The “Left Hook Did It” Says Marciano

W.I. Boxing Reminiscences—JOE RALPH

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The West Indies have always been the home of boxing and to the West Indian fighter itself, boxing is almost a way of life. The antecedents of the West Indies boxing fighter can be traced back to the days of the British Empire when many of the black men were employed as sailors and soldiers. These men often fought in the ring to make ends meet and their skills were often put to the test in street fights.

One such man who is remembered in the history of West Indian boxing is a little Dutch boy. His face had a generous nose and broad lips and he was known for his superstitious nature. His name was Terror and after reading, the stoic Terror went back to British affairs.

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