

TO THE EDITOR

THE ANNIVERSARY OF YPRES

Editor, News-Chronicle—I am surprised at the means the War Veterans are taking of Commemorating the Fourth Anniversary of the battle of St. Julien which took place June 24, 1919, when the Eighth Battalion, "Little Black Devils" were decimated. No. 13 platoon, all Port Arthur men, were practically wiped out. We have for the past three years had a commemoration service on a Sunday nearest the date but this year the entertainment committee (a committee of one I hear) thinks a boxing bout or a wrestling match a better dish to dish up than a service for our fallen comrades. I consider it is an insult to their memory and to the many relatives of those who fell on these four days. I hope the association will take steps to prevent such a blunder happening again. They could have a chart on the club room walls showing the battles where the Canadian fought and keep these days sacred to the memory of their fallen comrades.

A DISGUSTED VETERAN

Port Arthur, April 21, 1919.