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SIXTEENTH WELSH BATTALION
PARACHUTE REGIMENT RECEIVE
NEW COLOURS.

Field Marshal the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein inspects men of the sixteenth Welsh Battalion the Parachute Regiment, T.A. in the grounds of Cardiff Castle. Now, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, the Field Marshal presents a Queen's Colour to the regiment. This ceremony has a special significance for the men, because Monty is the Colonel Commandant of the Parachute Regiment. A frequent visitor to Wales, he is also a Freeman of the Borough of Newport. The maroon regimental colour bears the badge of the Parachute regiment, together with the battalion numeral.

The short ceremony ends and the parade marches past. Formed in 1947, the 16th Welsh, the only parachute battalion in Wales, is more than 400 strong, and its numbers are rapidly increasing. One of the most vigorous Territorial battalions in the country, the 16th Welsh is justly proud of its new colours.