

We do not know the condition of the coronary arteries and the brain blood vessels.

The causes of natural death were:

- 15 ischaemic heart disease
- 1 cerebral haemorrhage
- 2 lung infections and pneumonia
- 3 malignant tumours
- 1 cirrhosis of the liver
- 1 meningitis

The average age of those dying from natural causes was 62.

The small number of ex-boxers who had died a natural death (15 altogether) does not allow us to draw any meaningful conclusions in the present preliminary communication. More data are needed. We expect to supply ampler information about this topic in the future. The present preliminary analysis of ours only documents, for the time being, that in life span, ex-boxers did not essentially differ from the remaining male population. No difference has been found in the causes of death, either.

Roberts reporting on 243 ex-professional boxers found evidence of "brain damage" in 17%. The findings and neurological lesions were no different on percentage from men who had not boxed, *and* from women.

ANNOTATION

INJURIES SUSTAINED AT THE 1ST WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS, HAVANA, CUBA

August 17-30, 1974

258 Boxers – 252 Bouts

There were 19 K'Os. Only three were unconscious: two minutes, one minute and three minutes. The latter was removed to hospital. Detained overnight; no complications. E.E.G. normal.

There were 14 bouts stopped with cuts around the eyes (6 sutured).

There were 13 small cuts (bouts not stopped). There were 5 haematomata – not stopped. There was one fractured nose; no complications. There were two abrasions; not stopped. One fractured clavicle. Two fractured metacarpals.

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