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And so he went to the interview. He was, the story goes, asked two questions:

Can you identify gold?

No.

Do you play a musical instrument?

No.

With that he was selected at twenty years old to be the geologist on an expedition to Antarctica with Ernest Shackleton. This was a break that would change the course of Raymond Priestley’s life. He walked out of Bristol University, left his studies behind and set sail on The Nimrod in 1907.



Granddad’s boots have remained upright on the wall of Shackleton’s Hut at Cape Royd, Antarctica since 1907. Photographed by Tony Fleming in 2013.

The following photographs are of the clothing Raymond wore and the bed where he slept in Shackleton’s Hut 1907. Photographs: Tony Fleming (2013).

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