

MEDIA ALERT

Madden's George Cross on Display

The highest medal awarded to an Australian during the Korean War is now on display at the Australian War Memorial.

Awarded posthumously to Private Horace 'Slim' Madden in 1955, the George Cross is a symbol of his strength and cheerful spirit during his time as a POW in Korea.

Slim Madden, of 3RAR, was captured by Chinese forces at Kapyong in April, 1951. Despite ongoing maltreatment and abuse, 'Slim' Madden remained cheerful and optimistic. His health soon deteriorated as he shared what little food he was afforded with the men around him. Madden died of malnutrition in late 1951. His willingness to help others made him a true hero, his courage in the face of continuing hardships fuelled by an indomitable spirit.

The George Cross was loaned anonymously to the Memorial, and is now on display in the Korea section of the *Conflicts 1945 to today* galleries.

What: Display of 'Slim' Madden's George Cross

Where: *Conflicts 1945 to today* gallery
Australian War Memorial
Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT

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