First Voyage: Endeavour 1768-1771

Name: Thomas DUNSTER

Personal Details:
No details known, prior to joining the Endeavour.
He died on 25 January 1771, and was buried at sea in the Indian Ocean.

Position On-Board: Private in the Marines

Biographical Summary:

Private Dunster was amongst the party of marines who joined Endeavour on 16 August 1768.
On 19 September 1768, whilst the Endeavour was at Madeira, Dunster was punished with 12 lashes. His crime was refusing his allowance of fresh beef, although his disobedience of an order was construed by some as mutiny!

Other than the above incident, Private Dunster is not mentioned in the ship’s log or the officers’ journals.

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