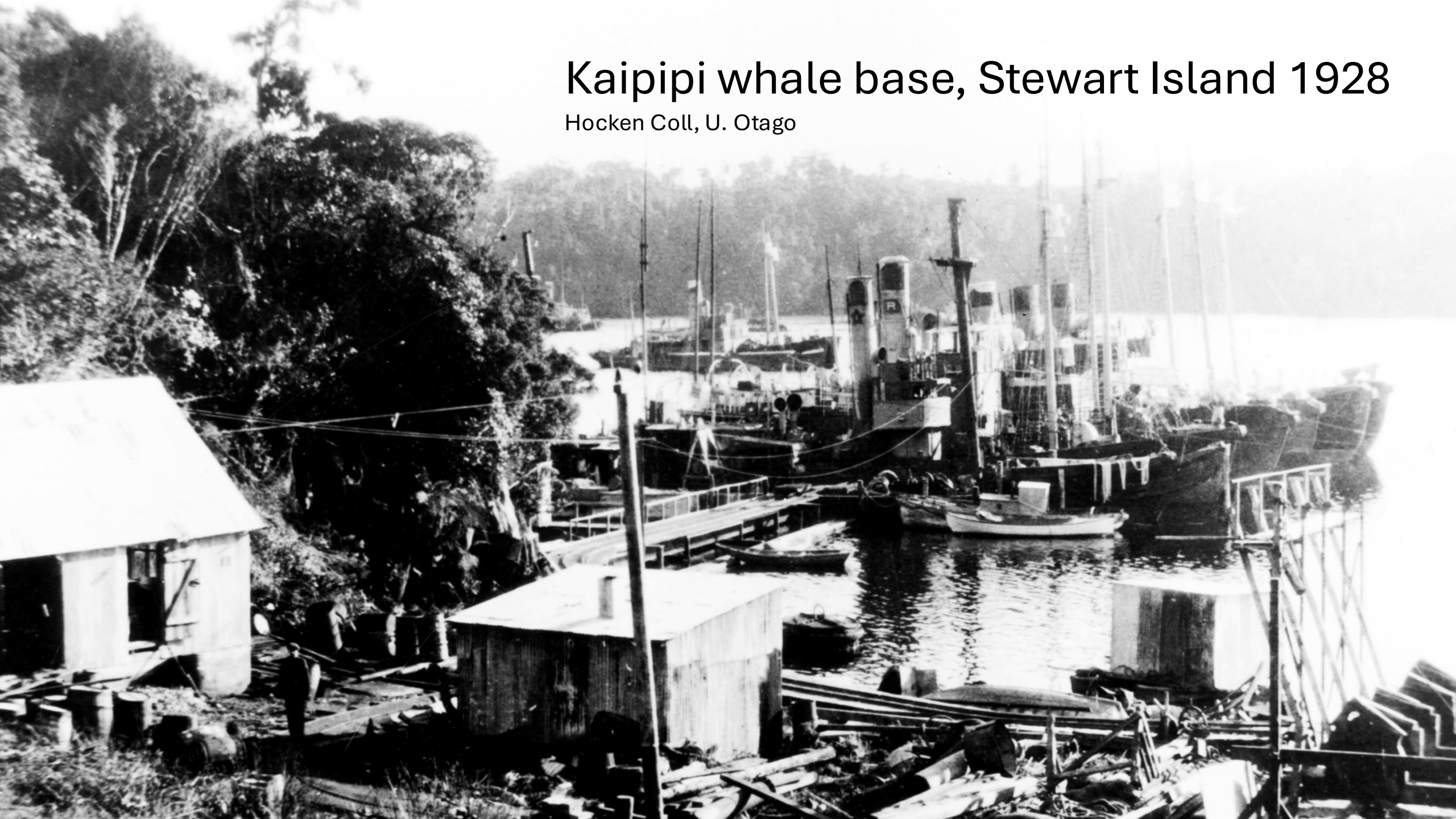
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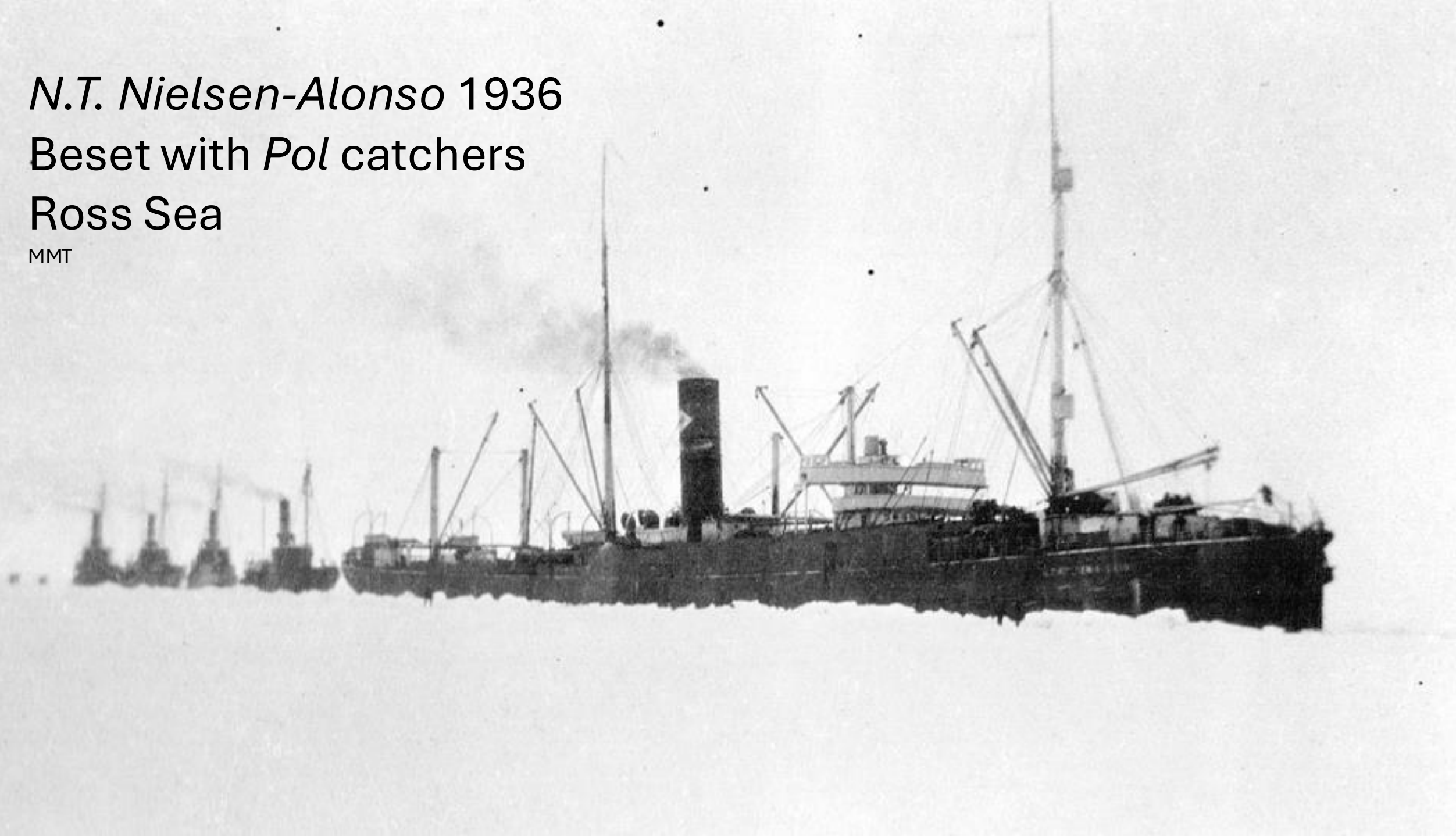




