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### From today's featured article



Lionel Matthews (15 August 1912 -- 2 March 1944) was an Australian Army officer during World War II who was posthumously awarded the George Cross, the highest non-combat award for heroism for members of the Australian armed forces at the time. Matthews served in the 27th Brigade during the Malayan campaign, and at the surrender of Singapore in 1942 became a prisoner of war (POW). He was awarded the Military Cross for courage, energy and ability under fire during this fighting.

#### Did you know ...

* that in 2017 you could finally have breakfast at Tiffany's (pictured)?
* that the British mycologist Denis Garrett, "one of the last 'string and sealing wax' scientists", once bought plastic lavatory cisterns for his laboratory to use in experiments?
* that sand in the stomach of the ocean surgeon helps to grind up its food?

##### In the news

1. More than 300 girls are kidnapped from a secondary school by armed bandits in Zamfara, Nigeria.
2. In tennis, Naomi Osaka wins the women's singles and Novak Djokovic wins the men's singles at the Australian Open (both winners pictured).

###### On this day

March 2

**1444** -- The League of Lezhë, an alliance of regional chieftains, was established in Venetian Albania with Skanderbeg as its commander.

**1865** -- New Zealand Wars: Carl Sylvius Völkner (pictured), a Protestant missionary, was killed by Hauhau militants in Ōpōtiki for working as an agent for George Grey, Governor-General of New Zealand.

**1937** -- The Steel Workers Organizing Committee, precursor to the United Steel Workers of America, had a major success when it signed a collective-bargaining agreement with U.S. Steel.

**1962** -- Led by General Ne Win, the Burmese military seized power in a coup d'état.

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Today's featured picture



### Armed conflicts and attacks

* Zamfara kidnapping
  1. All 279 abducted schoolgirls from a boarding school in Zamfara State, Nigeria, are released by their armed kidnappers. (Reuters)

#### Health and environment

* [COVID-19 pandemic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic)
  1. [[COVID-19 pandemic in Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic_in_Asia" \o "COVID-19 pandemic in Asia)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic_in_Asia)
     + [COVID-19 pandemic in Indonesia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic_in_Indonesia)
       - [Indonesia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indonesia) reports their first two cases of [Lineage B.1.1.7](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lineage_B.1.1.7) variant first detected in the United Kingdom. (Liputan6.com)
     + [COVID-19 pandemic in Iraq](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic_in_Iraq)
       - Iraq receives 50,000 doses of Sinopharm vaccines as the country officially begins its vaccination campaign. (Asharq Al-Awsat)
     + COVID-19 pandemic in Mongolia
       - Mongolia surpasses 3,000 cases of COVID-19. (Montsame)
     + COVID-19 pandemic in the Philippines
       - The Philippines reports their first six cases of 501.V2 variant first detected in South Africa. (GMA News)

