

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming  
**CASE:** [GSAF 1896.11.29](#)  
**DATE:** Sunday November 29, 1896  
**LOCATION:** Albany, Western Australia, Australia.

**NAME:** Davies

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Third Quarter, November 28, 1896

**ENVIRONMENT:** "A big shark was seen in the neighborhood on Sunday afternoon."

**TIME:** Afternoon

**NARRATIVE:** No details

**INJURY:** Presumed fatal. The shirt he was wearing when swimming was recovered. "Shark's teeth marks are plainly visible where the front is torn away. The sleeve of one arm has also been chewed off. No reasonable doubt is no entertained that he was taken by a shark."

**SOURCE:** The West Australian, Thursday December 3, 1896, page 5



**ALBANY, December 2.**  
The Government surveyors have started surveying the harbour in the neighbourhood of the town jetty with a view to improvements.  
Trumpeter Caldwell, of the garrison at Albany, is missing. His uniform was found on the rocks near the Point King lighthouse. It is not believed that the man has committed suicide. It is rather supposed that the case is one of desertion, and that the uniform was placed there to mislead.  
Davies's shirt, recovered yesterday, has been identified. It is known that he was wearing it when swimming. Shark's teeth-marks are plainly visible where the front is torn away. The sleeve of one arm has also been chewed off. No reasonable doubt is now entertained that he was taken by a shark. This is the first time in the history of the port that a shark has been known to attack a human being. A big shark was seen in the neighbourhood where Davies went down on Sunday afternoon.

