

ACTIVITY: Bathing

CASE: [GSAF 1916.11.10](#)

DATE: Friday November 10, 1916

LOCATION: The accident took place at the beach near the Seaview Hotel, Townsville, Queensland, Australia

NAME: Walter Gregson

DESCRIPTION: He was paymaster of the Harbour Board.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, November 10, 1916

TIME: Shortly after 06h00

NARRATIVE: No details

INJURY: Fatal. A leg was severed and he sustained a severe laceration to the groin.

SPECIES: Not identified

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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.