**First Voyage: Endeavour 1768 - 1771**

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<th>Name:</th>
<th>Jonathan MONKHOUSE</th>
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| Personal Details:| Born in Penrith, Cumberland  
|                 | Died at sea, of malaria, on Wednesday 6th February 1771  
|                 | He was brother to the ship's surgeon, William Brougham Monkhouse.  
|                 | In some sources, his surname is spelt as Munkhouse. |
| Position On-Board: | Midshipman |
| Biographical Summary: | He had sailed on ships trading with the West Indies prior to joining the **Endeavour** on 22nd June 1768.  
|                 | He was respected as a hard-working midshipman who handled many tricky jobs.  
|                 | On 15th April 1769 on Tahiti, after the theft of a musket, Monkhouse had ordered the sentries to open fire and the thief was shot and died.  
|                 | On 11th June 1770, the ship struck part of the Great Barrier Reef. Once clear of the reef, the **Endeavour** was leaking badly from a hole in her hull, and was in danger of sinking. Cook took advice from Jonathan Monkhouse who suggested "tothering" the ship. Monkhouse was entrusted with the task, and supervising sewing bits of oakum, wool, and sheep's dung into an old sail, which was then drawn under the ship and over the hole in the hull. The pressure of the water on the sail, virtually sealed the hole. The operation proved successful, prompting Cook to give high praise of Monkhouse who had 'executed it very much to my satisfaction.' |

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