

HARRIS EXPLAINS LUDY'S TROUBLE

BELATED LETTERS TELL OF RACE

Another belated letter has arrived from W. W. Harris, Jr., of the American swimming team now in Antwerp, which tells of the final trials in Chicago early in July and explains the condition of Ludy Langer for the mile race.

"Friday night we all went to bed early and woke up feeling fine. That is, everybody but Ludy," writes Harris. "He woke up feeling all right, but after he had seen the doctor he didn't feel very good. This is how it all came about:

"That tank at the I. A. C. is about 12 feet deep at the deep end, but they only fill it all up when they are to have races, and at other times leave it two-thirds full. What I mean is that the water level is five to six feet below the floor level.

"Well, Ludy dove in one day and went a little sideways and the water hit him right in the ear and broke his ear drum. Saturday morning after he had seen the doctor two or three times he was told that he should not go in the water.

The Question

"Well, Ludy did not know what to do, and finally decided that he would go in the mile and make a place and he would be all right for the team. In the mile there were 17 entered. It was a pretty race all the way through. Ludy and Bolden jockeyed back and forth all the time, and if it had not been for that bad ear Ludy I feel sure would have won. Bolden beat him by about six inches. Ludy got second place and Kahele of the Great Lakes

Naval Training school got third. Geibel of New York was fourth. Bolden's time was 25:26, while Ludy's was 25:26.4, so you can see how close they were.

"There were 32 entries in the 440 yard race, but only 10 showed up at the starting board. There were Ross, Wallen, C. Browne, Leo Geibel, Pua, myself and four or five others. Ross made one false start and had to come back. The next time we all got away together. Ross led at the first turn. Pua was second and Wallen third. At the 200 meter turn Pua led, with Ross second, Wallen third, Geibel fourth and myself fifth. At the 300 meter turn with 110 yards to go, everybody was about the same. Right there I realized it was time to go. First I passed Geibel, then Wallen. At 400 yards I passed Pua and at the finish I was 16 feet behind Ross. Time 5:40.2.

"Slow, what? Believe me, Mike, that 440 was covered in about 5:20 at least if not better, but as I told you before, the currents in the lagoon go forward and backward and sideways, so you cannot tell. Pua was two yards behind me and Wallen was five yards behind Pua."

BOWLERS OFF FRIDAY

The Oahu bowling team consisting of Messrs. Slater, Ham, Hall, Truesdell and Jordan leaves here Friday night for Maui to take part in a bowling tourney on the Valley Isle.