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Rotol ABC. (Amateur Boxing Club)

The Larry Manton mentioned in the latter part of this report was my uncle who was said to have fought at welterweight. At the time of the report he was a week from his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

## EXCITING BOXING AT TEWKESBURY

Held under the auspices of Rotol A.B.C., and organised by Mr. Maxie (Kid) Phillips, an Anglo-American boxing contest was held on the Tewkesbury Council School cricket ground on Saturday evening in aid of the Tewkesbury Hospital's funds.

Mr. Larry Cummings (Cheltenham) was the referee, and Lieut. N. L. Berger (U.S. Army) and Mr. F. W. Casey, of Tewkesbury, were the timekeepers. Sergt. Matia (U.S. Army) announced the contestants.

The programme opened with a three two-minute round contest between twins—Roy and Reg Fryer (of Rotol), a vigorous and evenly-matched bout, Roy winning on points.

D. Cowley (Gloucester B.C.) then beat J. White (Dowty's A.B.C.) in a contest of similar length by a narrow margin.

An exhibition display between Morris Martin (Gloucester A.B.C.) and Richie Shean (U.S.A.) was followed by a contest between Micky Cook (Rotol) and J. Beard (Dowty's), Cook being the winner.

A return match between Sgt. John Mattar (Port Arthur, Texas) and Pte. A. L. Lewis (New Orleans) resulted in Lewis winning by a very narrow margin.

Duggie Wright (Cheltenham) beat Larry Cowley (Gloucester) in a three two-minute round contest, and three 1½-minute rounds between two Rotol boys (R. Davis and S. Meek) were applauded, no decision being given.

A no-decision contest between Larry Manton (Rotol) and Dodwell (Dowty's) was succeeded by four two-minute rounds between D. Buchanan (Littledean) and Jim Jefferies (Ruspbridge), Buchanan being adjudged the winner.

The programme ended with a contest between R. Knight and P. Meek (both of Cinderford) which was stopped early in the first round, Knight being unable to continue.