

Following on after I vestiture at the Palace.

Far from London, and out in the Western Desert, decorations are also being presented. Australians sharing in an Empire's recognition of individual bravery. We regret that unfortunately, we are unable to identify these Australian heroes as their names, and the details of their gallantry have not yet become available. But we present this short pictorial record of the ceremony as a tribute to the Diggers over there who are receiving their ribbons on the field from the hands of their G.O.C. General Morshead.

The crowning ceremony of our story is the presentation of the V.C. to Sergeant Smythe. This gallant South African took over command of his platoon and stormed an enemy strong point. Although wounded, Smythe himself destroyed the enemy position with hand grenades, capturing the crew. Then single handed, he smashed up an anti-tank position. Although weak from loss of blood, Sergeant Smythe got his men back safely.