



very well known to
personality returned to
Forest of Dean this week to
capture some of the
memories of over 40 years
ago.

He is Mr. Harvey Blanch,
the one-time boxing cham-
pion of the area, who is stay-
ing with his friends at the
Courtfield Arms Hotel, at
Lydbrook. Although Mr.
Blanch had over 300 con-
tests, which took place
largely around Hereford,
Ross, and the Forest of
Dean, he was never once
counted out.

He is seen here showing
his friends the Oswestry
Championship Belt he won
in 1917 when boxing for the
Herefordshire Regiment. In
the picture are (left to
right): Mr. Blanch; Mr. C. C.
Rowell, his friend from Here-
fordshire; Mr. M. Watkins,
and Mr. C. Mason, both from