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The internationally famous Manneken statue gets a new uniform suit to honour a notable occasion. The Welch Guards, whose ceremonial dress he wears, were the first British regiment to enter Brussels on September 3rd, 1944. Now they march past the statue which will wear the uniform every year on Liberation day. The manneken has collected a wardrobe of 30 suits in his 300 years as the mascot of Brussels this is his first British uniform.

In the Place Poelaert, in front of the Palace of Justice, the Queen Mother of Belgium watches the British Guards parade. Mr. Van de Meulebroeck, the little Burgomaster who defied the Germans, presents standards to the Guards Armoured Division on behalf of the Belgian people. After the ceremony, more than three thousand Guardsmen paraded with their customary matchless precision.