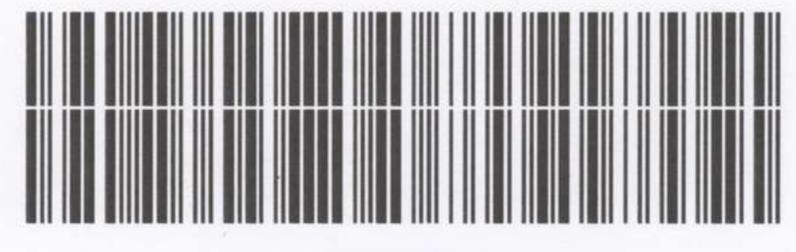
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July 1918



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No. 4 Command Depot AIF Hurdcott.

WAR DIARY for month of JULY, 1918.

1. STRENGTH.

On 1st. July, the total strength of the Depot was 3,433 other ranks, and on the 31st., this had increased to 3,837, principally due to a party of 520 men being transferred from

No. 3 Command Depot, Hurdcott, on the 20th.

The number of other ranks who marched into the Depot during the month, was 1,980, whilst 1,461 marched out; of the latter number, 1,407 were "A" class, whilst the balance, viz., 54, were mostly men of low medical classification who were transferred to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, for return to Australia, or to No. 3 Command Depot (blb classification) for special treatment. The total number marched out is a record for the Depot for a month, with the exception of March, 1917, when No. 3 Command Depot was formed principally from personnel of No. 4 Command Depot.

2. HEALTH.

The health of the Troops during the month has been satisfactory. The following are extracts from the Senior Medical Officer's report;-

Average No. on morning sick parade,		85.
No. of Scabies cases,		77.
do General cases admitted to Hospital, exclusive of V.D and Scabies cases,		188.
do Infectious cases (Mumps 1, Measles 2)		3.
do Contacts in Lines - Mumps,		27.
do V.D Cases,		
Evacuated to 1st ADH Bulford, Cured in Depot.	52 70	
Undergoing treatment in Depot,	29	151.
The sanitation of the Camp is satisfactory.		

3. VISITS. During the month, visits to the Depot were made by the

following Officials; -

8th. July. The G.O.C., A.I.F Depots in U.K. presented a number of medals to N.C.Os and men of Nos. 3 and 4 Command Depots, and subsequently inspected training operations.

19th. July. Depot visited by Rt. Hon. A. Fisher, (High Commissioner for Australia) Mr. Dennison Miller, (Governor Commonwealth Bank of Australia), and Mr. Campion (London Manager Commonwealth Bank), also the D.A & Q.M.G A. I. F Depots in U.K.

28th. July. D.A & Q.M.G (Col. J.P.McGlinn, CMG, VD)

visited the Depot and enquired into a complaint regarding alleged shortage of rations, and discussed matters regarding hours of parade.

4. ADMINISTRATION.

On 20th. July, Major H.L.Bruce (MC) 18th. Bn., assumed the duties of 2nd. in Command, vice Major W.J.Rowland, 45th Bn. On 25th. July, a new Coy ("G" Coy) was formed; this was made up of a portion of "A" Coy., which latter had risen in strength to over 1,000 other ranks.

5. MESSING.

Fresh vegetables were obtainable at a much lower rate than hitherto by judicious purchases, resulting in more satisfactory meals being supplied to the men.

Owing to the better price obtainable for first class dripping, no margarine was manufactured at the Depot factory.

Sale of By-Producte realised £87;18;0

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6. CONCERT PARTIES.

During the month, on an average four Concert Parties visited the Depot each week, and the entertainments were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

7. SPORTS.

On the 6th. July, a Sports Meeting was held on grounds below No. 11 Camp. The following visitors were present. G.O.C A.I.F Depots in U.K. Brig-Gen. Robertson, Officer i/c Training A.I.F Depots in U.K. C.O American Troops in England, Gen A. French, Brig-Gen Glasgow, and a number of others.

Representatives of Australian, English, American, Canadian and New Zealand troops took part in the

competitions.

