



OBJECT ID	1996.98.3
OBJECT NAME	Medal, Commemorative
OBJECT COLLECTION	Dr. Anthony and Maria Zannis Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1912 – 1913
ALTERNATIVE NAME	Military
MATERIAL	Bronze; Cloth
OBJECT ENTITIES	Zannis, Anthony and Maria (owned by) Zannis, Anthony (is related to) Zannis, Maria (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Pipe, 1996.98.1 Medal, Commemorative, 1996.98.2 Medal, Commemorative, 1996.98.4 Coin, 1996.98.5
ACCESS POINTS	balkan war bronze greco-turkish war medal medallion Metal Military

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Greek military decoration. Light blue ribbon with two thin, vertical white stripes; one on the left, the other on the right. Between the two strips, a red vertical stripe, of equal width, runs up and down the center of the ribbon. Stacked horizontally, on the lower half of the ribbon, there are 3 metal strips. Each stamped with the name of a place where the battles took place: DRISKOS, AETORRACHI, and IOANINA.

Beneath the ribbon, a circular bronze medallion hangs with integral crown suspension. The medallion features a large a Leopold cross at the center with crossed swords behind it. There is a crown embossed in the center of the cross. The upper arm of the cross bears the cipher of King George I, the lower arm that of King Constantine I. The front is circumscribed 'With God, for King and Country'. The back of the medallion is encircled by a laurel wreath and inscribed with capital Greek letters the names of the countries that fought, "Macedonia Epirus Archipelago" and is signed 'G. Iakovidis'.

**ORIGIN**

Donated by Anthony and Maria Zannis.

The medal was instituted by Royal Decree on 17 February 1914 and awarded for participation in the First Balkan War of 1912-1913. An alliance of Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro and Serbia ejected the Ottoman Turks from almost all their remaining European territories in 1912 and the war ended with the Treaty of London, 30 May 1913.

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**CITATION**

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