OBJECT ID	1998.22.1.B
OBJECT NAME	Pants
OBJECT COLLECTION	Defenders of Democracy (is part of)
DATE CREATED	circa 1918
MATERIAL	Cotton; Wool
OBJECT ENTITIES	Phillos, George (owned by) Secaras, John (collected by)
RELATED ITEMS	Jacket, 1998.22.1.A Legging, 1998.22.1.C Legging, 1998.22.1.D Stocking, 1998.22.1.E Stocking, 1998.22.1.F Cap, 1998.22.1.G Photograph, 1998.22.2 Photograph, 1998.22.3 Photograph, 1998.22.4
ACCESS POINTS	Military Pant World War, 1914-1918

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Part of a U.S. WWI Army cavalry uniform / wool jodhpurs.

Jodhpurs are olive drab, with simple band waist secured by zipper and single button. The hips are baggy and taper down to a fitted width at the calf and ankle.   The inner knee and calf are reinforced with a quilted patch of the same wool material. There are 4 dark amber buttons at the calf, and two more amber buttons at the ankle.

ORIGIN

The uniform was donated by John Secaras. It was worn by George Phillos during World War I.
Going into WWI the uniforms underwent certian changes and in 1902 a board was formed to review army uniforms. They became more efficient and had an emphasis on comfort and reliability. Changing the color to the olive drab signified the importance of camouflage and blending in. By the time the U.S. entered the war in 1917, the reforms were all in place.
This Cavalry uniform is probably from the 1912 standard pattern. The double pockets, high collar, and the shoulder straps are all characteristics of this style and were identical for all ranks. The design on the buttons is also an indicator of this style. The russet color leggings also fall into the description of the 1912 uniform. Tunics and overcoats were similar for officers and enlisted men. The hat is an overseas cap that was probably not issued until 1917.

CITATION

Pants, circa 1918, Defenders of Democracy, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 04/26/24.