The meeting proved a great success, the Committee sparing no effort to ensure that everything was carried out properly.

The principal events were Boxing, Foot Racing and

Tug-of-War competitions.

A copy of the programme of events is attached to this Diary.

The Depot Cricket Team played several matches and were unbeaten.

8. CULTIVATION.

The work of cropping has been continuous; the plantings have been principally Winter Cabbage, Savoys and Battersea Drumhead; about 100,000 plants have been set out. Sowings in seed bed of cabbage, Orange Jelly Turnips, the former for planting out in October. The area sown with Turnips was about one acre.

crops gathered have been principally cabbage, french beans, peas and smaller quantities of lettuce, turnips,

beetroot and carrots.

Other work consisted of hoeing, weeding and cleaning the various vegetable crops in the Depot, cutting and harvesting about five tons of meadow hay. About 20 acrew of meadow were cut for No. 3 Command Depot, and 15 acres for 2nd. Training Brigade, AIF.

150 Head of poultry, youngxxxxkkitx 150 rabbits and 10 pigs (slips) were purchased to fatten for Christmas

Dinner for the troops.

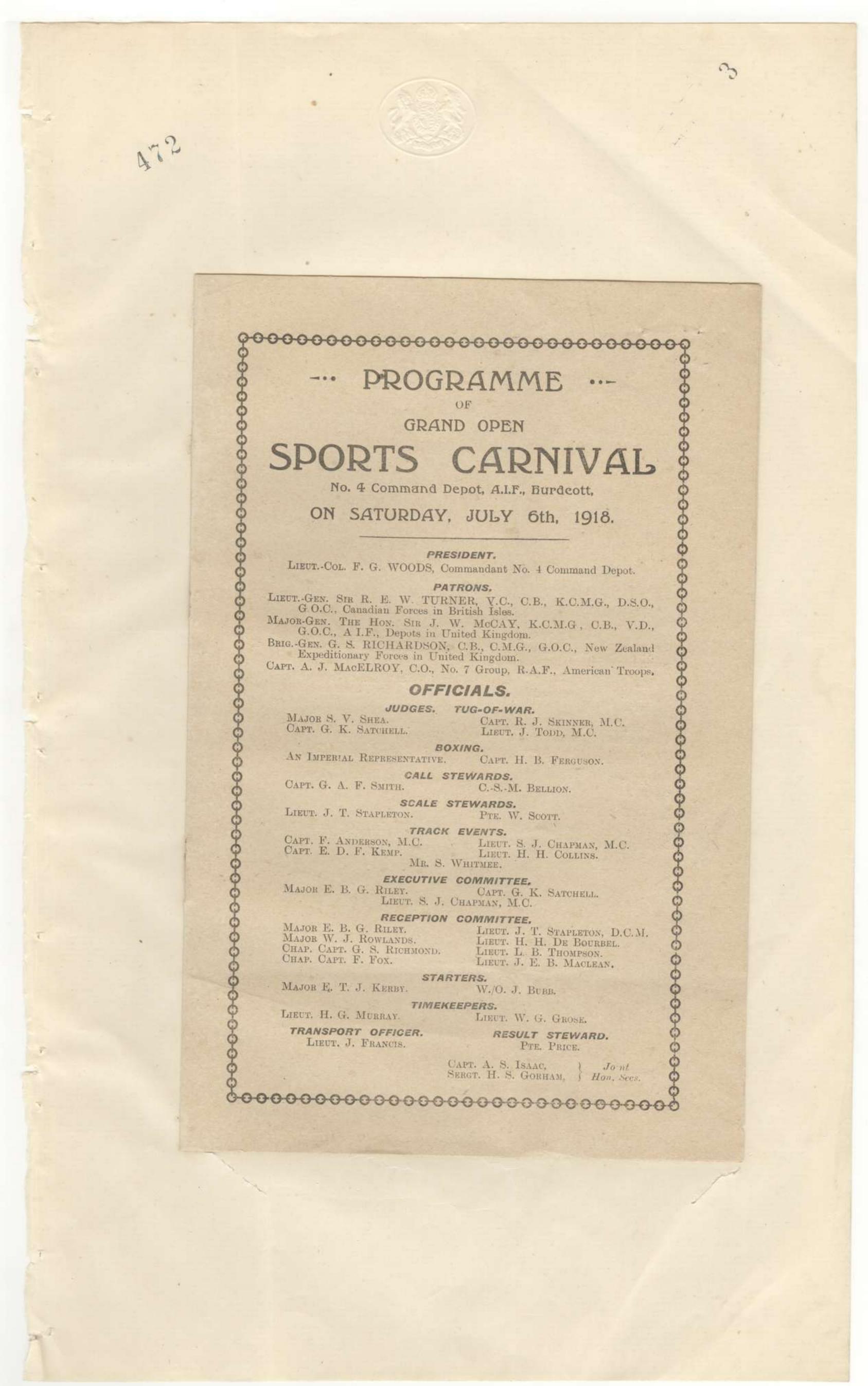
- 9. WEATHER. During the first three weeks of the month, wet weather was experienced, but towards the end of the month the rain ceased, thus enabling the crops to make good progress.
- 10. DEATHS. The death occurred in the Fovant Military Hospital on the 14th. July of No. 2919, Sgr. McCudden, G. 33rd Bn. the disability being Pneumonia; the body was interred in the R.C Cemetery, Salisbury, on the 17th.

