

Italy Soldiers Still Sport Medals From World War II

Rome—(U.P.)—Italian soldiers, sailors and airmen still sport proudly the medals and campaign ribbons earned in World War II battles against the Americans, English and French.

The three highest awards carry yearly cash premiums, at present such a pittance that the Italian parliament decided to boost them. Many of the medals are worn side-by-side with decorations awarded by the Americans, English and French, after Italy changed sides and joined the allies.

SPORTS

Houbregs Slips In Percentage

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Lanky Bob Houbregs of Washington maintained his commanding lead in Northern division basketball scoring but slipped to second place behind Oregon's Ken Wegner in shooting percentage. Pacific Coast conference statistics revealed Thursday.

Wegner has scored 21 of 45 floor shots for a 46.7 per cent average, compared to Houbregs' 80 field goals in 175 attempts, or 45.7 per cent average. Houbregs has tallied 59 free throws for a total of 219 points in 11 games, or 19.9 points.

Aims at Record

Behind Houbregs are teammates Frank Gulsness, 14.3 points; Ken Hunt, Oregon, 13.1; Danny Johnson, Oregon State, 12.4, and Hartley Kruger, Idaho, 11.9.

Washington meets Washington State in a two-game series this week-end and Houbregs will be shooting for the Northern division scoring record of 265 points set by the Huskies' Jack Nichols in 1948.

Baseball Briefs

Boyes Hot Springs, Calif.—(U.P.)—Oakland's A's of the Pacific Coast league played the first intersquad game of their spring training schedule Thursday.

Manager Mel Ott said that his new infielder, Hank Schenz, bought from the New York Giants during the winter, will "settle our second base problem."

NEW BAT

Sacramento, Calif.—(U.P.)—Sacramento's Solons hoped Thursday that a new type bat will settle their hitting problems.

The bat, introduced by George Schulz, of El Dorado, Calif., has a rubber handle which is wrapped in leather. He said the new club will propel the ball farther than the ordinary hickory handle.

FIRST BATTING

Fullerton, Calif.—(U.P.)—The Los Angeles Angels held their first batting practice of the new season Thursday with six pitchers testing their arms.

Manager Stan Hack put Dewey Adkins, Herm Besse, Joe Meyers, Bill Moisan, Eddie Chandler and Dom Contreras on the mound for the drill.

BATTERY ADDED

Anaheim, Calif.—(U.P.)—The Hollywood Stars added a new battery to their PCL machine Thursday.

Catcher Dick Lopenan and pitcher Dick Mordido joined the squad Wednesday. Lopenan played for Modesto of the California League last year, and Mordido, a righthander, is from Vallejo.

POUNDS MELTED

Riverside, Calif.—(U.P.)—Pitchers Marino Pieretti and Red Adams were still among the missing Thursday as the Portland Beavers melted off excess pounds under a warm sun.

Manager Clay Hopper drilled his batterymen for three hours Wednesday, and pitcher Adolph Satalich slammed a ball over the left field wall. Bill Cleveland, up from Tucson, also stood out in batting practice.

TALK THINGS OVER

Ontario, Calif.—(U.P.)—Hold-outs Lou Klein and Jack Salvenson arrive here Thursday to talk things over with San Diego Padre President Bill Starr.

Klein, a second baseman, and Salvenson, one of the PCL's top hurlers, are Padres' major unsigned players, along with pitcher Guy Fletcher.

SETS NEW MARK

Eugene—(U.P.)—Gordon Edwards, University of Oregon swim star, established a new Northern division 440-yard freestyle record here Wednesday night as his Oregon swimming mates downed Oregon State, 61-23. Edwards' new standard of 4:44.6 clipped a full four seconds off the old record set by Washington's Jack Medica in 1934.



KEY WITNESS against 15 Communist party leaders on trial in Los Angeles is John Lautner, 50, former high Red functionary in New York. (International)

Girl, 9, Completes Unescorted Plane Trip Around World

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—The flight around the world by Elizabeth Bean, 9, was all over but the telling Thursday.

Like any girl, Elizabeth, one of the youngest unescorted world travelers, was eager to tell her friends and her teacher of the flight which was a Christmas present from her father and her mother.

Elizabeth will see her public school fifth grade classmates Monday for the first time since December 15, when the flight began.

"I got lonesome for my teacher and the other kids," she admitted.

She had a joyous reunion with her parents and her pet collie, Dannie, Wednesday.

Getting Home Best Part "It was a fine trip, but this is the best part, getting home to Mom and Dad and Dannie," the little girl said when she stepped from an airliner and raced into her mother's arms.

"I think Elizabeth missed Dannie most of all," said the girl's father, L. H. Bean, an insurance man.

