

SERGEANT MITCHELL.

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We called in to see the mother and father of Sergeant Henry Mitchell of the Grenadier Guards; he won the D.C.M. in Flanders and they were going to see him decorated by the King --- but naturally that raised a problem.

Gaumont British News called on Mr and Mrs Mitchell disguised as a fairy godfather --- that's a pretty good disguise for a newsreel man --- and offered to fit them out with the smart clothes necessary for so important an event. They went round the shops --- ~~she~~ showed that she had very definite views on the subjects of hats --- ~~no~~ no woman worthy of the name is going to be satisfied with any one of the first half dozen. Later --- much later --- Mr Mitchell chose a ~~new suit~~ *chose new things in which to appear* ~~in which to appear~~ in the presence of the King when their son was decorated.

At last the great day came --- and the trip to London. At the Buckingham Palace Investiture Sergeant Mitchell

was receiving the Distinguished Conduct Medal. ~~He was the youngest sergeant in the Brigade of Guards. His decoration at~~ In the Battle of Flanders, He found a platoon whose officers had been killed. He rallied them and by his courage and leadership saved a desperate situation. He is now Company Quartermaster Sergeant Mitchell --- they have a right to be proud of their Guardsman son.