

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 1960.12.20

DATE: Tuesday December 20, 1960

LOCATION: The incident took place near College's Crossing, 54 miles upstream from the mouth of the Brisbane River, Queensland, Australia.

27°37'S



NAME: Lester McDougall

DESCRIPTION: A 33-year-old male from Mount Crosby, a Brisbane City Council filtration plant employee. He was wearing shorts.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, December 18, 1960

ENVIRONMENT: Bream, flathead, tarpon and sharks are common captures at College's Crossing at certain times of the year.

TIME: 09h00

NARRATIVE: Lester McDougall and his brother, Kevin, were fishing with hand lines about a mile below College's Crossing. He got a bite, but then the line snagged under a rock. "I thought it was a flathead and told Kevin that I'll dive in and get it. I stripped to my trunks, dived in and the next thing it grabbed me," he said. "I chopped down with the side of hand on its head. It still hung on, but let go when Kevin grabbed it by the tail and threw it in the shallows. He killed it with a rock."

INJURY: He sustained lacerations to his left thigh.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Lester went home where his wife treated the injury. Later he was taken to the Ipswich Ambulance Centre (Ipswich, Queensland) and from there to a doctor who treated him.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The incident was said to involve a grey nurse shark about three feet in length.

NOTE: This was a provoked incident; it involved a hooked shark.

SOURCE: Sydney Morning Herald, December 21, 1960 edition