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REGIMENTAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP

New Blood Proves Good

Again Mr. Harvey proved his worth to the Regiment on Wednesday night. The boxing was of a very high standard and the contests most evenly matched. Mr. Harvey admitted he worked hard in bed working it out, but results more than justified his efforts.

Although many of our old boxers have departed to uphold the honour of our Regiment in other units, the new blood was of a very high standard, they are a distinct asset to the grand sport of men.

The audience showed its appreciation in no uncertain terms and there can be no doubt that this type of entertainment is most popular.

The officials were: M.C., Major G. Nelson; Timekeeper, Major H. G. Flux; Judges: 2nd. Lieut. Kidd and 2nd. Lieut. Reed; Referee: Mr. B. Harvey; Recording Steward: Capt. Mitchell. Bouts: Three one-minute rounds; no draws. Medal presented by the Regiment for most scientific boxer was presented by the Colonel.

Guests of honour were Mrs. D. and Miss O. Honare, Lt.-Col. J. G. Nolan, Lt. Robertson, Lt. D. Muir and Lt. D. R. Graham.

FEATHERWEIGHT.

Gnr. Bent, 9st (4th) v. L/Bdr. Lewis, 9st. (R.H.Q.).—These two put up a very spirited bout, the first round being full of action, L/Bdr. Lewis doing useful work. In the second round, Bent made really good use of his right and took the fight to Lewis, who appeared to tire.

From the clash of the gong, Lewis led the fight to Bent and chased him round the ring. The bout was a very willing one. Lewis was given the decision on points.

LIGHTWEIGHT.

Sgt. Closey, 9.8 (6th) v. Dvr. Thistle, 9.8 (Dental Corps).—At the opening, both men sparred, feeling each other out. A really clever piece of scientific boxing was presented. Closey forced Thistle to the floor.

The second round was fast and furious, Closey making use of a very powerful hook with disastrous results for Thistle. Again Thistle was forced to the floor. Within a few seconds of the opening of the final round, Thistle was noored and the round was definitely in Closey's favour. He was given the decision.

WELTERWEIGHTS.

L/Bdr. Wilson, 10.2 (4th) v. Gnr. Anderson, R. N., 10.2 (4th).—Wilson gave an exhibition of a dangerous left which, if it had landed, would have resulted in a K.O. The first round was winning with plenty of footwork. In the second round, Anderson was quick to take advantage of the opportunities offered by Wilson's over swing. Both men gave of their best.

The final round was more than willing and just on the gong, Anderson knocked Wilson to the floor. Wilson was adjudged the winner.

Gnr. Whelan, 10.6 (4th) v. Gnr. Anderson, G. H., 10.7 (5th).—Whelan put up some pretty work and soon sent Anderson to the boards. Both men fought well and gave a good exhibition. The second round was fought in silence, the audience expecting big things. Neither man had the advantage, but both fought well. The third round was fast and willing, Whelan being given the decision.

MIDDLEWEIGHT.

Sgt. Fairgray, 11.2 (6th) v. Gnr. Mullaney, 11.2 (6th).—Pretty one, two, three were the order of the day in this round, Fairgray sending them over fast, Mullaney covering up well and giving as good as he gave. The second round was fought all round the ropes, both men mixing it freely. At one second, one was landing heavy blows and the next, taking punishment. A pretty round. In the last round, Fairgray let Mullaney parade round him. Both men enjoyed their round. The bout went to Fairgray.

Gnr. Clark, 10.9 (4th) v. Gnr. Treacy, 10.10 (R.H.Q.).—Treacy took the fight to Clark from the first and soon drove him to the ropes. Clark put up a good defence. A willing round. Early in the second round, Treacy drew blood

and had Clark worried. Had Treacy made contact with one of his upper cuts, the fight would have finished in this round. The third round saw some pretty fighting, Clark rallying. Both men put up a good fight. Treacy's win was a popular one.

L/Bdr. Lindsay, 11.1 (5th) v. Bdr. Larson, 11.5 (5th).—Neither of these two contestants had been in the ring before, but put up a fine showing. No damage was done and yet a good round. In the second round, both men kept their audience in good humour with wit and clever action. The final round was a repetition of the other two, Larsen being awarded the decision.

