

BATTING AVERAGES AND COMMENTS.

EDDIE BELL hit the ball for the fine batting average of 420 in 20 games, and was also the leading run-getter, accumulating 31 tallies. There were very few flaws in his fielding at the difficult corner, and in his base running he was beginning to emulate the illustrious Ty. Cobb.

JORDAN, the demon transport slugger, nicked the high record of 462, and while this was only for three games, he shapes up like a man that would keep up this tremendous clip. He led the Battalion indoor team in hitting. This man is a fine prospect, very fast on the hoof, and a nice arm.

Old Sure Shot KNISELY, who was the reliable pad artist of the Champion 3rd Divisional Team in 1917, has been catching all games this year with the same inimitable grace as of yore. His throwing has been handicapped by a swollen and inflamed digit on his starboard hand. It has not affected his batting ability, though, as a 388 percentage testifies, and most of them extra base hits.

If there are any better first sackers in France or England than handsome big BILL FRAME, we would like to see them. There is only one fauna known to baseball scientists that has anything on the great Bill, and that is the Hal Chases. Bill has played 19 games with only one boot, and the bad throws that he spears with the ease and grace of a master are a source of delight to the fans.

Swatsmith Sgt. IKE NELSON, from Grande Prairie, Canada, is again cavorting around left field. Many months in the trenches have slowed his feet up a bit, but they have failed to dim the old batting eye or diminish the force of that home-run swing. He still cracks them on a line and rides them through the in-field.

NAIRN at second base has made some strides in the fielding line, and is a much-improved player over last season. He must needs acquire more speed on his feet. His batting has been all to the merry, 323 for 20 games.

Pinch-hitter WEIR has won some 9th inning rallies for us this year, and has cracked the apple for the scrumptious average of 363. This "yah" man is a ram-bunctious hittah, and dat's a fact, mistah.

Deerfoot DANCLOCKS is a bud about ready to bloom. A little more practice and experience and you can't keep him off any ball

team. With his speed he will make a run-getting "fuel."

And who do you think is our best fielding out-fielder? There is no doubt of it right now.

It is KITTY SKITCH, and he is a good all-round ball player, plays a nifty game at short for the indoor team, and wants to quit pulling away from the plate when at bat. If he could persuade his great contemporary the handsome Bill Frame to forgo the same habit, he would confer further rewards, not to mention emoluments, on the 49th Battalion.

Sgt. ENGLISH has filled the role of utility player par excellence. He can catch or play first base splendidly, is fast on his feet, and a dangerous man at the bat.

CHADWICK is another out-fielder who has rapped out quite a few base hits in the games in which he has played. He is a conscientious worker, too.

The crowd has evidently got the goat of young ARMY MAILHIOT. He must learn to forget their remarks. Shortstops are bound to make more errors than any man on the team.

BALL will make a good in-fielder if he sticks right with it and cuts out the pitching.

MIDGET PILKIE is reported to have added a spitter to his repertoire of pitching goods, and Dame Rumour is also responsible for the news that

"Shoeless" BOODY, the port sider, has acquired some control of the elusive knuckle ball.

Keep your eye on RUBE PATTON. Enthusiasm and purpose are necessary requisites to achieve success in any line.

Here are the batting averages:—

	At bat.	Runs.	Hits.	Per cent.
Jordan	13	2	6	462
Bell	69	31	29	420
Knisely.....	62	14	24	388
Chadwick	31	12	12	387
Sgt. English	19	5	7	368
Weir	38	13	14	363
Sgt. Nelson.....	71	18	23	324
Nairn	65	20	21	323
Patton	22	5	7	318
Boody	7	3	2	285
Dancocks	51	12	14	275
Skitch	33	12	9	273
Frame	76	17	20	258
Pilkie	22	2	5	227
Jarvis	19	4	4	211
Sgt. Anderson.....	5	2	1	200
Mailhiot	39	8	7	154
Ball	19	0	2	105