

The Royal Welch Fusiliers – Location of Colours

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Serial	Battalion	Presented		Laid Up		Subsequent Disposal/ Remarks	Note
		Date	Place	Date	Place		
1	1st	1 Dec 1826	Gibraltar	19 Nov 1849	St Peter's Church, Carmarthen	Removed 27 June 2000 for preservation in the regimental museum, and eventual conservation. Replaced by serial 5.	
2		12 July 1849	Winchester	Not laid up		Placed on the Royal yacht. Fragments re-assembled in a regimental museum showcase 1999.	
3		16 Aug 1880	Portsmouth	29 July 1954	St David's Cathedral	Removed 1989/1990. Now in the regimental museum for preservation.	
4		23 July 1954	Wroughton, Swindon	6 May 1976	St David's Church, Cwrt-y-Gollen	Removed in 1986 on closure of the Depot, and re-hung in St Giles's Church, Wrexham.	
5		7 Nov 1975	Caernarfon Castle	9 June 2002	St Peter's Church, Carmarthen		
6		22 May 1996	Beachley, Chepstow	5 Sep 2015	St Giles's, Wrexham	The last Colours of The Royal Welch Fusiliers	
7	2nd	21 Dec 1859	Malta	21 Feb 1951	Eagle Tower, Caernarfon Castle	Part of the regimental memorial to King George VI. Moved to the Chamberlain Tower 1978. Incorporated into the museum display 1999.	
8		23 July 1954	Wroughton, Swindon	15 Dec 1959	Guildhall, Wrexham	Colours deposited, and not laid up.	
9	3rd (Militia)	1885	Wrexham	21 Feb 1951	Eagle Tower, Caernarfon Castle	Part of the regimental memorial to King George VI. Moved to the Chamberlain Tower 1978. Incorporated into the museum display 1999.	
10	3rd (Volunteer)	7 Nov 1975	Caernarfon Castle	4 Sept 2005	St Giles's, Wrexham	Royal Welsh Regiment received new Colours 5 Jul 2003 at Cardiff Castle.	

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		Date	Place	Date	Place		
11	4th (Militia)	21 May 1885	Caernarfon	7 Apr 1908	Christ Church, Caernarfon	In store in the regimental museum, following closure of church c.1985.	
12	4th (TF)	19 June 1909	Windsor	7 Nov 1954	St Giles's, Wrexham		
13	4th (TA)	23 July 1954	Wroughton, Swindon	5 Sep 1976	St Giles's, Wrexham		
14	5th (TF)	19 June 1909	Windsor	12 Mar 1967	St Asaph Cathedral		
15	6th (TF)	19 June 1909	Windsor	25 July 1959	St Cybi's Church, Holyhead		
16	6th (TA)	6 Aug 1939	Caernarfon Castle	21 Feb 1951	Eagle Tower, Caernarfon Castle	Part of the regimental memorial to King George VI. Moved to the Chamberlain Tower 1978. Incorporated into the museum display 1999.	
17	7th (TF)	19 June 1909	Windsor	1 Sep 1951	St David's Church, Newtown		
18	6th/7th (TA)	5 July 1958	Caernarfon Castle	15 Oct 1977	Bangor Cathedral		
19	8th (Service)	9 Aug 1921	Wrexham Barracks	9 Aug 1921	St Giles's Church, Wrexham	Union Flag. VIII in roundel.	
20	9th (Service)	22 Jan 1919	Berteaucourt-lès-Dames	9 Aug 1921	St Giles's Church, Wrexham	Union Flag. IX in roundel.	
21	10th (Service)	9 Aug 1921	Wrexham Barracks	9 Aug 1921	St Giles's Church, Wrexham	Union Flag. X in roundel.	
22	11th (Service)	9 Aug 1921	Wrexham Barracks	9 Aug 1921	St Giles's Church, Wrexham	Union Flag. XI in roundel.	
23	13th (Service)	18 Jan 1919	Allonville	6 June 1919	Trinity Church, Llandudno	Union Flag. Battalion numeral painted on pike.	
24	14th (Service)	16 Jan 1919	Allonville	31 May 1919	Bangor Cathedral	Union Flag.	

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25	15th (Service)	9 Aug 1921	Wrexham Barracks	25 Oct 1921	County Hall, London	Union Flag. Removed to the regimental museum on the demise of Greater London Council c.1985. "1st London Welsh" in roundel. XV in top corner nearest pike. Ten Great War battle honours.	
26	16th (Service)	16 Jan 1919	Allonville	4 June 1919	St Asaph Cathedral	Union Flag.	
27	17th (Service)	16 Jan 1919	Allonville	6 June 1919	Trinity Church, Llandudno	Union Flag. Battalion numeral painted on pike.	
28	19th (Service)	9 Aug 1921	Wrexham Barracks	9 Aug 1921	St Giles's Church, Wrexham	Union Flag.	
29	24th (TF)	19 Feb 1919	Hondeghem			Union Flag.	
30	25th (TF)			20 Sep 1920	St Mary's Church, Welshpool	Union Flag. "Montgomery and Welch Horse Yeomanry" in roundel. XXV in top corner nearest pike. Ten Great War battle honours.	
31	26th (Service)	17 Jan 1919	Hondeghem	9 Aug 1921	St Giles's Church, Wrexham	Union Flag.	
32	1st (Garrison)	9 Aug 1921	Wrexham Barracks	9 Aug 1921	St Giles's Church, Wrexham	Union Flag. "1st Garrison Battalion" in roundel.	
33	2nd (Garrison)	9 Aug 1921	Wrexham Barracks	9 Aug 1921	St Giles's Church, Wrexham	Union Flag.	
34	6th (Garrison)	9 Aug 1921	Wrexham Barracks	9 Aug 1921	St Giles's Church, Wrexham	Union Flag.	
35	R. Carnarvon Militia			1885	St Mary's Church, Caernarfon	Pair. Present whereabouts unknown – see E.L. Kirby 1986 report, page 20.	
36	R. Merioneth Militia	23 April 1807		Not laid up		Single regimental Colour. In the regimental museum. Returned by the RUSI in 1948.	
37	R. Mont. Militia			1872	St Mary's Church, Welshpool	Pair.	

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38	?Royal West Mont. Militia			1914	St Mary's Church, Welshpool	Single regimental Colour.	
39	Merioneth Local Militia			18 June 1914	Llanfor Church, Bala	Pair. Removed to the regimental museum in 1980.	

Notes

1. **Source.** This list is an updated version of the list, first compiled by Major E.L. Kirby MC TD in 1970, and updated by him in March 1986. His notes still need to be added.
2. **Great War Union Flags.** At the end of the Great War it was decided to issue "silk Union Flags" to those battalions which did not possess Colours. They were issued to the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 25th, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Garrison Battalions. The issue was authorised in General Routine Order (GRO) 5734 of 1918 and Army Council Instruction (ACI) 444 of 1919. The GRO and ACI stated that "His Majesty has been further pleased to command that these Flags, which will represent the King's Colour, are to be consecrated and are to be granted all the salutes and compliments authorised to be paid to Colours." See James D Geddes, *Colours of British Regiments, Volume II*, published by the author 2000 (ISBN 0-9537858-0-7), pages 69–73 for full details of these orders.

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