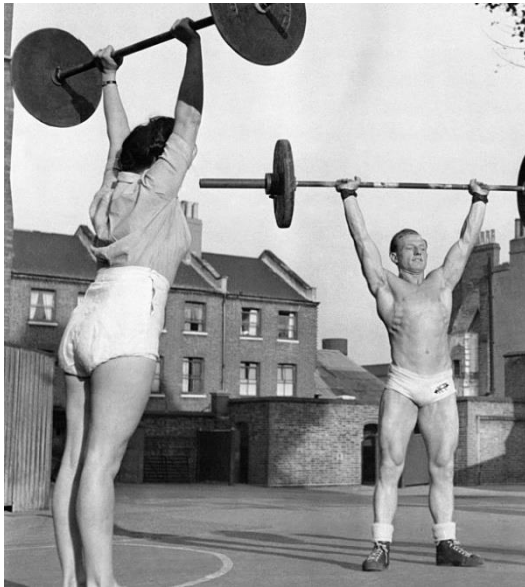




Ernie Peppiat

European Champion



Ernie Peppiat was a European Weightlifting Champion and GB International during the late 40s.

Having served in the Royal Navy during World War II, Ernie Peppiatt resumed his weightlifting career after the hostilities, and won the British middleweight title in 1945.

He competed in the 1948 London Olympics, finishing fifteenth, and the following year won the middleweight gold medal at the European Championships.

He also competed in the 1949 World Championships but failed to medal and at the 1950 British Empire Games, was forced to pull out after two lifts because of a shoulder injury he received while training for the Games.

Peppiatt was a member of the Kentish Town Weightlifting Club, one of the leading clubs in Britain at the time, and he eventually became a coach there.

He helped coach the England squad at the 1962 Commonwealth Games and was part of the Great Britain backroom staff for the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo.

His daughter Janet showed promise as a lifter at the age of three, when she lifted 15lb (6.8kg). Peppiatt later emigrated to New Zealand, where he died in 1979.