

ACTIVITY: Bathing

CASE: [GSAF 1910.11.24](#)

DATE: Thursday November 24, 1910

LOCATION: The accident took place nine miles from Mackay, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Cecil Smith

DESCRIPTION: He was agent for the Howard Smith Company.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, November 23, 2010

NARRATIVE: Smith and J.H. Crompton were bathing together when a shark bit Smith's foot. "Crompton seized his companion and dragged him ashore."

INJURY: The man's foot was bitten.

TREATMENT: "Several stitches had to be inserted"

SPECIES: The incident was said to involve a blue shark, nine feet in length.

SOURCES: The Advertiser (Adelaide, South Australia), Friday November 25, 1910, page 10; Barrier Miner (Broken Hill, NSW0, Saturday November 26, 1910, page 8

ATTACKED BY A SHARK.

A WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

Brisbane, November 24.

Cecil Smith (agent for the Howard Smith Company) and J. H. Crompton (Government Auditor) were bathing in the ocean at a watering place nine miles from Mackay to-day when Smith was attacked by a blue shark 9 ft. long. Crompton seized his companion and dragged him ashore. The shark gave two vicious snaps, and seriously injured Smith's foot. Several stitches had to be inserted. Smith had a wonderful escape.