

## BENNIE KAUFF

WHEN Benny Kauff first broke into the National League, he was press-agented half to death, and was charged with the wildest, most egotistical remarks imaginable—all bunk, for the little fellow never said them. He was represented as saying that he would make Ty Cobb's batting average look sick, and that he, Benja Kauff, would show them all what a batsman, baserunner, and center-fielder really ought to be. All guff, for Benja never said one word of it.

Supposing, now that Benja is a soldier, that the same old press-agents should get busy again—imagine this sort of an alleged interview coming from Private Kauff.

"Well, it's a good thing for the world that I'm in this war. I'll end it blimed sudden, get me? All I'll have to do will be to step in there and start for Berlin. Believe me, they'll run like rabbits when they see little Benny after them! Talk about Napoleon! That bird hit .449 in the world's series a hundred years ago, didn't he? Huh! I'm going to hit ONE THOUSAND, get me, one thousand! Every time I go out for a fight, I'll come back driving 597 prisoners ahead of me. If I meet a German regiment of 3,000 men, I'll kill 2,999. I'm modest enough to admit that one guy might get away while I was finishing the others. You can bet your life that they'll be glad they sent for me to finish this war. They'd ought to done it long ago. You know where I'm going to keep the Kaiser when I catch him? Well, I'm going to make him tend the furnace up home, that's what I'll do with him. That is, if he surrenders peaceable—if he don't I'll stick him with this bayonet—get me?"

And what little Benja really says: "I'm here, and I'm glad I'm here. Here's where every fellow that's fit and able ought to be. Don't worry about me—I'll get along somehow and do the best I can!"



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