

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1922.01.04

DATE: Wednesday January 4, 1922

LOCATION: The accident took place at Stockton Beach, Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia.

32°58'S, 151°48'E

NAME: John Manning Rowe

DESCRIPTION: He was a 26-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, January 6, 1922

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 100 yards

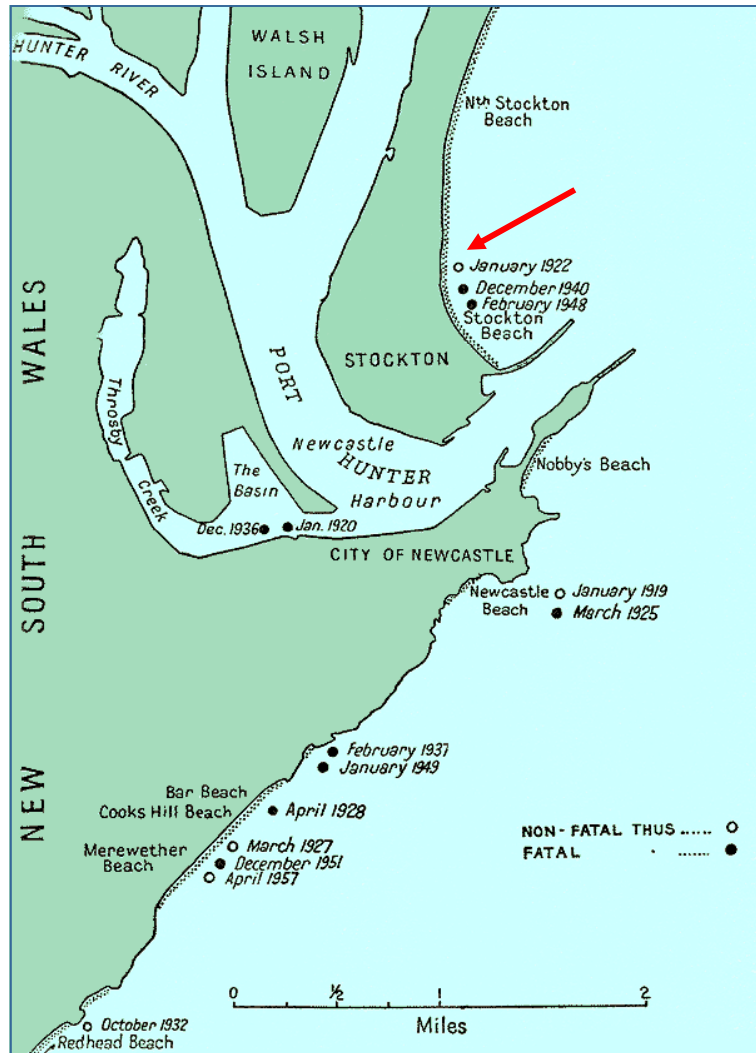
TIME: Evening

NARRATIVE: He disappeared while surfing.

INJURY: Fatal. "His skeleton was later cast up with the head missing. From the manner in which the ribs were broken it was thought that he had been taken by a shark."

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

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BATHER TAKEN BY SHARK.
SYDNEY, Sunday.—The body of John Maurice Rowe, aged 26 years, latter's labourer, who disappeared while surfing on Stockton beach on Wednesday, was recovered on the Stockton beach last night about 100 yards from where he entered the water. The head was missing, practically only the skeleton being cast up. From the manner in which the ribs are broken, the theory has been advanced that Rowe was taken by a shark.

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