

ARMY GETS ITS GOAT

A military occasion at the London Zoo; and a recruit for the 5th Battalion the Welch Regiment - Taffy the Goat. The idea of being Mascot of the Regiment seemed to displease him, even though he was received by the C.O. and then handed over to the Goat Major. Taffy thought the other animals were secretly laughing at him. The spirited 3-year-old has been very happy at the Zoo. This military business didn't appeal to him one little bit. Not that he's by any means a pacifist. In fact, if anybody' wants a war, Taffy's willing to start one. Any battalion like her for a mascot?

The Welch Regiment's first goat was Russian. It followed them in the Crimean War and was killed in action. Taffy, in case the other animals are interested, is descended from the Cashmere goats, first bred at Windsor Park in 1828. When he's been trained not to attack the battalion from the rear, Taffy will have the place of honour on ceremonial parade.