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Born on November 12, 1900, in Independence, Missouri, Herman G. Merritt has an impressive four-week rookie debut with the Detroit Tigers at the end of the 1921 season. Over a 20-game span from August 24th to October 2nd, the 20-year-old shortstop has problems in the field, making six errors in 17 games, but hits .370 with a double, two triples and one stolen base.

"Merritt pleased the managerial eye, likewise most of the critics who looked at the Tigers last week."

- The Sporting News



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Signed off the roster of the Greybull Bisons of Wyoming's semipro Midwest League the previous summer as a pitcher/infielder, Merritt is farmed out to the Augusta (Ga.) Tygers for the start of the 1922 season. After opening the season with eight hits in 16 at bats (.500) in the first four games of the season, Merritt is driving back to Augusta on April 23, when he and four of his teammates are involved in an automobile accident 15 miles south of Greenville, South Carolina. Merritt's career comes to a too-soon ending when it is determined that he has severely fractured his spine.

Merritt passes away on May 26, 1927, from acute nephritis caused in part by the spinal injury.