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ALBERT E. HANDLEY COLLECTION 1898–1902

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box of photographs
COLLECTION DATES:	1898–1902
PROVENANCE:	Gifts from Agnes M. Handley Henry of Greenwood, Indiana (daughter of Albert E. Handley)
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Albert Handley Papers, 20 August 1898 (OM 0267)

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NOTES: *See also:* W.E. Biederwolf, *History of the One Hundred and Sixty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry* (General Collection: [E726.I3 B5 1899](#)); Bock Brothers Collection (P 0276); Harry H. Huey Photographs of the Spanish-American War (P 0277); Spanish-American War and Philippine-American War Collection (P 0480); Henry F. Goedecke Philippine-American War Diary (SC 2764)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Albert E. Handley was born 23 May 1864 in Ohio. The 1870 census for Union County, Indiana, lists him as the seventh of eight children of Even J. and Margaret J. Handley. Given the birthplaces of all the children, it appears that the family moved back and forth between Indiana and Ohio in the 1850s and 1860s.

Albert E. Handley enlisted in the 161st Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company F, which served in Florida, Georgia, and Cuba, during the Spanish–American War. He was promoted to corporal on 20 August 1898 by Colonel Winfield T. Durbin while the regiment was in Florida. In Biederwolf's *History of the One Hundred and Sixty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry*, he is listed as a painter from College Corner, Ohio.

Handley was also a member of the 14th Infantry, Company A, in the Philippines and in Fort Brady, Michigan. He contracted malaria and developed heart problems while in the Philippines. The 14th Infantry's service in the Philippines ended in November 1899; the regiment was then reassigned to Fort Brady and Fort Wayne, Michigan.

The 1910 census for Wayne County, Indiana, lists Albert living in Richmond as head of a household that included his wife, Edith M., their one-year-old son, Claude O., and their one-month-old daughter, Agnes M. However, the 1920 census shows Albert living as a boarder in Wayne County, but shows his children living in the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home in Rush County, Indiana – Claude O., age 11, Agnes M., age 9, and a third child, Mary E., age 7. Albert's occupation in 1910 is listed as a painter and paper hanger, and in 1920 as a machinist.

Albert E. Handley died on 15 November 1921, and was buried in West Grove Cemetery in Centerville, Wayne County, Indiana.

Sources:

Albert Handley Papers, 20 August 1898. Indiana Historical Society, Manuscript Collection: [OM 0267](#)

W.E. Biederwolf, *History of the One Hundred and Sixty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry*. Logansport, Ind.: Wilson, Humphreys, 1899, page 326. General Collection: [E726.I3 B5 1899](#)

“A list of Spanish American War Veterans buried in Indiana.” The Spanish American War Centennial Website (<http://spanamwar.com/Indianagraves.htm>). Accessed 4 May 2006.

“History of the 14th Infantry: War with Spain and the Philippine Insurrection.” 14th Infantry Regiment (<http://www.25thida.com/14thinf.html#History>). Accessed 4 May 2006.

U.S. Census, 1870, 1910, and 1920 (<http://www.heritagequestonline.com>). Accessed 4 May 2006.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of sixty-six black-and-white photographs that belonged to Albert E. Handley, and were donated by his daughter, Agnes. Four of the photographs are of the 161st Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish–American War in 1898. The rest of the photographs pertain to the 14th U.S. Infantry regiment, Company A, during the Philippine–American War, ca. 1899–1902, taken in the Philippines and in Fort Brady, Michigan. Many of these photographs were taken by Chas. M. Ross, Company A photographer from La Crosse, Wisconsin. Many of the photographs are faded, and have captions that were written above the image in black ink on dark mounts. Every effort has been made to transcribe the captions accurately, but many are illegible. The photographs have been arranged in six series, as detailed below.

Series 1, 161st Indiana Volunteer Infantry—Spanish–American War: This series consists of four photographs of soldiers in camp in Indianapolis, in Savannah, Georgia, and in unknown locations in 1898.

Series 2, 14th U.S. Infantry Regiment—Philippines: This series is composed of twenty-seven photographs depicting soldiers in camp and village scenes in Samar and Calbayog in the Philippine Islands; also includes a portrait of Private Claude Durbin of Wayne County, Indiana.

Series 3, 14th U.S. Infantry Regiment—Michigan: This series contains seventeen photographs of soldiers in camp, including several images that may be of Albert E. Handley, and scenes of Fort Brady and the surrounding area, including buildings after a fire at Fort Brady in 1902.

Series 4, F.B.C.C.P.: This series consists of six photographs of groups of soldiers in the woods and one photograph of a group of soldiers in a boat on a large lake. All photographs have “F.B.C.C.P.” written above them, but it is unknown what these initials stand for; the first two could possibly stand for “Fort Brady,” but it is not known if these photographs were taken there.

Series 5, Railroads and Ships: This series includes five images: two of the Great Northern Railroad, one taken aboard a ship, one of the U.S. Army Transport *Logan*, and a scene of soldiers on a dock.