Gnr. O'Connor, 10.11 (R.H.Q.) v. Gnr. Cardiff, 10.12 (5th).—This fight was keenly looked forward to and both men lived up to expectations, although the referee had to break them frequently. The first round was willing on both sides. The second round was very even, both men taking plenty of punishment and giving a good account of themselves. Early in the third round, O'Connor's glove gave trouble. The round was really fast and O'Connor won the decision.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT.

Gnr. Shuker, 11.11 (6th) v. Gnr. Wilde, 11.13 (5th).—Wilde took the fight to Shuker, who appeared to be waiting his chance. The round ended before any damage was done. The second round was much faster, Wilde still leading the fight. Twice Shuker was knocked to the ropes from which he rebounded asking for more. Early in the third round, Wilde drove Shuker to the ropes, making use of a wicked right to good advantage. Wilde won the bout.

Sgt. Burborough, 12st. (5th) v. Gnr. Ornberg, 12.5 (6th).—Both men mixed it freely in the first round, giving a good exhibition of scientific boxing. In the second round, it was one, two, three, from both men. Ornberg maintained his position in the centre of the ring. The third round was even faster, some pretty exhibition being given. Ornberg's win was a popular one.

SEMI FINALS.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS.

Bdr. Larson, 11.5 (5th) v. Gnr. O'Connor, 10.11 (R.H.Q.).—O'Connor led the fight all the way, although Larson put up a good showing and a magnificent spirit. In the second and third rounds, both men fought well. The fight went to O'Connor. A good exhibition fight.

LIGHTWEIGHT.

Sgt. Closey, 9.8 (6th) v. Gnr. Taylor, 9.7, (R.H.Q.).—Closey drove Taylor to the ropes with some very pretty fighting and twice forced him to the floor. In the second round, both men gave and took plenty of punishment. From the opening of the third round, Closey forced the pace, frequently driving Taylor to the ropes. Both men fought a good fight. A difference of opinion called for another round. In a fast

OBITUARY

HON. LIEUT. W. H. BOWMAN

It is with very real regret that we report the death in Wellington of Hon. Lieut. W. H. Bowman. The news of his death came as a distinct shock to the Regiment. Lieut. Bowman at the time of his death was still conductor of the 2nd. Field Regimental Band. He was an old gunner of the Petone Navals, in later years of the 7th Medium Battery, and now 6th Battery. He was always interested in musical circles and his ready help and advice were always at the service of any young bandsman.

He was a prominent member of the Wellington Garrison Band under Capt. Herd, V.D., and when Capt. Herd died, succeeded to the conductorship.

Two of his sons were Sergeants in this Regiment and only recently left us to take up duties with other units. To them and the relatives of the late Lieut. Bowman the C.O., officers, n.c.o.'s and men of this Regiment extend their sincere sympathy.

The Regiment was represented at the funeral by Capt. I. H. B. Dixon and Bandsman F. Gamble.

rush, Closey almost threw himself out of the ring. Both men gave an excellent exhibition, Taylor being given the decision.

WELTERWEIGHT.

L/Bdr. Wilson, 10.2 (4th) v. Gnr. Whelan, 10.6 (4th).—The first round was very willing, both men fighting well and making a fast pace. In the second round, Wilson made the pace. An even round. The third round was a popular one with the audience, as was Whelan's win.

FINAL.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT.

Gnr. Wilde, 11.13 (5th) v. Gnr. Ornberg, 12.5 (6th).—This was a fast fight between evenly matched men despite difference in weight. The second round was a fine exhibition of scientific boxing, both men fighting well. The third round was the best exhibition given during the evening up to that time, and was fought with that willingness that betokens good boxers. The decision went to Ornberg.

FINAL.

MIDDLEWEIGHT.

Gnr. Treacy, 10.10 (R.H.Q.) v. Gnr. O'Connor, 10.11 (R.H.Q.).—In the opening of the first round, Treacy made the pace and O'Connor showed the effects of his previous two fights, although fighting doggedly. O'Connor forced the pace at the start of the second round, but was floored breaking from a clinch. A fast willing round. The third round was all fight from start to finish with Treacy having the advantage. Treacy was the winner.

Lt.-Col. Nolan selected Gnr. Whelan as the most scientific boxer of the evening. Col. Lowe presented the medal.