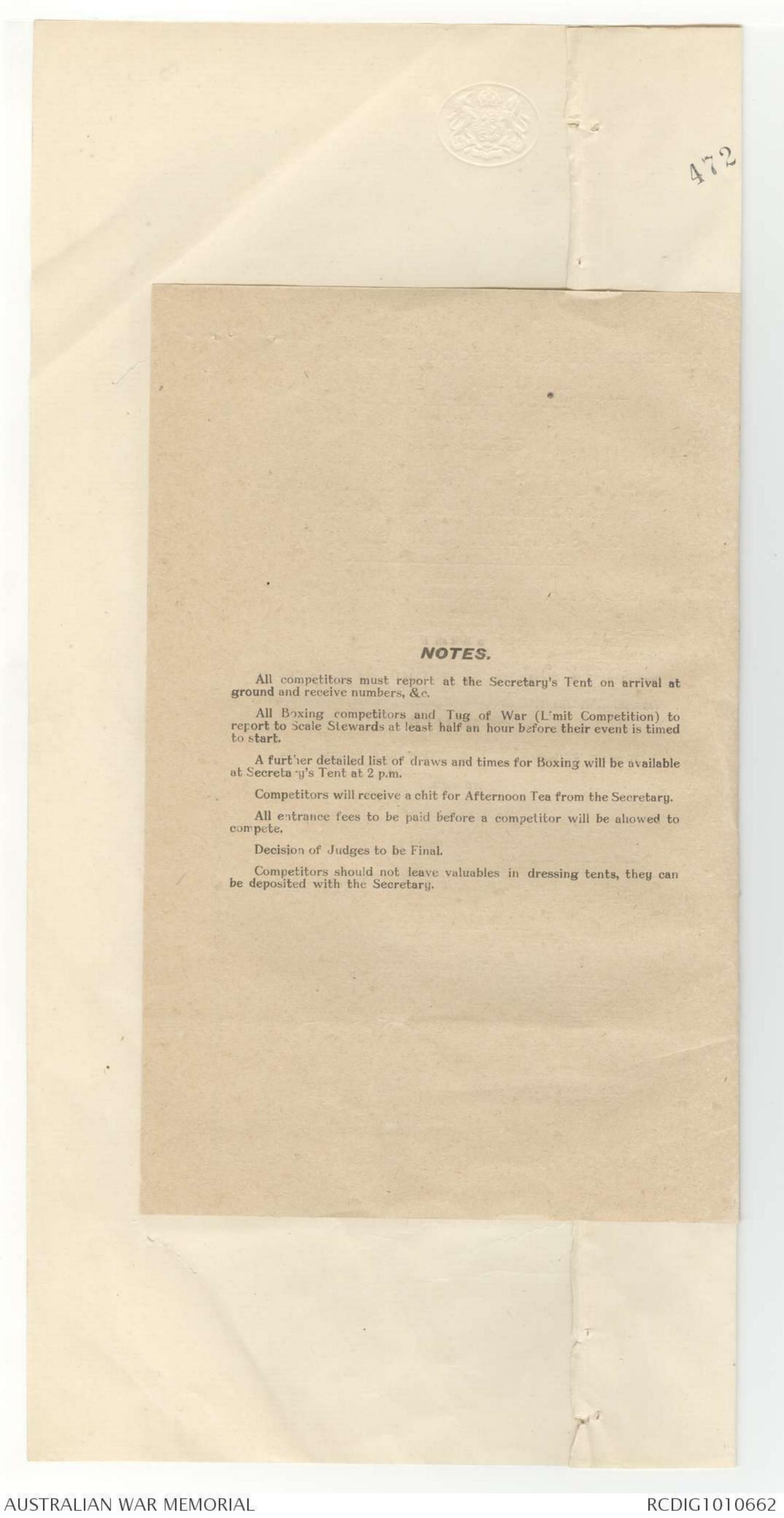
 This was the second death from Influenza within three weeks.
- On the 4th. July, the "Stars & Stripes" was flown besides the Commonwealth Flag outside Depot Headquarters,

