

**ACTIVITY:** Bathing

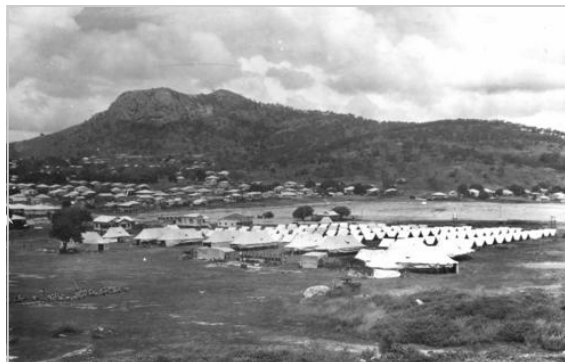
**CASE:** [GSAF 1916.11.09](#)

**DATE:** Thursday November 9, 1916

**LOCATION:** Kissing Point Camp, Townsville, Queensland, Australia.

**NAME:** Robert Alexander Poultney

**DESCRIPTION:** He was a 27-year-old male, a member of Kissing Point Camp.



**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, November 10, 1916

**NARRATIVE:** No details

**INJURY:** Fatal

**SPECIES:** Not identified

### **Biten by a Shark.**

**A distressing bathing fatality occurred in the vicinity of the Kissing Point camp this afternoon (our Townsville correspondent wired last night). Robert, Alexander Poultney, aged 27 years, a member of the camp, while bathing was bitten by a shark so severely that he died shortly after being taken from the water. The Army Medical Corps attached to the camp did everything possible for the injured man, but their services were of no avail. The relatives of the deceased reside in Townsville.**

## **ATTACKED BY SHARKS.**

### **Two Victims at Townsville.**

**TOWNSVILLE, Nov. 10.**

The danger of bathing in the open sea on the beach was painfully realised yesterday evening, and early this morning, when two well-known citizens lost their lives through being attacked by sharks. The first occurred last evening near Kissing Point, the victim being Robt. Alexander Poultney, son of William Poultney, carrier and forwarding agent. He was a member of the Defence Force in camp, and after the day's training operations, was indulging in a swim when he was attacked by a shark, and so severely injured that he died shortly afterwards. Deceased was 27 years of age.

The other was Walter Gregson, a married man, employed as paymaster of the Harbour Board. He had gone to the beach near the Seaview Hotel to indulge in his usual morning's swim about six o'clock, and was attacked by a shark which wrenched one of his legs off, and made a terrible gash in the groin. The unfortunate man died shortly afterwards. He leaves a wife and small family.

Both deceased were buried to-day, Poultney being given a military funeral.