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ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: [GSAF 1922.01.15](#)
DATE: Sunday January 15, 1922
LOCATION: Ross River, Townsville, Queensland, Australia.
 19°15'S, 146°50'E

NAME: Robert Milroy
DESCRIPTION: He was a 54 or 55-year-old male.

BACKGROUND
MOON PHASE: Full Moon, January 14, 1922
ENVIRONMENT: Cattle from North Queensland are prepared for export a few miles out of the city and offal is discharged into the river, attracting large numbers of sharks.
TIME: 17h30

NARRATIVE: He was swimming along the bank of the canal behind the railway station. There were several other people

TAKEN BY A SHARK.

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TOWNSVILLE SENSATION.

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MAN KILLED WHILE SWIMMING.

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A FIGHT FOR THE BODY.

TOWNSVILLE, January 15.
 A terrible fatality occurred at Ross Creek, behind the railway station, this afternoon, when Robert Milroy, who was camped with the unemployed at the railway yards, lost his life. Milroy, with three others, was swimming near the bank of the creek before crossing to go prawning. Milroy was the second man to enter the water, and he was attacked by a shark. There followed a fight between five or six sharks in the blood stained water for the body. Milroy was a single man of about 54 years of age, and it is believed that his mother resides in Melbourne.

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INJURY: Fatal.

SOURCES: The Brisbane Courier, Monday January 16, 1922, page 6
Victor M. Coppleson.Q5 (1933)
Victor M. Coppleson (1958), pages 90 & 229
Alan Sharpe, page 98

