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(Photography)

Candid Snapshots by an American Woman of the 1948 Winter Olympics at St. Moritz including of the U.S. Olympic Team

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A collection of 75 separate gelatin silver snapshots, plus most measuring approximately $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ". There are an additional 12 images on photo strips. Additionally there are 27 "real photo" postcards, mostly measuring $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ", some of these are obviously quickly and locally printed as souvenir images of the events; others feature the woman who is in the snapshots or others in her party. Thus a total of over 100 images. A few have small creases or small chips, but overall condition is near fine, none show signs of ever having been mounted. A fair number (something less than half) are captioned on the verso.



A few are from around the town of St. Moritz and nearby Davos, but the overwhelming majority are dedicated to the events surrounding the 5th Winter Olympics, held less than 18 months after World War Two ended, and after a 12 year hiatus in which political unrest and War had prevented the games. Many are action shots from the games including Alpine skiing, ski jumping (some from the top of the ramp, another of the Norwegian team posing), hockey (including the U.S. vs. both the Austrians and the Czechs), figure skating, including at least two of Canadian Gold Medalist Barbara Ann Scott; another of Austrian Silver Medalist Eva Pawlik; an image of an English pair giving an exhibition, and three of 18 year old Gold Medalist “Dick Button just after winning World Championship in men’s figure skating” in an overcoat fooling around. Two of the real photo postcards are of a woman in ski gear with two different participants numbers pinned to her (possibly

indicating she was a participant, but which we cannot confirm), we believe she was the owner of, and probably took some of the snapshot photos. One of the postcards has been filled out but not mailed by “Jean” to Penny Derryberry in Shreveport, Louisiana. Additionally there are four curved stamped medallions, possibly souvenirs or from ski poles, each with a Swiss or German reference.



In any event, a nice collection of images, many of them candid, from someone who, if not a participant, at least had excellent access to the events. Documentation from an era when the Winter Olympics were something less of a worldwide phenomenon and eight years before it would become a televised event (only 28 nations competing in 22 events). In the aftermath of the War the lack of financial resources made the organization of the Games difficult, some athletes arrived with little or no equipment. In one case, the Norwegian skiers had to borrow skis from the American team in order to compete. There was also a lack of spectators due to travel restrictions and financial hardships. [BTC#402869]



2/13/48. Dick Butlow just
after winning World
Championship in men's
figure skating. Dares.
Dick is from Englewood,
N. J. U.S.A.



Barbara Ann Scott



Austria's
Eva Pavlita



Left to right
Norway's
Asbjorn Ruud 3rd
Petter Hugstvedt 1st
Bjerge Ruud 2nd
Thoralf Schjelderup 3rd

Special jumping
Olympics
Sov. Union
Feb 7th 1948



Norway's
Stein Eriksen

Men's special
slalom

St. Moritz
Feb 5, 1948



Norwegian competitor
in women's
special slalom

Olympics -
St. Moritz
Feb 5, 1948



U.S. man tripping
over Czech boys
down in hockey

St. Monty



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