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THE ROYAL VISIT TO WALES

The King and Queen were welcomed to Cardiff by a guard of honour of the Welch Regiment, parading with their mascot goat, one of the war's best known veterans. Their Majesties were beginning their two-day Victory Tour of South Wales, and Cardiff gave them a Royal send off.

Most interesting visit of the first day's programme was to the Ministry of Labour's training centre at Pengam. In this part of the world, apprentices don't waste time on theories, they get practical experience in building actual houses; a two-way contribution which helps relieve shortages in manpower and houses. The King took a keen interest in the Pengam training scheme as these particularly happy shots reveal.

On the second day, the Royal Party, drove to the Llandarcy Oil Refinery, a 700 acre project adjoining Swansea's Queens Dock.

Their Majesties visited Swansea's civic Centre after a drive through some of the heavily bombed areas of the city. Schoolchildren made the most of the chance to get a really good look at the King and Queen. The Mayor of Swansea read an address of welcome rounding off one of the most informal and most enthusiastic of the Victory Tours undertaken by Their Majesties.