Series 6, Company Dog and Other Images from Unknown Locations: This series contains a portrait of a dog, a photo of the funeral for the 14th Infantry, Co. A’s mascot dog, and a photo of the dog’s grave. Also included are two photographs of soldiers at a rifle range, but it is not certain if these photos were taken at Fort Brady, Michigan, or in the Philippines. The dog photographs were probably taken in Michigan.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: 161st Indiana Volunteer Infantry—Spanish–American War

CONTENTS

Two soldiers by a tent at camp at fairgrounds in Indianapolis before going to Cuba (cabinet card photo by C.C. Collins of Indianapolis, [1898]).

Soldier by tent (cabinet card; photographer and location unknown, ca. 1898).

Four soldiers by tent (cabinet card; photographer and location unknown, ca. 1898).

Five soldiers with weapons, frying pans, and small dog at Camp Onward, Savannah, Georgia (December 1898).

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Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 1

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Series 2: 14th U.S. Infantry Regiment—Philippines

CONTENTS

Twenty-six scenes, some of which are identified as being in Samar or Calbayog in the Philippine Islands, including churches, street scenes, villagers, fish market, soldiers, camps, etc. Most are faded. Photographer's stamp on back of some: "Chas. M. Ross / (La Crosse, Wis.) / Co. 'A,' 14th Infantry."

Portrait of Private Claude **Durbin** (b. October 1878; from Chester, Wayne County, Ind.). Written on back: "Co. A. 14 Inf / Manila / Philippines." (1900 census lists him with the 31st Volunteer Infantry in Mindanao, Philippines.) (Photo by Young of Soo [Sault Ste. Marie], Michigan.)

CONTAINER

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 2

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Box 1, Folder 2

Series 3: 14th U.S. Infantry Regiment—Michigan

CONTENTS

Two copies of image of soldier, who may be Albert E. **Handley**, cleaning a boot at Ft. Brady, Michigan (photo by Chas. M. Ross).

Soldier, who may be Albert E. **Handley**, in "full dress of Fort Brady."

Soldier, who may be Albert E. **Handley**, standing in snow. Written on front: "Just came off guard / Ft. Brady, Mich."

Group of ten soldiers indoors during what appears

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Box 1, Folder 3

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Photographs,

to be leisure time at Ft. Brady. "Dad" is written in ink next to one man assumed to be Albert E.

Handley (photo by Chas. M. Ross).

Box 1, Folder 3

Cooks at Fort Brady, 1902. Shows four men and kitchen.

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 3

Twelve men by cannon. Written on front: "[unreadable] Club of Ft. Brady" (photo by Chas. M. Ross).

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 3

Ten men and a boy standing outdoors. Written on back: "Club" (photo by Chas. M. Ross).

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 3

Five scenes of soldiers including: on the rifle range, in camp, at a park, and a hunting party at Fort Brady (some photos by Chas. M. Ross).

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 3

"Fountain in park at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich."

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 3

Three views of "ruins of Ft. Brady fire" (photos by Chas. M. Ross, 1 January 1902).

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 3

Series 4: F.B.C.C.P.

CONTENTS

Six images of groups of soldiers in the woods. All have "F.B.C.C.P." written at the top on front (photos by Chas. M. Ross; numbered 2 through 7).

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Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 4

Seven soldiers in a boat on a big lake. "[?] B.C.C.P." is written at the top on front (photo by Chas. M. Ross; number 9).

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 4

Series 5: Railroads and Ships

CONTENTS

Two images of the Great Northern Railroad: one shows soldiers standing by a train at the entrance to the tunnel; the other shows soldiers outside the tunnel's exit.

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Photographs, Box 1,
Folder 5

Photo taken aboard a ship. Written on back: "Dear Brother. You will find theas (sic) the Best in the Market / All / this is the Picture of the transport I came over in."

Photographs, Box 1,
Folder 5

U.S. Army Transport *Logan* in mid-ocean.

Photographs, Box 1,
Folder 5

Six men (some in uniform) at what may be a

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dock or railroad near a body of water [Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan].

Box 1, Folder 5

Series 6: Company Dog and Other Images from Unknown Locations

CONTENTS

Portrait of a dog. Written on front: “[?]nal. Handley.” (Photo by Chas. M. Ross).

Large group of men and two boys gathered around a dead dog lying on the grass. Written on front: “Funeral of Tuesday Camp Dog” (photo by Chas. M. Ross).

“Grave of Tuesday, Co. A. Dog” (photo by Chas. M. Ross). Written on tombstone: “Here / Lies / Tuesday / Co. A 14th / U.S. Inf. / Mascot / [3 unreadable lines] / 1902 / [1 unreadable line.”

Soldiers sitting on ground eating. Written on front: “in [?] for(?) rifle range” (photo by Chas. M. Ross).

Soldiers standing by row of tents. Written on front: “Company [?] at Rifle Range” (photo by Chas. M. Ross).

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