Hurdcott. 15.8.18.

...Lt. Col. Commdt.

No. 4 COMMAND DEPOT.





BOXING.

Preliminary Boxing Contests to commence at 10 a.m.

LIGHT WEIGHT BOXING CONTESTS. 9 stone 9 lbs.

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SERIES 1.
                                      Driver McGuinness,
HEAT 1.—Private Campbell
                                     Digger Evans.
HEAT 2 .- Sapper McKay
                                 ByEs.-Rep. 1st T.B.
Byes .- Private Crowe.
                                         Private McLeod.
       Private McCallum.
                                         Private Hartney.
       Private Crouch.
                                         Private Peacock.
       Private Smith, H. W.
                                         Rep. 5th Irish Rifles.
       Private Lockward, W.
                                         Private Telford.
       Private Eugenie Billie.
                                         Gunner Dunkley.
       Private Gray.
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HEAT 2 .- Private Crouch
                                      Private Eugenie Billie.
HEAT 3.—Private Lockward
HEAT 4.—Private Gray
                                      Rep. 1st T.B.
HEAT 5 .- Private McLeod
                                     Private Hartney.
                                      Rep. 5th Irish Rifles.
HEAT 6.—Private Peacock
                                      Gunner Dunkley.
HEAT 7 .- Private Telford
                                      Winner Heat 2, Series 1.
HEAT 8.—Winner Heat 1, Series 1
                         SERIES 3.
HEAT 1 .- Winner Heat 1 Series 2
                               v. Winner Heat 2 Series 2
HEAT 2.- ., ,, 3 ,, ., v. ,, 4 ,, ,,
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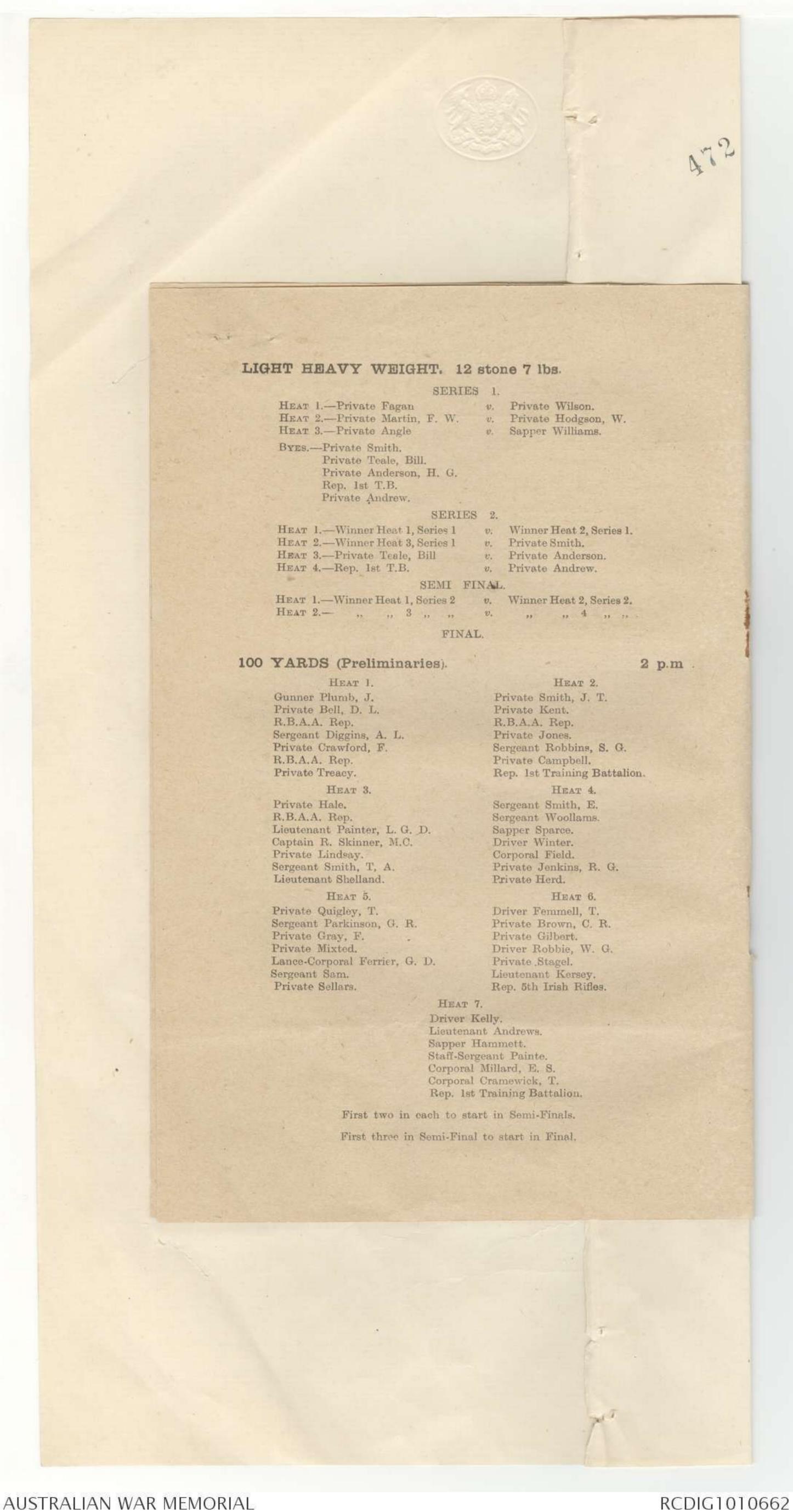
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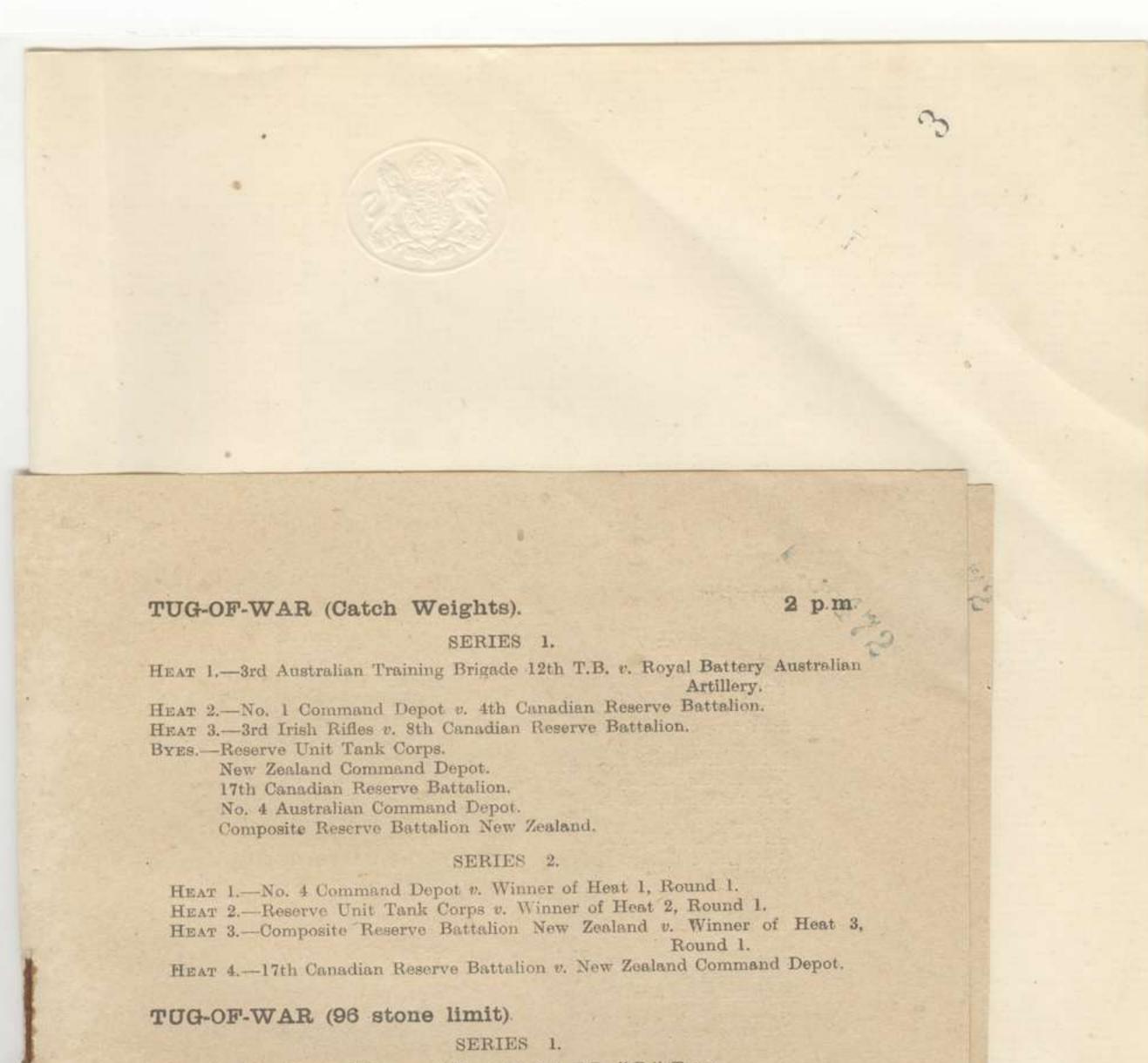
FINAL.