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Pol catchers on Hobart slip, ca. 1930

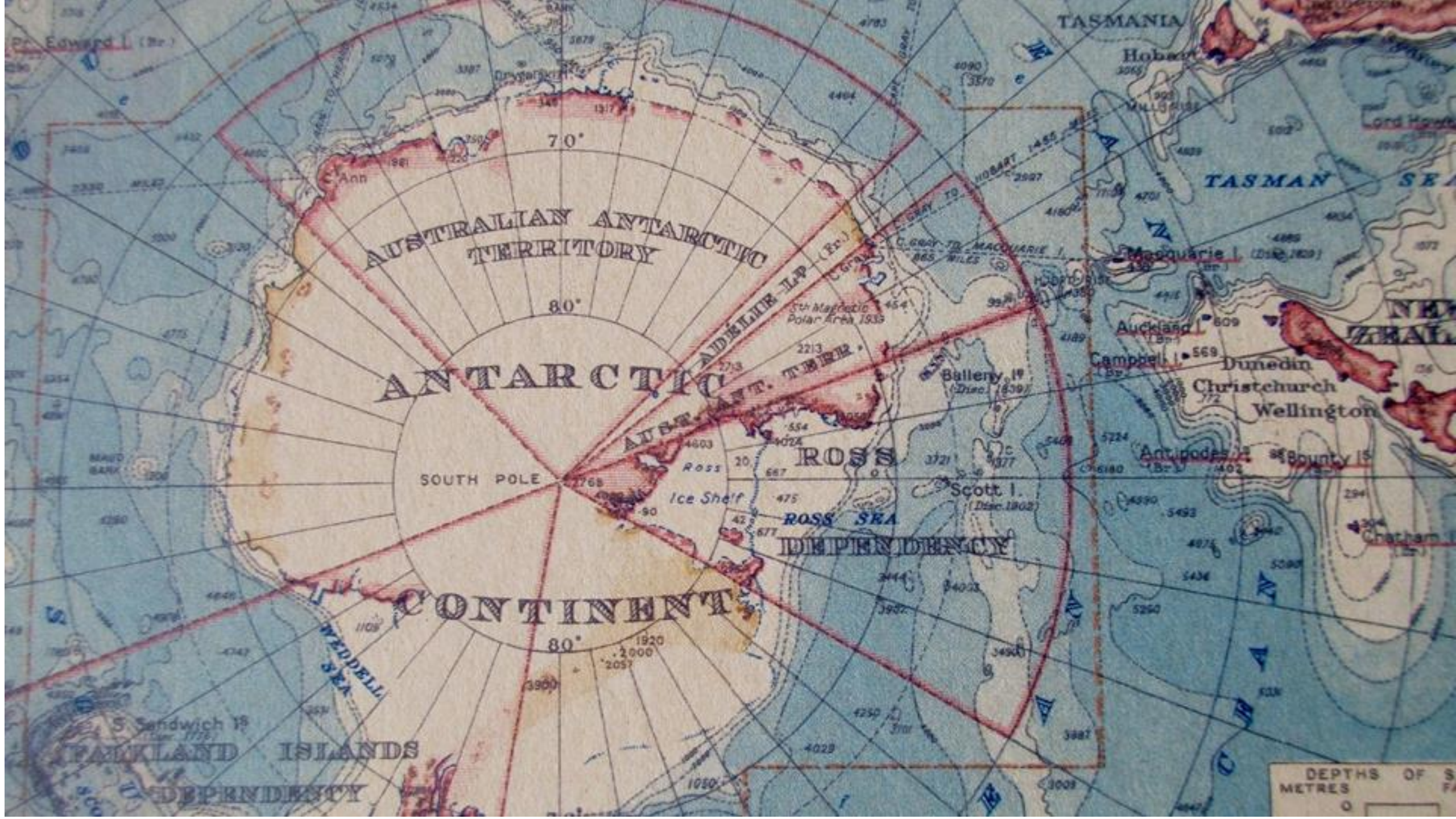
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