**Name:** Patrick SAUNDERS

**Personal Details:**

No personal details found.

**Position On-Board:** Midshipman

**Biographical Summary:**

Saunders joined the *Endeavour* on 22nd June 1768.

During the night of 22nd May 1770, Captain Cook’s clerk, Richard Orton, had his ears cut off as he lay drunk and asleep. James Magra was initially accused of the assault, though later absolved. The following day, Saunders was disrated from midshipman to A.B. seaman, apparently as a result of this attack on Orton. Later that year, when *Endeavour* reached Batavia for repairs, Saunders deserted the ship after the repairs had been completed, and just before it sailed from Batavia. He was never heard of again.

Cook usually sent search parties to recover those members of the crew who deserted his ship. Saunders desertion was not recorded by Cook in his journal. He was the only member of the crew to successfully desert during the entire voyage.

**Sources:**

Beaglehole, *The Voyage of the Endeavour 1768-1771.*