

CXLVI; *The taking of Piombino and of Portolongone, 1646.*

The French were forced to raise the siege of Orbitelle; but soon repaired this species of defeat by the taking of the above named towns. Piombino was taken in two days, and after eighteen days of a strong siege Portolongone fell. The The Marshals de la Meillerage and du Plessis defended the city.

XXIII. MEDAL.—TAKING OF THIRTEEN CITIES, on this medal Mars appears carrying a rod to which hangs several mural crowns. Legend, MARS EXPUGNATOR. meaning *Mars taker of the cities.* In Exergue; XIII URBES AUT ARCES CAPTÆ, MDCXLVI. *Thirteen cities or fortresses taken, 1646.*

In Flanders the Duke of Orleans took Courtray, Bergues, Saint Vinox, and retook Mardik. After this Condé took command and he occupied at once Furnes, and captured in thirteen days Dunkergue. In Lorraine, the Marquis of Ferte took the town and castle of Longwy, Turenne in Germany became master of Schorndorff in Wirtemberg, of Seelingstal, of Aschaffenburg on the Mein, of Landsberg on the Lech and of Lauinghen on the Danube. Marshals Plessis and Meilleraye lost Piombino and Portolongone in Italy. Such were the sieges in honor of which this medal was struck.

XXIV. MEDAL.—THE TAKING OF XI CITIES. Here we see a chariot loaded with trophies and victories placing a crown upon them all. Legend, DIVERS OEX HOSTE; that is *France triumphant over divers foes.* In Exergue, XI URBES AUT ARCES CAPTÆ MDCXLVII. *Eleven cities or fortresses, taken, 1647.*

Turenne took during this year, Bicligen, the castle of Tubinge, Steinheim, Germersheim, Hochst, Darmstat and two other towns. In Flanders Marshal Rantzau took Dixmude and Bassee. And in September, after eight days siege Lens fell.