ANSWER TO QUIZ

Some people have had difficulty in answering their "Quiz" forms. Here is a sample which should be useful for future reference:—

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MILITARY EXPERIENCE: Very Sticky.
MARRIED OR SINGLE: Yes. CHILDREN UNDER 16: Not Known.
SPORT) SUMMER: Country Walks, 1st. Grade.
(and)
GRADE) WINTER: Indoor, Low Grade. RIFLE No.: A Thousand Times, No!
WHAT QUALIFICATIONS HAVE YOU? EDUCATIONAL: Kindergarten Certificate.
ENTERTAINING: Very.
HAVE YOU A DRIVING LICENSE: No. TYPE OF ENGINE: Beer Engine.
CAN YOU SWIM 50 YARDS: Easy. NEXT-OF-KIN—NAME: Jno. Walker.
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New Faces

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On Wednesday night at the Boxing Tournament they proved that they know their stuff and are not afraid to "mix it."

So—a hearty, sincere welcome.

The Cowardly Hero

(By "The Gadfly.")

Reg Williams, of the Star-Tribune was in an ugly mood. He was fed up to the back teeth. He seemed to be getting all the rotten assignments.

He didn't doubt the sincerity of their beliefs, but few there were who had the brains or the wit to present their cases in a manner that stood the least chance of convincing the board.

It was well into the third year of the first world war, and the number of cases that were coming forward for hearing was increasing and it had been his rotten luck, at this session, to have to cover the proceedings, and so he was far from happy.

TAMALAINÉ VETRUVIOUS

He entered the building, and took place at the reporters' table, gave a curt nod to Chyde of the Press, and leant back, gazing out of the window, and wishing that he had the power to give an extra spin to the wheels of the clock.

Within a short while, the various officials wandered in, and stood around in groups, waiting for the "old boy" to put in an appearance.

Under half-closed eyes Reg watched the Army rep., a fellow named Tynkle. Spiek and span, full of self-confidence, he dominated the whole circle.

In due time, proceedings commenced and Reg noted down a striking point here and there, but in the main confined himself to the appellant's name, his plea for exemption, and the result, the latter generally being written into his copy well ahead of the board's ruling.

A further case was called, and because of the peculiarity of the name Reg evinced a trifle more interest.

announced, "Tamalainé Vetruius Snubbins," at the same time making a poor attempt to hide a broad grin . . . and that broad grin became reflected on every other face in the room.

He put his case, pleading that he was opposed to all forms of warfare and would rather die than take up arms. Make no mistake about it, this fellow was nobody's fool, for he knew his Bible almost from cover to cover, and quoted it at great length, and it must be said, that on quite a number of occasions he had Tynkle "stymied."

"What would you do if you saw your sister being violated by a German soldier?" T. V. S. looked upon him with his mild blue eyes, and gravely said: "While thanking God that I, unlike the German, was not a soldier, I would call upon the Lord that my sister's soul should be preserved from evil, for whatever happened to her body, that would be of no consequence, because her will had not acquiesced to the act."

"But would you not interfere?" queried Tynkle. "It would be useless," replied T. V. S., "for the German had already lustred in his heart."

After that there was a great deal of cross questioning, during which Reg's pencil travelled fast, and there were some breezy passages between T. V. S. and Tynkle, but it all finished with the appeal being dismissed. In handing down the decision, the Board's president declared that he found it very difficult indeed to discern any difference between straight-forward cowardice and the views expressed by appellant.

Later he did a stretch in jail, being specially castigated by the magistrate when he received his sentence.

Some years later, on a wet Sunday night, Reg strode along the dimly lit street, immersed in thought, paying little heed to his surroundings, for he was on his way to a friend's house, to spend a pleasant evening, discussing books and authors.

Suddenly, he was aware of a patch of light falling across the footpath some distance ahead, and when he came to it, he found that it was coming from an open door of a dingy hall, a mission hall, run by one of these newer fangled religious bodies.

BROTHER IGNATIUS.

He paused, and looked at a poster, stuck up in the porch. "Brother Ignatious Leaves To-night for Service with the Lepers."

