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ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 1922.04.26](#)

DATE: Wednesday April 26, 1922

LOCATION: The accident took place in a creek off the Hawkesbury River, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: William A. Munro

DESCRIPTION: He was a telegraph mechanic.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, April 27, 1922.

NARRATIVE: See press clipping

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: Not identified.

NOTE: The first Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge is visible at the top left of the photograph, and the village of Brooklyn is at the right.

Taken by a Shark.

Diving into a shark-infested creek off the Hawkesbury River (N.S.W.) on Wednesday, William A. Munro, telegraph mechanic, cried out "Here's to the bridge and back." The bridge was a mile away, but when he was half the distance, spectators, who were following his movements through field glasses, saw him throw up his arms and sink. His body has not been recovered, and it is thought that Munro was taken by a shark. He had been in the habit of swimming in the creek against the advice of residents.

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