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**DOROTHY OLSEN BARKHIMER
PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION, CA. 1918, 1919**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 2 folders of photographs

COLLECTION
DATES: Ca. 1918, 1919

PROVENANCE: Dorothy Olsen Barkhimer, 1982

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dorothy Olsen Barkhimer married Robert Barkhimer in August 1938. The 1940 census records show the couple living with her parents; he was an inspector for a fire insurance company and Dorothy was working as a clerk in a department store.

Dorothy was born about 1914 to Edwin L. and Freda D. Olsen. Edwin's father, Jens J. Olsen was born in Denmark in July 1858. He immigrated to the United States in 1880 and settled in Indianapolis. By 1900 census records show him married to Mary H. Olsen and the couple had three children, Rudolph O., Edwin L. and Alma M. Olsen. By 1910 Edwin was the only one found living in the Indianapolis area. Census records record him as seventeen and living with his aunt and uncle, Edward and Helena W. Olsen. By 1920 Edwin was married to Freda D. Olsen and the couple had two daughters, Dorothy and Helen.

Indianapolis Newsboys Band: The band consisted of Indianapolis *News* carriers under the age of 18. The band was organized in 1900 by *The Indianapolis News* and it continued in operation until 1962. James Bradley Vandaworker (1865–1954) was the bandmaster from the beginning and led the band for 53 years. The band attracted so many members that a second band was established. The more experienced older members played with the main band and younger less experienced members trained with the smaller band. The band's services were donated to charity and educational institutions. Band members were rewarded with field trips and picnics. More than 3,500 boys participated in the band from its founding.

Sources:

Ancestry online census records

www.indystar.com

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Dorothy Olsen Barkhimer donated the collection to the Indiana Historical Society in 1982. The collection contains early cartes de visite and photographs of men in military uniforms that were made at photographic studios in Denmark. There are also World War I era black-and-white snapshots of unidentified American soldiers and postcard photographs of soldiers taken in Denmark. There are also crowd scenes on Monument Circle celebrating Armistice Day November 11, 1918, Welcome Home Day celebrations, and aerial views of Indianapolis. Finally there is an undated group portrait of the Indianapolis Newsboys Band.

Few of the images are identified. The processor in searching the Olsen family background has surmised that the photos taken in Denmark are probably Olsen family relatives as her grandfather Jens J. Olsen was born in Denmark. Two of the cartes de visite portraits are possibly of him.

There may have also been a relative or friend of the family who was in the Indianapolis Newsboys Band who later became a member of a military band during WWI. The 46 snapshot portraits of soldiers pictured in the collection are wearing band insignia on their collars. The notes found on two photographs mention that the band marched in parades in LaPorte and New Carlisle. It is possible they were marching in Welcome Home celebrations that would have occurred in 1919.

Folder 1 contains 46 snapshot portraits of soldiers wearing Army Service Hats and "Bandsman" insignia on the left side of their collars.

Folder 2 is made up of several different subjects. There are group shots of World War I era soldiers in various locations, military parades and gatherings on Monument Circle, and the Indianapolis News Boys Band

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[46 snapshot portraits of soldiers wearing Army Service Hats and Bandsman insignia on their collars]

[3 postcard photographs of European soldiers, caption written on verso] "Taken in Belgium, Nov. 10, 1918"

[2 cartes de visite portraits of men in uniform, Denmark photographers, ca. 1880]

[2 cartes de visite of the same man, early image of him in sailor uniform taken in Denmark, later image of him taken in Indianapolis, possibly donor's grandfather Jens J. Olsen]

[5 snapshots of WWI soldiers with writing on the verso by a soldier who identifies himself as "Ott" he also appears in the portraits in folder 1]

[portrait snapshot] "Yours truly Ott"

[soldiers in overcoats] "a bunch of the band fellows at LaPorte"

[band members in costume with drums, fife, and flag] "This bunch was in the parade at New Carlisle. The big drum was in the Revolutionary War and the other one was in the Civil War"

[soldiers in overcoats] "Picture of our quartette. The sun was too high and rather jimmied the picture."

[large wood frame building] "Our barracks"

CONTAINER

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[10 snapshots of unidentified soldiers arm in arm and smiling, soldiers with rifles, in their barracks, and with an airplane]

Photographs:
Folder 2

[3 snapshots of Monument Circle with soldiers guarding the Pledge Fund drive display, battleship display on the street]

Photographs:
Folder 2

[13 snapshots of what appear to be celebrations on Monument Circle at wars end, November 11, 1918]

Photographs:
Folder 2

[8 snapshots of Monument Circle decorated for the Welcome Home Day celebrations, American military band marching, Belgian soldiers marching, airplanes flying in formation, 1919]

Photographs:
Folder 2

[2 aerial views of what appears to be Indianapolis, 1 view of a field with automobiles, 1 view of canoes and a boat on a lake]

Photographs:
Folder 2

[Indianapolis Newsboys Band group portrait, on verso is a portrait of a young boy with the name "Bergen" penciled below his image]

Photographs:
Folder 2

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog:
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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, P 0050).
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