**Name:** Thomas GOLDSMITH

**Personal Details:**
No personal details are known.

**Position On-Board:** A.B. seaman

**Biographical Summary:**
Goldsmith was one of 19 men taken on board at Batavia. Initially they were classed as “supernumeraries”, and were not part of the ship’s crew. But Cook had lost 7 men to dysentery whilst at Batavia, and when he sailed from that port, 40 more of his crew were sick. More crew died as *Endeavour* crossed the Indian Ocean, so Cook transferred the 19 men from Batavia into the ship’s crew.

Goldsmith survived the voyage back to England. *Endeavour* anchored in the River Thames in July 1771 and most of the crew were discharged. Goldsmith was one of the skeleton crew who stayed on board *Endeavour* to look after the ship. He is recorded as deserting his post on 30 September 1771, and his subsequent whereabouts are not known.

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