

# On This Date

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It all starts on **November 6, 1942.**

After losing starting shortstop Eddie Pellagrini to the Boston Red Sox, the Pacific Coast League's San Diego Padres purchase shortstop Sal Madrid and pitcher Charles Eisenmann from Yakima of the Western International League.

Within weeks of his purchase, Madrid enlists in the Army forcing the Padres to acquire Joe Gedzius, who is coming off a .301 season with the Spokane Indians. Unfortunately for the Padres, Gedzius is drafted into the military forcing San Diego to continue its quest to replace Pellagrini by signing 31-year-old Jack Calvey (right), who is managing Vega Aircraft, a semipro team in Los Angeles after being released by the Hollywood Stars.

Calvey more than adequately fills the hole left by the departing Pellagrini, hitting .281 for the Padres in 1942 and is the team's starting shortstop for the next three seasons.

On December 1, 1944, San Diego trades Calvey to the Sacramento Salons for utility infielder Jack Angle, and like others before him, Angle is drafted into the military and misses the entire 1945 season. Calvey tells the Salons that he would like to remain in the capital city despite the trade being voided.

Calvey plays two seasons for the Salons and is released at the end of the 1946 season after committing a league-high 57 errors and hitting a career-low .205.

