

HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHTER PILOT

Fighter pilots are not hefty sized fellows as a rule. Cockpits are not built for heavyweights. But Flying Officer Peter Raw is a heavy weight, and in that class boxes on Wednesday night at an R.A.F. station near London for Fighter Command, South Eastern area team, against Anti-Aircraft Command.

Former Wellington schoolboy with a fine record at swimming and on the sports field, F/O Raw has won a number of heavyweight competitions at R.A.F. stations. He was an Army officer before becoming a pilot.

A few weeks ago he shot up and damaged five goods trains engines on a sweep over Belgium, and when he came back he said of one engine he attacked:- "Clouds of steam poured out of it as my cannon fire went home. I was pretty low and went through some telegraph wires. The sudden bump made me bang my head on the cockpit cover".

That bump has done him no harm, and he will take the ring against Gunner Kent in the only heavyweight fight of the dozen bouts to be staged.

The 'Gunnery' have two men who have the unique distinction of having won championships - Bombardier W. Martin (light heavy) and Sergt. E. Midgley (light) - a spot of cold comfort for their opponents.

Midgley faces A/C Callard, who has taken part in the A.B.A. championships, while the R.A.F. Sergt. Cotton is a middle weight inter-services runner-up.

L.A.C. George Feathers is a West Country champion, and Corporal Cleaver also in the R.A.F. side is a former schoolboy champion.

Gunner E. Quille, the Poly. amateur and younger brother of Tommy Quille, boxes for the A.A. men.