Name: John EDGCUMBE

Personal Details:
No personal details available

Position On-Board: Sergeant of the Marines

Biographical Summary:

In addition to the ship’s crew, *Endeavour* also carried a platoon of marines. Their role was to maintain the safety of the Captain and any of the ship’s crew who went ashore. Their presence on the ship also helped the Captain to maintain discipline amongst the crew.

John Edgcumbe was the sergeant in charge of a corporal, drummer and nine privates.

He joined *Endeavour* on 16 August 1768, at Plymouth, where the marines were garrisoned.

Cook described Edgcumbe as “A good Soldier, very much of a gentleman, and well deserving of promotion in the Marine Service”

After the voyage Edgcumbe was promoted to second lieutenant, and he joined Cook for his second voyage of exploration, on *Resolution* (1772-1775).

Beaglehole, The Voyage of the Endeavour 1768-1771.