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BOXING AT ROFFEY.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. A. Hamilton Cox (Commandant, Horsham Siege School), a boxing competition was held on Friday and Saturday in the Cassidias Field, Roffey Camp. The "boys" gathered in large numbers to support their favourites, and a fine sporting spirit was manifest throughout. Delightful weather prevailed, and altogether a most enjoyable time was spent. The bouts were of three rounds, of two minutes each, with intervals of one minute. Friday evening's contests resulted as follows:—

Light Weights.—**Ger. Higgs (381 S.B.) v. Ger. Adams (387 S.B.)**. Adams at close rushed in and tried to force matters, but Higgs was the stronger of the two, and had the advantage of weight. Adams obviously tired in the second round, and Higgs was on the point of making a "knock-out" when "time" was called. The third round was all in favour of Higgs, who was rather easily on points.

Ger. Gilder (387 S.B.) v. Ger. Waldron (395 S.B.). The first round was fought at a good pace, Gilder devoting his attention to the body. He frequently scored at close quarters, and had his man in difficulties towards the close of the round. Gilder again forced the fighting in the second round, but Waldron, with a left hook, caught his man under the jaw. In the third round Waldron was outclassed, and the referee stopped the bout, awarding his decision to Gilder.

Ger. Appell (382 S.B.) v. Ger. Downey (384 S.B.). This was, perhaps, the most scientific bout of the evening. Appell kept his opponent at long range throughout, and scored frequently with left leads, whereby attempted to force the fighting, leading with his right. In the second round Appell again defied all attempts of his opponent to get at close quarters, but both boxes gave a good display. Appell easily had the measure of his opponent in the third round, and retained the verdict.

Ger. Teague (387 S.B.) v. Ger. Walker (382 S.B.). Teague forced the fighting, but was wild in his deliveries. Walker had the advantage in height and reach, and won.

Ger. Metcalf (386 S.B.) v. Ger. Brown (381 S.B.). Brown forced the fighting from the commencement, and had the measure of such difficulties that Metcalf thought it wise to retire midway through the first round.

Middle Weights.—**Ger. Slagg (384 S.B.) v. Ger. Treweek (384 S.B.)**. Slagg had his opponent down with a right hand hook early in the first round, and again sent him to the floor on rising. The referee, seeing that Treweek was no match for his opponent, stopped the bout, and awarded the verdict to Slagg.

Ger. Kingscombe (381 S.B.) v. Ger. Dakin (386 S.B.). Kingscombe was the more aggressive boxer, and scored points freely in the first round. Dakin improved in the second and third rounds, but was short in his leads. He forced the pace towards the finish, but could not make up the necessary points, and the verdict was given in favour of Kingscombe.

Ger. Lansbury (382 S.B.) v. Ger. Williams (385 S.B.). Lansbury soon had the measure of his opponent, and sent him to the boards on three occasions. Williams retired early.

Ger. Maunder (385 S.B.) v. Ger. Moffatt (384 S.B.). Both men well matched, endeavoured to force matters, and midway in the second round clinching was frequent. With a right body blow Moffatt had no agreement down for a count of 9. Each fought for a "knock-out" in the third round, and Moffatt, very aggressive with right hooks to the head, gained the decision on points.

Heavy Weights.—**Ger. Wright (387 S.B.) v. Ger. Haynes (381 S.B.)**. An even first round was fought, with Haynes showing the more scientific boxing. A little later, Haynes, with frequent right leads to the body, soon weakened his opponent, who retired at the end of the second round.

B.S.M. Mears (381 S.B.) v. Ger. Curtis (387 S.B.). Mears proved very aggressive, and forced the fighting by a series of right hooks to the body. His opponent retired early in the bout with a damaged wrist.

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS.

On Saturday afternoon the semi-finals and finals were decided. The first contest was that between B.S.M. Mears (381 S.B.) and Ger. Lansbury (382 S.B.) in the Middle Weights. Lansbury scored freely at the commencement, reaching the face of his opponent with five left hand deliveries. Mears was content to act on the defensive, but on opening the second round he began to force the pace, and endeavoured to fight his man at close quarters. Lansbury, however, again used his left hand with telling effect, and was scoring fast at the close of the round. Lansbury gained the decision on points. Mears received an ovation for his fine and plucky display.