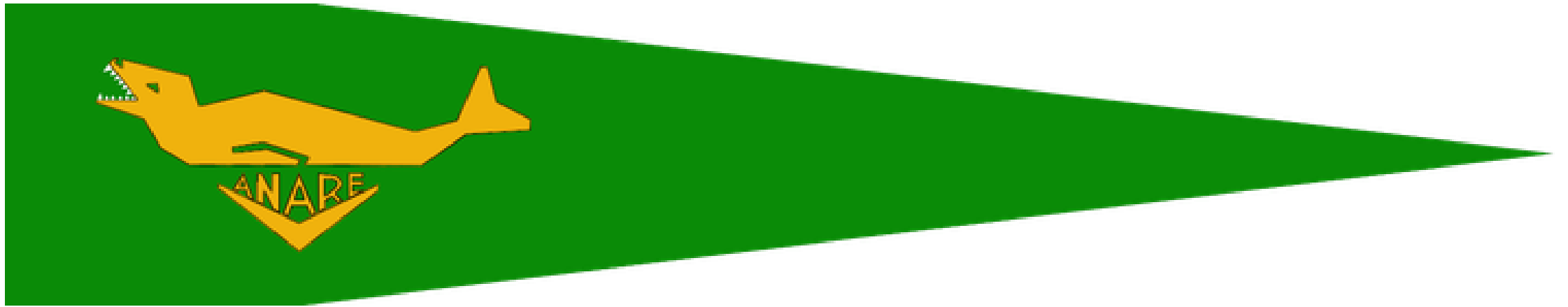
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Thank you for your attention!