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# SHARK TRAGEDY

## Heroic Rescue Unavailing

**SYDNEY, Tuesday.**—A shark attacked Maxwell Arthur Farrin, 13 years, of Brighton le Sands, 20 yards from the beach at North Brighton, this morning. His left leg was bitten off at the hip, and he suffered other injuries.

After being rescued by Sydney Owen, 48 years, the lad was rushed to hospital, but was dead on arrival.

Owen, hearing the boy's cries for help, raced 200 yards to the beach and plunged into the water. The victim of the attack had been carried out about 40 yards, but Owen, disregarding the presence of the shark 10 yards away, brought him to the shore.

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