

ACTIVITY: Diving for beche-de-mer
CASE: GSAF 1906.04.14
DATE: Saturday April 14, 1906
LOCATION: Lizard Island,
Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Charley
DESCRIPTION: He was a 17-year-old
male from Seven Rivers.

BACKGROUND
MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, April
16, 1906

NARRATIVE: No details

INJURY: Fatal. His right hand was
severed and his left arm was severely
bitten. Although the remainder of the
left arm was surgically amputated at
the shoulder, he succumbed to his
injuries.

SPECIES: Not identified.

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FATAL ATTACK BY A SHARK.

On Monday afternoon the beche-de-mer boat Myro owned by Morey and Co., of Thursday Island, arrived in port from Lizard Island, having on board an aboriginal named Charley, who had been terribly mangled by a shark in deep water off the island last Saturday (says the Cooktown "Independent"). It appears the unfortunate fellow was attacked by the shark, who seized his left arm, tearing the flesh to threads. Charley struck at the sea tiger with his right hand, and the hand was bitten off by the ferocious monster. The wounded man was rescued by his mates and brought him into Cooktown with all speed. It is somewhat extraordinary that the service of the ambulance was not obtained, for the sufferer was conveyed on foot first to Dr Kortum's residence and thence to the hospital. Perhaps haste to convey the suffering man to where his injuries could be attended was the reason of the action. It was found necessary to remove the left arm at the shoulder, but the poor fellow did not long survive the operation, dying on Tuesday. Charley was a native of Seven Rivers, and only 17 years of age.