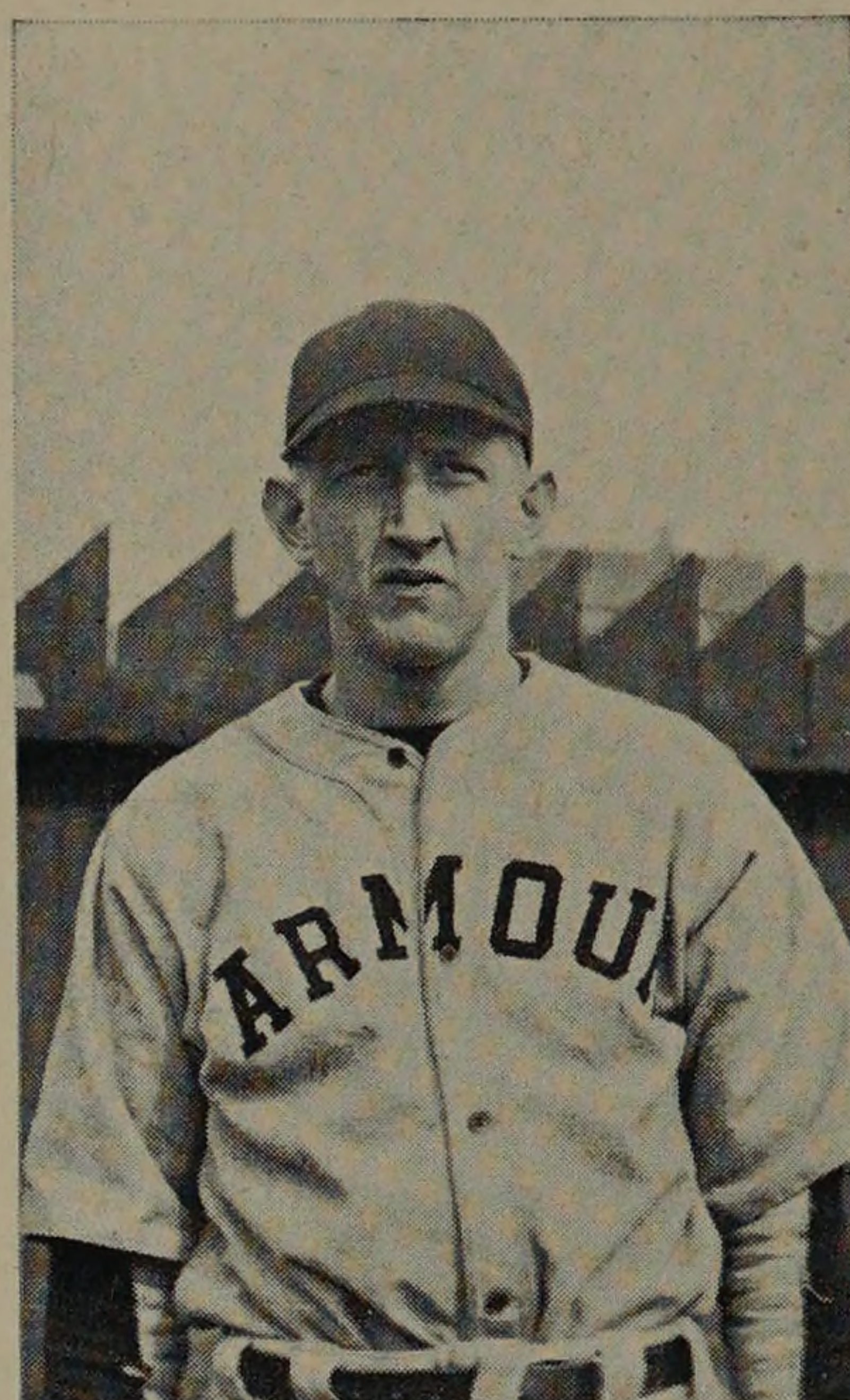


COACH WILLIAM C. KRAFFT

BASEBALL

1927



CAPT. VICTOR G. HOFER

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EDWIN H. MADDEN

Manager

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Assistant Manager

Although only a few letter men remained from last year, Coach Krafft again moulded a strong team together using the veteran battery of Alexander and Captain Hofer as a nucleus, and succeeded in winning nine games and losing but four. Athletic Director Schommer and several others made the assertion that it was the best team in fifteen years. The material at the start of the season was mediocre and Coach Krafft is to be commended for presenting "Tech" with a winning combination.

Much of the teams success was due to the pitching of Alexander and Simpson and the catching of the veteran Vic Hofer, as these men bore the brunt of the work all season.

Simpson proved to be the real find of the season. His one hit game against Northwestern College of Watertown, Wis., was a masterful exhibition of nerve and skill. He came near duplicating this feat on several other occasions. Alexander pitched several fine games, his best one being against Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti, where their great team was held to a 4-0 score. The score does not tell the true story of the game, as errors afield contributed largely to the "Tech" defeat. Kuffel acted in the capacity of relief man and could be relied on in the pinches. The rest of the team was composed of underclassmen, with the exception of Jennings who was a letterman from the year before.

The season was opened at Armour with Crane College as our opponents. Alexander pitched this game and turned in a neat 5-4 win. This gave the team a world of confidence and hope for a good season. Concordia, the next on the schedule, emerged with an 11-6 win. Instead of lowering the spirits of the players it only made them work all the harder, and when Lake Forest came down for their