That seemed interesting, and, on the impulse, Reg went in. The place was full, and a queer benevolent old guy was speaking, telling, of the many virtues of Brother Ignatious, of his love of the work in the Lord's vineyard, and of his response to the call for workers among the lepers.

He called on Ignatious to say a few words. Reg looked with interest on this fellow. He was unassuming, with long hair that fell over his shoulders, and with a beard that swept his breast, but the most striking feature was his mild blue eyes. He spoke simply, and asked for the prayers and the love of his fellow servants of the Lord.

After the meeting, Reg went forward, and breasting up to the leader of the

The Padre's Column

The Bombing of Towns

The following extract from a British publication called "The Christian News-Letter" concerns a very important subject—whether anything, no matter how ruthless is permissible in war, or whether the line between clean and dirty fighting must be drawn.

"The challenge is one which Christians are bound to face, for the simple reason that we cannot take for granted that what the national cause demands, or seems to demand, is something to which the Christian conscience can consent. Christians owe allegiance to a higher authority than the nation.

"Professor Macgregor reminds me that it was said in the News-Letter that the deliberate killing of non-combatants is murder, and argues that 'if what happened in Lubeck and Cologne is not the deliberate killing of non-combatants, then words have no meaning.'"

"The problem is a real one, but it does not seem to me to have been rightly formulated. We cannot consider Lubeck and Cologne in isolation from the total context of the war. We cannot leave out of the picture the unimaginable horrors on an unimaginable scale which the Axis Powers have perpetrated. Lubeck and Rostock are ports vital to the enemy for the supply of his armies in Russia, Finland and Norway. What they have suffered is immeasurably less than the devastation and suffering which the Germans have caused in Russia.

"Sir Archibald Sinclair, in reply to a recent question in the House of Commons, stated that the policy of His Majesty's Government in regard to bombing is unchanged. It is to destroy the enemy's capacity to make war by bombing his war factories, means of transport and military stores, wherever they may be found. If the intention is to destroy the enemy's capacity for making war, the incidental and undesired killing of non-combatants, even if it be on a large scale, cannot rightly be described as deliberate. The real line is between action directed to a genuine military objective and action which goes beyond it and is merely wanton destruction.

"It will make the whole difference to the future whether we control war and make it the instrument of a genuinely human purpose or whether we surrender to its blind fury so that war controls us. No one who has delighted in human skill and craftsmanship can feel anything but regret at the destruction of the architectural glories of Lubeck. Works of art are not a national but a universal possession. Not the Germans only, but the world is poorer for their destruction; the loss is ours as well as theirs. The Nazis boast that our own historic monuments will soon become only historic memories. Let them be vaundals, if they will. Let us remain, if we can, civilised and sane, loathing the insanity of ruthless destruction and retaining our reverence for the monuments of human labour and skill.

"When we pass from the sphere of civilisation to the deeper level of religion, the problem becomes far more acute. It is the question of the infliction of torture and death on the relatively innocent. I take the case of children because their case is so unanswerably clear. As with works of art, there is something universal in the innocence of children. When Jesus took a little child and set him in the midst, no one can suppose that it would have made the smallest difference to His action if it had been a German or a Japanese child, the Germans and Japanese being what they are to-day. We have to recall these things even in

meeting, asked about this Brother Ignatious.

With the easy technique of the reporter, he gained a lot of information, and he concluded his questioning with one query:

"What was Bro. Ignatious's name in private life?" he asked.

"Well," replied the old man, "it was a name that the Brother seldom used in full, and you may appreciate it when I tell you that it was Tamalainé Vetruius Snubbins."

Reg went away, thinking hard. Hero, or coward?

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The Editor, The Observation Post, Palmerston North.

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Yes, I was the chief bowman for that worthy master, Mahmoud McGregor. I recall this incident well, in fact, it was on this very occasion that the saying "You're telling me," was born.

When Murdoch McHorsepistol stopped and exclaimed, "Hey, you silly old blighter, you left me the wrong key," Mahmoud replied with "You're telling me." And so a saying was born.

