



**ACTIVITY:** Fell into the water  
**CASE:** [GSAF 1908.09.21](#)  
**DATE:** Saturday September 21, 1908  
**LOCATION:** Thursday Island, Torres Strait, Australia.

**NAME:** Kong Cheong Ting  
**DESCRIPTION:** He was a Chinese male, possibly a passenger from the steamer *Taiyuan*.

**BACKGROUND**  
**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, September 26, 1908

**NARRATIVE:** He fell from the jetty into the water and was “devoured by sharks”.

**INJURY:** Fatal. His remains were recovered from three sharks.

**SOURCE:** The Advertiser (Adelaide), Wednesday September 23, 1908, page 6; Northern Territory Times and Gazette, Friday September 25, 1908, page 3



## **DEVoured BY SHARKS.**

### **CHINAMAN'S TERRIBLE END.**

**Port Darwin, September 22.**  
 Private advices have been received here to the effect that a Chinaman, Kong Cheong Ting, well known here, fell from the jetty at Thursday Island on Saturday last, while the *Taiyuan* was there, and that he was devoured by sharks. Three sharks caught subsequently were found to contain portions of the unfortunate man's limbs.

**T.I. Swimming Pool and Engineers Jetty**



**Jetties at Thursday Island circa 1925**

**T.I. Power Station and TSS Marella**



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