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New Colours for Parachute Regiment--

Nov 3rd. '53.

Cardiff Castle provided an historic background for F-M/Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, when he inspected the 16th (Welsh) Battalion- the Parachute Regiment- before the presentation of Colours.

The 16th (Welsh) Battalion was raised as a unit of the reconstructed Territorial Army in the spring of 1947. And the unit, which forms part of the 16th Airborne Division (TA), is the only parachute battalion in Wales.

After the inspection- with traditional ceremony- Monty presented the Colours to the ensigns - the Queen's Colour to Lieut G.L. Jenkins, and the Regimental Colour to Lieut W.E. Llewellyn.

Then, as Colonel-Commandant of the Parachute Regiment, Lord Montgomery addressed the Battalion-- (Sound)-

Finally, the Battalion advanced in Review Order, ~~and gave a~~ ~~General Salute.~~ A proud day for these men who have volunteered to serve their country- if need be- ~~xxx~~ in the air as well as on the ground. / And three rousing cheers for the man who is doing so much to perfect ^{our} ~~the~~ defences / ~~of western Europe - our trust and guard in the case of~~ ~~of~~ ~~Wales~~.