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Drummer Ritchie's Interest in Flashlight Photo.

A V.C. hero faced powder at the Mansion House, London, on Monday. He was Drummer Walter Ritchie, of the Seaforth Highlanders, to whom the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir William H. Dunn, presented a gold watch on behalf of the Musicians' Company.

The inevitable flashlight photograph was about to be taken, and the Lord Mayor smilingly reassured the drummer that there was nothing really harmful in the operation. Ritchie, a good-looking, soldierly figure, and the picture of modesty, seemed more interested in this part of the ceremony than when Sir George Truscott, an ex-Lord Mayor, and Master of the Musicians' Company, was recounting the brave deed that won him the Victoria Cross.

During an attack on the German trenches, said Sir George, Drummer Ritchie saw that many leaders of the attacking forces were killed or wounded, and that in the face of a terrific machine-gun fire and showers of bombs our men were beginning to waver.

He grasped the situation, mounted the parapet of the German trench, and sounded the "Charge." The wavering units were rallied, and the enemy positions stormed.

The Lord Mayor said Ritchie had obtained the highest known honour in the Empire, and his gallant deeds had won for him the love and affection of the people of the Empire.

It was announced that Ritchie had also been awarded the Croix de Guerre by the President of the French Republic.

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