WELTER WEIGHT BOXING. 10 stone 7 lbs.

, SERIES 1. v. Private Grimm, J. HEAT 1 .- Private Morgan v. Private Bishop. HEAT 2.—Private McGuinness r. Rep. Ist T.B. HEAT 3.—Private Armstrong v. Private Hocking, Ernie. HEAT 4.—Rep. 5th Irish Rifles v. Private Tattersall. HEAT 5.—Private O'Donnell, H. v. Private Hunt, E. C. C. HEAT 6.—Private Harris, T. J. HEAT 7.—Gunner Plumb. J. Private Rutherford, N. ByE.—Sapper Young. SERIES 2. HEAT 1.—Sapper Young v. Winner Heat 1, Series 1. HEAT 2. - Winner Heat 2, Series 1 v. Winner Heat 3, Series 1. HEAT 3.- ,, 4 ., ., v. ,, 5 ,, ,, HEAT 4.- ,, ,, 6 v. ., ,, 7 ,, .. SEMI FINAL. HEAT 1 .- Winner Heat 1, Series 2 v. Winner Heat 2, Series 2.

HEAT 2.- ,, ,, 3 ,, ,, v. ,, 4 ,, ,,





HEAT 1.—New Zealand Command Depot v. 9th T.B. "B" Team. HEAT 2 .- 17th Canadian Reserve Battalion v. Bovington Camp. HEAT 3.—Royal Battery Australian Artillery v. Reserve Battery, R.F.A. HEAT 4.—No. 1 Command Depot, Australian v. 3rd Training Brigade 12th T.B.

