

**ACTIVITY:** Fell overboard?  
**CASE:** [GSAF 1931.08.01](#)  
**DATE:** Saturday August 1, 1931  
**LOCATION:** Port Douglas, Queensland, Australia

**NAME:** Llewellyn Roberts  
**DESCRIPTION:** He was a deckhand on the launch *Atlas* which was moored at Port Douglas wharf.

**BACKGROUND**  
**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, July 29, 1931  
**TIME:** 03h00

**NARRATIVE:** He was discovered missing later that morning.

**INJURY:** Presumed fatal. On August 3rd sharks were observed feeding on a body in the channel off Port Douglas wharf. It was speculated that it was Robert's body.

**SOURCE:** Townsville Daily Bulletin (QLD), Tuesday August 4, 1931, page 4



## HORRIFYING SIGHT.

### BODY TORN TO PIECES.

#### Port Douglas Tragedy.

**CAIRNS, August 2.**

Llewellyn Roberts, a deck hand on the launch *Atlas*, which arrived at Port Douglas from Cairns about 7 o'clock on Friday night was missing from his bunk when searched for next morning. A splash was heard about 3 a.m., but no one took any notice, thinking it was a big fish. A search was instituted early on Saturday morning by the police, but the district and surrounding bay yielded no trace. The only article of clothing missing from Roberts' kit was a grey flannel shirt. Latest inquiries by the police shed no light on the mystery. Roberts was a married man, residing with his family at Mossman.

**MOSSMAN, August 3.**

The sight of sharks, tearing a human body to pieces, in the channel off the Port Douglas wharf, horrified spectators on Sunday. It is believed the body was that of Llewellyn Roberts, who since early on Saturday, has been missing from the launch on which he was working at the wharf. It is believed Roberts fell overboard early on Saturday. One of the crew, stated he had a splash about that time, but thought it was a big fish jumping.