



OBJECT ID	2015.21.2
OBJECT NAME	Button
DATE CREATED	1939 – 1945
EVENT	World War II
MEASUREMENTS	2.38252 cm. W x 2.2225 cm. Diameter, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Metal; Paper; Plastic
OBJECT ENTITIES	Brown, Constantine (owned by)

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A pin-back button. The background of the button is made up of vertical blue and white stripes. In the center, there is a small blue-and-white picture of a woman and child with images of Greek monuments in the background. There is a blue border around the edge of the picture, but its edges do not completely match up with the edges of the picture. At the top of the picture are the words "Help Greece Now". At the top of the button is a small white banner with the words "Greek War Relief" in blue letters. There is a similar banner at the bottom with the words "I Helped".

The bottom edge of the button says "Bastian Bros. Co. Rochester, N.Y." To the left of this is a union bug. On the other side of the "Bastian Bros." text is another seal with the letters "I.P.E.U."

The back is made of metal and has a non-fastening pin.

ORIGIN

This button was donated by Jenny Boondas. It was part of a collection belonging to her brother-in-law, Constantine Brown, who died in 2014. This button is from World War II. It advertises the Greek War Relief Association, which was an American organization founded to raise money and supplies for those in Greece affected by the war. The organization had chapters in different parts of the country, mostly run and supported by Greek Americans. This button was made by Bastian Brothers Company, a jewelry manufacturer founded in 1895 in Rochester New York.

The IPEU is the International Photo-Engravers Union of North America.

CITATION

Button, 1939 – 1945, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://hellenic.whirlihost.com/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/29/24.