



**OBJECT ID** 2015.22.2

**OBJECT NAME** Photograph

**DATE CREATED** 1890 – 1913

**MEDIUM** Photo Paper, Cardboard

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A black-and-white photographic print mounted on cardboard. It is a formal portrait depicting five young men in military uniforms. There are three men standing in front and two more standing behind them. The three men in front have their arms at their sides, while the men in back have their arms crossed. All of the men have mustaches. The visible parts of the uniform consist of plain, dark jackets with brass buttons up the front and on the sleeves, as well as dark leather belts with brass buckles.

It has a significant amount of dirt and smudging. Someone has marked either this print or the original photograph with a pen in several places, including on some of the mustaches, eyes, and eyebrows. Some material has been torn off the back and corners of the cardboard, and there is a bit of black paper stuck to the back, as if the print was previously mounted on a backing.

#### ORIGIN

This picture was donated by Daisy Agres. It probably depicts five young Greek army officers in the late 19th or early 20th century. The man on the right, in back, appears to be John Agreostathes. Agreostathes (or Agriostathis) was born in 1879 and apparently served as an officer in the Greek army before immigrating to the United States. In the lead-up to the Balkan Wars, he organized and trained young Greek men in Chicago. In 1912, it is recorded that they were preparing to travel to Greece to take part in the conflict. This was likely taken during Agreostathes's time as an officer in the Greek army.

#### CITATION

Photograph, 1890 – 1913, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/24/24.