HEAT 5 .- 4th Command Depot "B" Team v. Comp. Reserve Batt. New Zealand.

HEAT 6 .- Reserve Tank Corps v. 9th T.B. " A" Team.

BYES.-B.A.A.A. 1st Training Battalion.

SERIES 2.

HEAT 1.-Winner Heat 1 Series 1 v. Winner Heat 4 Series 1. HEAT 4.-B.A.A.A. v. 1st Training Battalion.

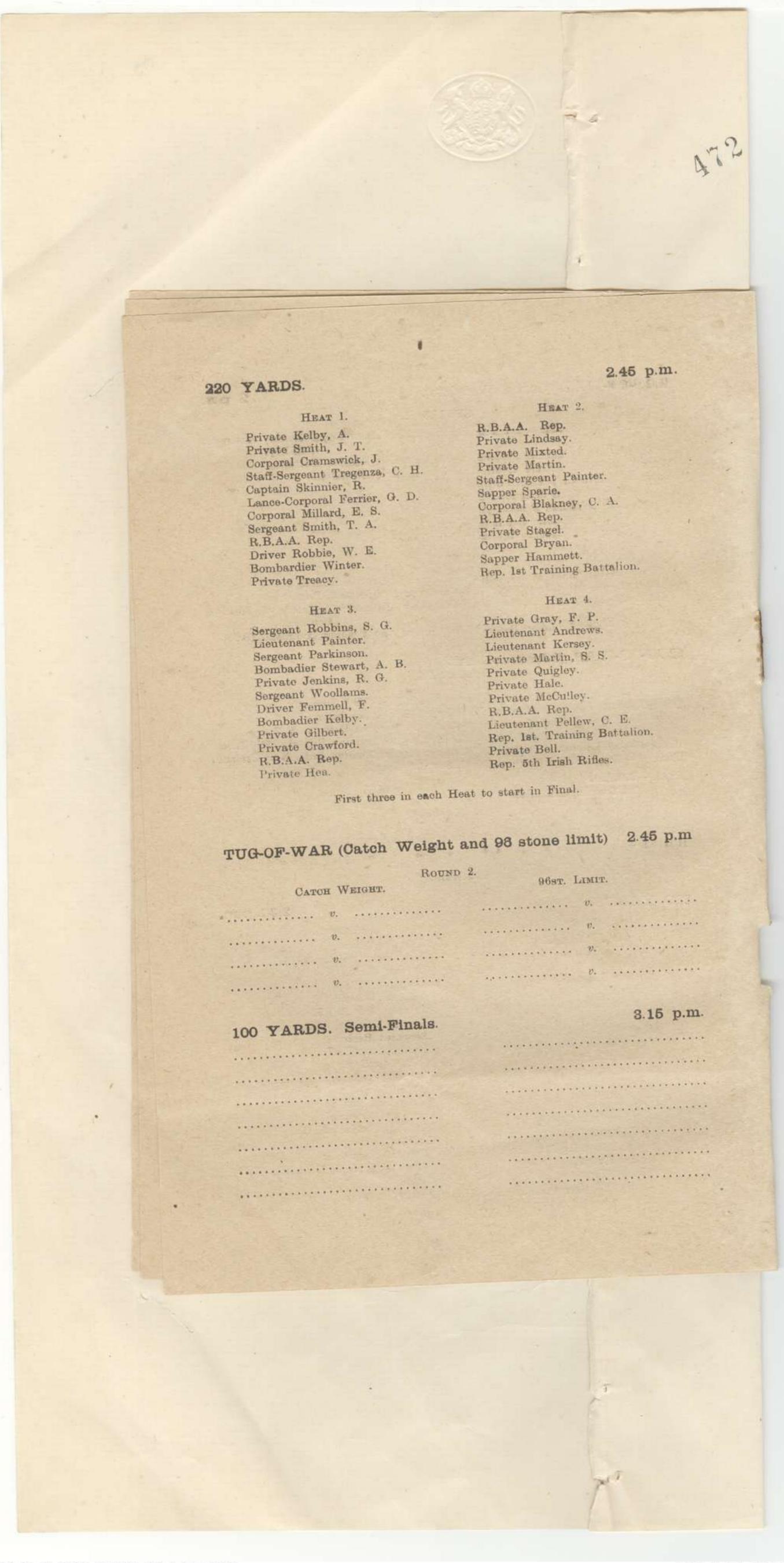
880 YARDS

HEAT 1. Private Jenkins, R. G. A./M. Rolph. Sergeant Sheen. Private Allitt, J. W. Corporal Blakney, C. A. Sergeant Luff, T. Private Martin. Corporal Nicholls, T. H. Major Kerby, E. T. J. Captain Edwards. Private Lamont. Private Riddle. Private Gilbert. A./M. Rogers. Private Vigers, E. M. Private Treacy. Rep. 1st Training Battalion. Gunner Kelly.

2.30 p.m.

HEAT 2. Private Curtiss. Lieutenant Seddon, G. H. Private Marks. Corporal Field. Private Wilson, M. J. H. Private Gray, F. P. Corporal Mason, Dan. Sergeant Reston. Driver Fennell, F. R.B.A.A. Rep. Bombadier Stewart, A. B. Sapper Bodman. Lance-Corporal Bates. Sapper O'Rorke. Sergeant Robins, S. G. Private Darling. Corporal Reynolds. Rep. 1st Training Battalion.

Private Worsnop. First Four in each Heat to start in Final.



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	TUG-OF-WAR. Semi-Finals.	3.30 p.m.	
	CATCH WEIGHTS.	96st. Limit.	
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	220 YARDS. Final.	3.45 p.m.	
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	AFTERNOON	TEA.	
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	THREE MILES OPEN CROSS OF		
