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GOOD OLD TOUGH

FIRST BLOOD AGAIN

Although our Battalion failed to carry off any championship at the Brigade Boxing Tournament on Thursday night, the members of the boxing team gave a good account of themselves, and were by no means disgraced.

Lucas (11.1) a member of a well-known Gisborne boxing family showed good form in defeating his first opponent Cpl Binge, by the short route, the bout lasting only 1 min 15 secs. In the final off the middleweight championship, however, he failed to display the same aggressiveness against Spr Duncan and dropped the decision.

Pte H. Donald (10.7) fought pluckily against the champion, Wright, whose superior reach and weight enabled him to carry off a close decision.

Keen to avenge Donald's defeat Cpl Downes later took up the attack against Wright. Though our Geo proved a shifty, fast-hitting boxer he was unable to cope with the long reach of his opponent. This was the best bout of the evening.

Sam Stock (9.8), a pretty boxer to watch, gave a very scientific display against a particularly heavily built opponent, Hansen, who won the lightweight title.

THINKING the W.A.A.C's had all gone, the mess orderlies were head down in the washing up troughs. Oaths flashed like summer lightning..

Behing their backs a missy emerged from the cookhouse and gazed on them --- and listened to them.

"You poor b---'s", she said. "I've just finished five weeks of that!"

AGAIN THE YANKS!

The game played at Ouonghi between the 8th Brigade and U.S.M.C. was won by the former 24 - 10. The marines showed much better form than in the previous game, especially in their forward play. The back line, however, lacked thrust and speed off the mark.

Nevertheless their keen bustling forwards showed that they are picking up the finer points of the game. Their line out play was particularly good and some of our forwards could take a lesson from their high jumping and quick despatch of the ball to their backs. In the open, however, the quick crisp passing of our back line, interspersed with breaks through and dummies by the inside backs decided the issue.

For Brigade Jordan was again outstanding, scoring 4 tries. Lockner and Barlow scored one each and Barlow converted two, and Lockner one.

Although the game was rather scratchy the Battalion entry in the new B rugby competition opened up in fine style by defeating the 23rd Fd Coy by 23 - 3.

A certain amount of "scone-doing" was a feature of the game, and Capt Conder proved it was hard to keep out of a fight -- even as referee.

An outstanding game was played by Groathead, who scored 14 of the points, made up of 2 tries and 4 conversions. The other scorers were Galbraith, Thorn and Thurston, who followed up a "starvation" first half with some spectacular runs.

Both forwards and backs played well and it was in the open play that the team again showed its superiority.

MANY people have said hard things about the H.Q. Coy canal system -- which must rival that of Mars. And more were said when some of the W.A.A.C's tried to jump the Grand Canal -- one going right out of sight!"

WITH STICK AND BALL

In the first games of the Brigade Hockey competition, the A team again won, but only by a narrow margin, while the B team was unlucky to go down by the only goal scored.

Reaping the benefit of good grounds to practice on, the 34th Battalion gave the A team a hard tussle. The score 1 - 0 was made up of a penalty bully put to good effect by Cox.

Many opportunities were again lost in the circle, while the backs were weakened by absentee-ism. The game was fast and open, however, and gave promise of a most interesting competition.

The advantage territorially was all in favour of the B team in their match against the 36th. This was rather unexpected, but the steadiness of the pressure showed that it was no accident.

The Battalion has reason to be pleased that it can find two teams that can hold their own in open competition.

AFTER waiting on the girls for a few minutes, a mess orderly could stand it no longer. He bolted out and fled into the cookhouse.

"I couldn't think of anything to say" he stammered, very red in the face.

Although there were fewer in the enclosure and on the hill the race meeting was again most successful. The tote handled 1930 dollars, and increase of 330 dollars.