Ger. Appell (382 S.B.) v. Ger. Walker (382 S.B.). Light Weights. This proved a very close fight, each boxer making good use of his left. Walker holding the advantage in height and reach. The referee was unable to give a decision at the end of the third round, and an extra round was fought. Appell gained a clear verdict, mainly in consequence of his aggressiveness and his defensive work.

Ger. Brown (381 S.B.) v. Ger. Haynes (381 S.B.). Middle Weights. Brown opened well, but Haynes, the stronger of the two, reached the body early on three or four occasions, and following up with a left hook to the jaw, compelled his opponent to retire before the end of the first round.

Ger. Gilder (387 S.B.) v. Ger. Higgs (381 S.B.). Light Weights. This terminated midway through the first round. From the commencement it was fought at close quarters and at a fast pace. Gilder smothered his opponent, who thought it wise to retire.

Ger. Slagg (384 S.B.) v. Ger. Haynes (381 S.B.). Middle Weights. Haynes, the more scientific boxer, forced the pace, and being compelled to continually cover up, and only opened out in the hope of dealing a "knock-out" blow by means of a right hook. In the second round Slagg allowed his opponent to box at close range, but towards the close delivered a right hook under the jaw, his opponent being down for a count of 6. Heavy fighting continued in the third round, but Haynes scored freely with both hands, and won easily on points.

B.S.M. Mears (381 S.B.) v. Ger. Lansbury (382 S.B.). Heavy Weights. In this encounter Mears, following upon his previous fight, did not seem too strongly aggrieved his much stronger opponent. Lansbury with a left hook to the jaw had his opponent down for a count of 6, and again brought him to the boards before the close of the first round. Mears fought very pluckily, but Lansbury's blows were dealt with telling

effect, and Mears was forced to retire near the end of the second session.

Ger. Gilder (387 S.B.) v. Ger. Appell (382 S.B.). 6 rounds. Final, Light Weights. A very even first round was fought. Appell was the more scientific boxer, and scored points freely during the second and third sessions. His fine defensive work kept his opponent well at bay, and only a "knock-out" could have gained Gilder the verdict. Midway through the fifth round Gilder had to retire owing to a damaged thumb.

Ger. Lansbury (382 S.B.) v. Ger. Haynes (381 S.B.). 6 rounds. Final, heavy weights. This encounter proved all in favour of Lansbury, his opponent being obviously weakened by his encounter with Slagg earlier in the afternoon. Lansbury showed a fine sporting spirit, refusing to take any unfair advantage, and midway in the fourth round Haynes retired after having put up a plucky fight. Before the commencement of this bout, Lt. Col. Cox announced that as these competitors were in both the middle and heavy weight contests, whoever won this would be adjudged winner of both.

Lieut. Col. A. Hamilton Cox presented the prizes as follows:—
Light Weights.—1st, Ger. Appell (382 S.B.); 2nd, Ger. Gilder (387 S.B.); 3rd, Ger. Walker (382 S.B.); consolation prize, Ger. Maunder (385 S.B.).

Middle Weights.—1st, Ger. Lansbury (382 S.B.); 2nd, Ger. Haynes (381 S.B.); 3rd, B.S.M. Mears (381 S.B.); consolation prize, Ger. Slagg (384 S.B.).

Heavy Weights.—1st, Ger. Lansbury (382 S.B.); 2nd, Ger. Haynes (381 S.B.); 3rd and consolation prize, B.S.M. Mears (381 S.B.).

Great cheering greeted the announcement that the Portuguese officers stationed at Roffey had kindly promised a special prize to the winner of each of the three sections. These were presented by Col. Ferreira to Ger. Appell (light weights), and Ger. Lansbury (middle and heavy weights). These hearty cheers were given for the Portuguese officers, and for Lt. Col. Hamilton Cox. The latter, who is exceedingly popular with all ranks at Roffey, and who takes a keen interest in everything concerning the welfare of the troops under his command, kindly acted as referee, with fine judgment and discretion.

Lieut. H. Banister (Adjutant "E." Training Brigade) and Sergt. Garner (384 S.B.) were the judges; and 2nd Lieut. E. A. Cawdron ("E." Training Brigade), the Hon. Secretary of the Roffey Sports Committee, acted as Master of Ceremonies. On Friday evening Lieut. Laurie was the official time-keeper, and on Saturday afternoon Major Stanborough acted in this capacity.