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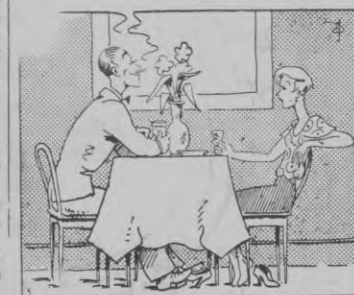
Heard during recent training in E Wing:
Sergeant-Major: "When I was a sweet little child (it doesn't seem possible but it MUST be true) I had a set of wooden soldiers. There was a poor little boy lived nearby who had no toys and after going to Sunday School and hearing the goodness of charity, I gave them to the poor little boy. Then I wanted them back, and I cried, and my mother came along and said, 'Don't cry, Bertie, you'll get them back!' And believe me, you lopsided, mutton-headed, rattled-brained set of certified rolling-pins, that day has come!"

Teacher: "Now, children, watch this experiment. You will learn a valuable lesson. Here I have a glass of water. I put this worm into it, and, see, it seems quite happy. See how it wriggles and swims. Now I take the worm out and put it into this glass of whisky, and see, the worm sinks to the bottom, quite dead. Now, think hard, children, what lesson does this teach you?"

After a long pause, little Johnny raised his hand: "Please, teacher, I know, if you have worms, drink whisky."

M.O. to brother officers, after a spell of leave: "My word, I had a peculiar case while I was on leave."

"Oh, yes, what was that?"
M.O.: "I had to attend a grass widow with hay fever."



W.W.S.A. Strategy.

A Nazi had attended Hitler's funeral and was telling his wife about it.

"It was beautiful, such mountains of wonderful flowers sent for the Fuehrer! Such eloquent speeches from Herr Goering, Herr Goebbels, Herr von Ribbentrop, and such crowds of people. After the speeches they lowered the casket into the grave, then drew it up"

"But, why?" asked his wife.
"Because," said the husband in a whisper, "every time they lowered it, there was such applause, they had to bring it up for an encore."

Teacher, after history lesson: "Now, children, name two ancient sports."
Johnny: "Anthony and Cleopatra."

The doctor was visiting Rastus' wife to deliver her twelfth child. While riding down the driveway to the house he saw a duck.

"Who's duck is that?" asked the doctor.
"That ain't no duck," said Rastus, "that's the stork but his legs has wore off."

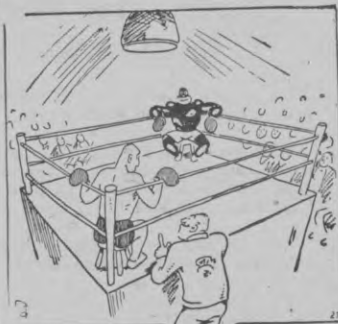
A young lady went for a swim in a secluded spot, but forgot her towel. She stripped and stood in the sun to dry and then heard the rushes nearby rustling. "Who's there," she called out.

"Willie," was the reply.
"How old are you, Willie?" she asked.
"Seventy-one, dammit," was the reply.



Lost opportunity.

Chemist, to Joe Hangover: "Shall I fix you a bromo?"
Joe Hangover: "Ye Gods, no! I can't stand the noise."



Note Mr. Harvey.

Running after women never hurt anybody—it's catching them that does the damage.

The young soldier and his bride were spending their first night at a large hotel. When bedtime came the bride went to bed and the groom sat at the window gazing at the moon and the stars. The bride called to him and asked: "Why don't you come to bed, John?"

He replied: "My mother told me my wedding night would be most beautiful night of my life, so I'm not going to miss a minute of it."

"Where does this inviting shady lane lead to?" asked the motorist. Without moving from his contented rest on the fence, the local rustic launched a stream of tobacco juice with deadly aim on a grasshopper ten feet away, scratched his head and said: "Wall, I dunno where it goes, but it's lead mor'n half the young folks hereabouts into trouble."

Manager to fired office boy: "Didn't you read that letter I gave you?"

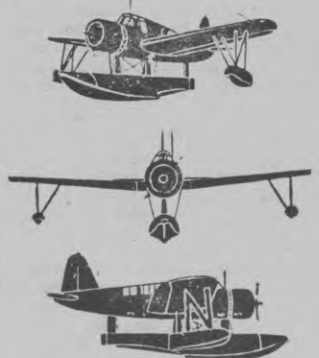
Office boy: "Yes, sir, inside and out. On the inside it read 'You are fired,' and on the outside it said 'Return in five days,' so here I am."



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