

FLASHES

Gen. Alexander decorated with the ribbon of the V.C. the son-in-law of Lord Gort, Major William Sidney. The Grenadier Battalion in which the gallant major serves was inspected and then the General pinned on the coveted ribbon and congratulated Major Sidney.

Lord Gort, himself a V.D., witnessed the ceremony, and added his congratulations to Gen. Alexander's. For conspicuous bravery on the Anzio Beach-head, Major Sidney earns the highest honour ~~which any~~ any fighting man can win.

Girls have taken over from men the lifeguard duty on the Australian beaches. You can understand it if the ~~height of a man-swimmer's ambition is to get out of his depth. The girls are equally proficient with the rope life saving apparatus. They get matters moving the moment they get the alarm.~~

Into the ^{water} ~~sea~~, carrying the rope, they rush to the scene or distress. Nobody's drowning; this was a demonstration, and the part of the swimmer in ~~trouble~~ ^{trouble} was taken by one of the girls. ~~If a man is rescued from swimming nowadays~~ If a man is rescued from ~~getting into~~ deep water on this beach, he'll probably get into hot water when he explains to the wife.