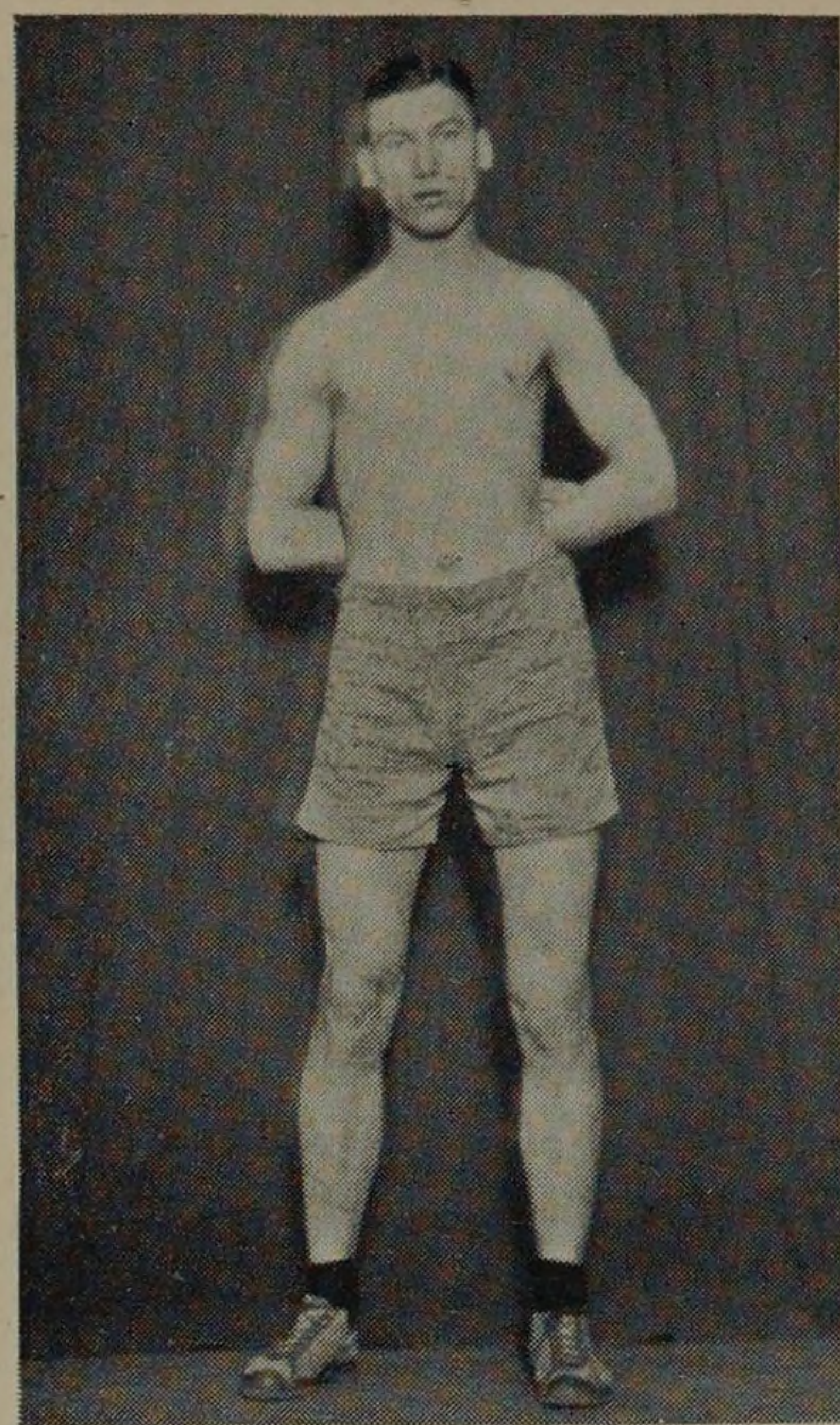




COACH JOE SMITH

BOXING
AND
WRESTLING
1927-28



CAPT. VERNET V. POUPITCH

JOE SMITH	Coach
VERNET V. POUPITCH	Captain
WALTER C. HEALY	Manager

Armour Tech's boxing squad completed a very enthusiastic season. Despite the difficulty experienced in overcoming the obstacles to training imposed by a heavy schedule of tough studies, they managed to get hardened up and become proficient artists of the "squared ring." The success of the team can be traced directly to the able and untiring efforts of its coach, Joe Smith, who trained them night after night and put them in the position among Armour's athletes which they now enjoy.

The best add for Joe's methods walks around in the person of Vern Poupitch, our "diminutive" captain. Vern has the unique and disturbing habit of putting his man in the hospital after a little bantering inside the ropes. That is, the unique thrill goes to the crowd,—the disturbing one to "the man".

Although the team lost the only two regular scheduled meets, still the season can be called successful, as interest in the sport ran high all season, and a large squad could be found each night working with Coach Smith in the gym.

Boxing is a comparatively new sport at Armour and as such, had to have its start. The Tunney-Dempsey match held here in Chicago gave the necessary



REIF DEMONSTRATES A "LEWIS"
ON SHOAN