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Regimental mascots ! What a variety ! A pony for the Red Devils.
The goat - Flight Sgt. Lewis, for the R.A.F. ^{6/2} (BRING UP) And a
pet St. Bernard for a Canadian Scottish Regiment. ⁵ While a U.S.
~~Infantry~~ Regiment had a Private Second Class Teddy Bear on the
ration strength. ^{6/2} (BRING UP). The Sherwood Foresters praise their
mascot in song "The famous Derby Ram". But when the First Battalion
the Sherwood Foresters marched through Nottingham on a farewell
visit before leaving for Malaya - the celebrated Mascot was not in
the ranks. Could it be that ^{he} ~~he~~ was absent without leave ^{14/10} (BRING UP).
X But on the following day, in Derby, he was very much in the picture,
having been officially presented to the regiment by the Duke of
Devonshire. Yes, Derby the Ram was back on parade. ~~the~~ 19th Regimental
mascot since Derby the First was presented, by the Rajah of
Travancore, in 1833...! ¹⁶ Though Derby was obviously thinking of the
cookhouse - he had to lead the Battalion ^{at} ~~on~~ a ceremonial march-past
when the Duke of Devonshire took the salute. ^{22/15} (BRING UP).
And by the time he and the Duke were ready to give each other a
soldier's farewell, ^{Derby} ~~Derby~~ was still chewing over the ^{idea} ~~responsibilities~~
of his new rank. (BRING UP). Lovely- this Army grub! (BRING UP.) ^{1/6}