1	1. 3rd Training Brigade (Australian)	Nos. 1 to 9	
	2. Composite Reserve (New Zealand) 3. No. 4 Command Depot (Australian)	Nos. 10 to 18 Nos 19 to 27	
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1	6. 2nd Training Brigade, Fovant	Nos. 46 to 54	
Jr.	7. A.I.F., Bovington Camp, Wareham 8. R.B.A.A. (Australian)	Nos. 55 to 63 Nos. 64 to 72	
172	9. 5th Irish Rifles 10. 1st Training Battalion	Nos. 73 to 81 Nos. 82 to 90	
	100 YARDS. Final.	4.50 p.m.	
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	TUG-OF-WAR. Finals.	5 p.m.	
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THE 4TH COMMAND DEPOT BAND

will play the following selections during the afternoon:-

MARCH		" Last Stand "		Middleton.
OVERTURE	***	"Gems of Columbia"		Rimmer.
WALTZ		"Spirit of Love"		Hartmann.
GRAND SELECT	TON	" Maritana "		Wallace.
OVERTURE		"Darkey's Dreamland"	***	Bidgood.
WALTZ		"Smiles and Tears"		Round.
SELECTION	***	"Faust"		Gounod.
MARCH		"Old Comrades"		Teike.

THE 4TH COMMAND STRING ORCHESTRA

will play the following selections during Afternoon Tea:-

MARCH		"Slap Bang"		Middleton.
RAG INTERMEZZO		"Handel Wakes"	***	Morrissey.
INCIDENTAL MUSIC	D	"Merchant of Venice"	***	F. Rosse.
BARCAROLLE		"Tales of Hoffmann"		Offenbach.
WALTZ		"Mirage D'Amour"		Meny.
SELECTION		"Bing Boys are Here"		Ayer.
FOX TROT	***	"Teddie"	v	Finck.

Conductor ... CAPT, H. H. STEVENS.

CONCERTS will be given at 8 p.m.,

as follows :--

No. 10 Camp ... MISS BLANCHE PADDEN'S PARTY.

No. 12 Camp ... MR. S. FITZGERALD'S HIGH JINKS PARTY.

