

SOLDIERS ON WAY TO FRONT HOLD SPORTS CARNIVAL ON BOARD

Staff-sergeant R. A. Fetherston, the Balmain Rugby Union footballer, while in Egypt sent "Rambler" a few particulars of the amateur boxing championships held on the s.s. **Runic** which carried the 3rd Reinforcements.

"Though the contests did not start till 7 o'clock, the spectators used to take up their positions fully two hours earlier," he writes. "We rigged up a stadium on the forward well hatch. They were all splendid contests. The final results were:—

Boxing.—Heavy-weight: Berkis (Vic.) defeated "Bob" Goyen (Tas. Artillery). The winner is of Russian parentage and a beautiful model of a man. He is 42in around the chest normal measurement, and is a terrific hitter. Goyen, who was suffering from influenza on the night, received a hard blow in the solar-plexus, and the towel was thrown in. The loser was amateur champion of Tasmania in 1907, and a member of the crew which won the eight-oar championship on the Yarra last year. Middle-weight: Fred. House (Tas.) beat Sapper Geldhart (N.S.W.). House was amateur middle-weight champion of Tasmania in 1909, and runner-up for welter-weight championship of Australasia in 1909. He stroked the champion State eight in 1913. The bout was even for three rounds, but in the fourth (and final) term the Tasmanian did the better work. Geldhart—a novice—shaped well. Welter-weight: Malone (S.A.) won by forfeit from Tingay. Light-weight: Cpl. Inwood (S.A.) beat Sapper Sewart (S.A.). Feather-weight: Pte. Sebo (Vic.) beat Russell.

The wrestling events were held in two divisions, light and heavy. The former was won by J. Hadper, and the latter by Berkis. "Bull" Nicholls, the old Newtown Pastime Club boxer, was referee. We could not have had a better judge. His decisions were never questioned. In addition to F. House and R. Goyen, Clyde Williams and Allen Pitt, of the Tasmanian

Williams and Allen Pitt, of the Tasmanian eight-oar crew of 1914, are on board. The Tassies are the finest sports on the ship."
