

WEIGHT-LIFTING AT THE CURRAGH.

In the Curragh weight-lifting championship, which took place at the Garrison Theatre, one of the best known competitors was Sergeant Doubleday, whose exploits as a wrestler in Ireland are too well known to need more than passing reference here. Doubleday won the middle-weight wrestling championship easily on several occasions. His performances in matches in Dublin and the north of Ireland created great interest and excitement, more especially when he opposed Allen. For the weight-lifting championship the Brothers Attila, who were performing in Dublin, officiated as referees.

Prizes were offered for the preliminary competitions among various regiments in the camp, and a gold medal was given as an emblem of the championship. Corporal Carr, who was one of the last three left in the competition, is the champion shot-putter and hammer thrower of the Army. The following qualified for the second series: Drummer Wilkinson (Royal North Lanes. Regiment), Pte. Miller (2nd Essex), Pte. Ebden (20th Hussars), Pte. Glynn (R.E.), Sgt. Doubleday (1st Royal Berks Reg.), and Corpl. Carr (1st Black Watch).

The trial test was double-handed lift from the ground to the shoulders, then once above the head, commencing at 150lb. and increasing 5lb. each lift. Ebden, Doubleday and Carr lifted 180lb., 185lb. beat Carr, and 210lb. won for Ebden the gold medal and the championship.