

ACTIVITY: Unknown

CASE: **GSAF 1791.00.00**

DATE: Prior to March 22, 1791

LOCATION: The incident took place in the South Pacific Ocean at Port Jackson, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: She was an aboriginal female, mother of the young boy named Bondel.

NARRATIVE: “On March 22, 1791 the indefatigable *'Supply'* again sailed for Norfolk Island, carrying thither captain Hill and a detachment of the New South Wales corps. A little native boy named Bondel, who had long particularly attached himself to captain Hill, accompanied him, at his own earnest request. His father had been killed in battle and his mother bitten in two by a shark: so that he was an orphan, dependant on the humanity of his tribe for protection. His disappearance seemed to make no impression on the rest of his countrymen, who were apprized of his resolution to go. On the return of the *'Supply'* they inquired eagerly for him, and on being told that the place he was gone to afforded plenty of birds and other good fare, innumerable volunteers presented themselves to follow him, so great was their confidence in us and so little hold of them had the amor patriae.”



The First Fleet brought British law as well as British convicts to found the first Australian Colony at Sydney Cove, formally established by Governor Phillip on 26 January 1788. William Bradley's 'Entrance of Port Jackson 27 January 1788' records in watercolour the 11 ships of the Fleet entering Port Jackson after Botany Bay was found unsuitable.

Image from Bradley's Journal, Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales

INJURY: Fatal; she was “bitten in two by a shark”.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

SOURCE: Watkin Tench (1793) A Complete Account of the Settlement at Port Jackson, Chapter XIII, page 59, <http://www.gutenberg.org/dirs/etext02/tsapj10.txt>