

# BATTALION BOXING NIGHT

The boxing night was the traditional mix of skill and raw courage. This years competition was slightly different with the supporters not being able to consume alcohol. Many were dubious as to the possible success of an alcohol free activity. Edger Townner VC Club (ETVCC) Committee members and the Boxing Officers, (CAPT McMahon and LT Webb) threw themselves into the evening. The night was proceeded by a promotion function in the ETVCC. During this function many members began to get into the spirit of the evening.

The evening was kicked off at 1900 hrs with an Offr VSNCO Tag-Team wrestling match. LTs TOM 'THE BEAST' BIEDERMANN and JIMMY 'THE FERRIT' SAGGERT came up against the formidable mass of SGTs ROOONNN HARRISON and DOLLY DALTON, alias 'THE VB KEGS'. Although less than half the weight of anyone else 'THE FERRIT' consistently threw himself into the fray. More often than not ending up swatted away like a fly. The lead swayed to and fro throughout the rounds. Halfway through the second round an ugly burst of abuse from the crowd momentarily bought all four wrestlers together. Focusing on the area of abuse the four athletes charged the crowd. After a short skirmish they emerged carrying the instigator of the abuse. Unfortunately they had grabbed a member of Mortar Platoon and the remainder of the Maggots rallied to his defence. After a short but vicious brawl officials stepped in and cancelled the bout. The victors were decided by crowd support.

Surprise, surprise, the crowd gave the LTs the raspberry and the 'VB KEGS' victory.

Five bouts were fought throughout the remainder of the evening. The bouts were:

1. PTE 'Basher' Brayshaw - C Company V PTE Munn 'Mongrel Maggot' - Mortar Platoon
2. PTE 'Crusher' Kerp - Mortar Platoon V PTE 'Hitman' Hall - Transport Platoon
3. PTE 'Uppercut' Urlings - Mortar Platoon V PTE 'Pounding' Pollock - Signals Platoon
4. PTE 'Hammer' Hey - Mortar Platoon V PTE 'Gorgeous' Griese - B Company
5. PTE 'Redeye' Reddy - Recon Platoon V PTE 'Bruce' Lee - C Company

The victors on the night were: Brayshaw, Hall, Urlings, Hey and Reddy. Best fighter of the night went to PTE Reddy Recon Platoon.

All fighters showed great courage by just stepping into the ring. Battalion thanks goes to all competitors for an outstanding evenings entertainment.

Special thanks goes to LT Webb and CAPT McMahon for organising the event. LTs Tuxsworth and Curtis for commentating throughout the evening. Johnney Reb for his outstanding referee job. PTE Murphy and PTE Neile for running the change and strapping tents and all corner men for supporting their fighters. OH, AND LETS NOT FORGET THE LADIES.

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