Elizabeth arrived in Los Angeles early Wednesday after a flight from Honolulu.

Then came the last leg of the flight—the longest—back home to Kansas City.

Russian Bombers 'Standing Ready' In Siberian Arctic

Denver—(U.P.)—Soviet bombers capable of attacking United States cities are "standing ready" at air bases along the Siberian Arctic, the nation's air defense commander warns.

Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw, head of the Air Defense command, said in an address here Wednesday that "no power on earth—except vigilance—can thwart a determined marauder from over the Pole."

Speaking to members of the Kiwanis International, Chidlaw said that "we are in a dangerous position."

"Here are the harsh realities we must face," he said. "There are... at this instant... long-range bombers standing ready at Soviet air bases along the Siberian Arctic, which are capable of bombing our cities. When we realize the great number of American lives that these bombers could destroy, the urgency of the problem confronts us with all its force."

"That the enemy possesses this capacity, we know. We also know that there are two concrete factors which stand in his way. One is the dread of American retaliation. The other is the Air Defense command."

Potato Ceiling To Save Buyers \$338,000

Portland—(U.P.)—Carl C. Donough, Portland district OPS director, said Thursday potato price ceilings would save Oregon consumers an estimated \$338,000 this season.

The 1½ cent a pound rollback effective Jan. 28 would amount to that much on the estimated consumption between then and June 1, the end of the current crop season.

Donough also said the OPS was cutting down the grocer's paperwork by dropping a rule requiring reports of "current percentage markups higher than those for the base period."

The OPS will get the information from trades sources after the reports are discontinued March 3, he added.

St. James's Palace, official seat of the British court, stands on the one-time site of a hospital for 14 "madness that were leprosy," mentioned in British history of the year 1100.

Musk oxen are equipped admirably for polar life. They have an outer coat of long, coarse dark brown to black hair and a warm undercoating of wool that is shed every spring.

Great Virgil Loses Props in Australia

Auckland, N. Z.—(U.P.)—The great Virgil, an American magician, needed a new hatful of birds today to put on his show. When the magician arrived here aboard the liner Aorangi, government inspectors killed his four canaries, six ducks, 10 doves and one bantam hen under a law banning the importation of poultry from the U. S.

Canada Planning No Aid From U.S. In Battling Disease

Washington—(U.P.)—Canada does not plan to ask the United States for any aid in combatting its outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the cattle herds of Saskatchewan province, it was learned Thursday.

Officials at the Canadian embassy here said their government feels it is able to handle the outbreak effectively without direct financial aid from the United States. They pointed out that Canada is better equipped than this country's southern neighbor, Mexico, to wage war on the infectious virus.

Animals Being Killed

Canada already has begun killing infected animals. U. S. Agriculture department officials said the Canadian eradication program will be conducted along the same lines as the one carried on by a joint U. S.-Mexican commission.

This country has been cooperating with the Mexican government in fighting hoof and mouth disease there for the past five years. During that time the United States has spent about \$122 million and helped slaughter about 1 million animals.

Embargo Indefinite

There is no way of estimating how long the U. S. embargo against Canadian meat and cattle will last, officials said. Law prohibits such imports from any country having the disease until it has been wiped out. The virus has been known to stay alive in hay and straw for as long as 345 days.

Mystery Remedy Stops Hiccup Siege

Hagerstown, Md.—(U.P.)—Samuel W. Sowers, 84-year-old real estate agent, was fully recovered Thursday from a four-day attack of hiccups, but he wasn't quite sure what to do if the same trouble started again.

Sowers said he tried so many remedies that he couldn't remember which one stopped his hiccups.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Mulino Veteran VFW Candidate To Receive Free Farm

Portland—(U.P.)—Robert O. Berger, 33, Mulino, is Oregon's candidate to receive an 80-acre, \$60,000 irrigated farm in the Columbia Basin project near Moses Lake, Wash.

W. J. Ashworth, state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, announced Berger's selection. Oregon's entrant, along with those from other states, will be considered by a national VFW committee which will pick the winner of the completely-equipped farm. The award will be made May 29 during celebration of the initial delivery of water to the 1,000,000-acre eastern Washington project.

Berger, a World War II veteran, is married and has one son. He majored in agriculture at Oregon State college and was released from military service to take over the family farm when his father died in 1945.

Formosa Youth Killed For Harboring Reds

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—The Chinese Nationalists Thursday executed a 15-year-old Formosan boy convicted of harboring arm-

ed Communist underground agents.

An official release said Chang Hsin-Lo was found guilty by a federal court of belonging to a native Communist spy ring which was smashed months ago.

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