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CAPInv. 1508: **thiasos tes aposkeues**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Cyprus
ii. Region	Cyprus
iii. Site	Voni, near ancient Kythroi

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θίασος τῆς ἀποσκευῆς (Ohnefalsch-Richter 1884: 137-8, no. 8, ll. 1-2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>thiasos tes aposkeues</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	l. iii (?) BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Status-related:	<i>aposkeue</i> means 'all persons dependant on the soldiers stationed in a place, both families and servants' (SEG 54: 1531). See also Hermary 2004: 54.
iii. Descriptive terms	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i>	
Note	<i>thiasos</i> : Ohnefalsch-Richter 1884: 137-8, no. 8, ll. 1, 4-5, 6	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Ohnefalsch-Richter 1884: 137-8, no. 8 (l. iii (?) BC)
Note	More recent references to this inscription are Mitford 1961: 142 and Hermary 2004: 54-5.
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication. The inscription demonstrates that three (probably) different <i>thiasoi</i> successively conducted animal sacrifice to Apollon.
i.c. Physical format(s)	A triangular stone block
ii. Source(s) provenance	The sanctuary of Apollon in Voni, near ancient Kythroi.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	The inscription was found at the sanctuary of Apollon in Voni, to the south of ancient Kythroi. For the votive sculptures and inscriptions found there, see Ohnefalsch-Richter 1884.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	<i>aposkeue</i> means 'all persons dependant on the soldiers stationed in a place, both families and servants' (SEG 54: 1531). This implies that the association consisted of Ptolemaic military settlers, their family members and the descendants of them. For Ptolemaic military settlements in the Mesaoria, see Hermary 2004: 54-5.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The association conducted animal sacrifice (<i>ethysen to hieroon</i> , l. 3) to Apollo in the month of Gorpiaios, in the third regnal year of a Ptolemaic ruler.
Deities worshipped	Apollo

XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 301
iii. Bibliography	Hermay, A. (2004), 'Autour de Golgoi: Les cités de la Mesaoria à l'époque hellénistique et sous l'Empire', <i>CCEC</i> 34: 47-68. Mitford, T.B. (1961), 'Further Contributions to the Epigraphy of Cyprus', <i>AJA</i> 65: 93-151. Ohnefalsch-Richter, M. (1884), 'Mittheilungen aus Cypern: III. Heiligthum des Apollon bei Voni', <i>MDAI(A)</i> 9: 127-39.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed (<i>thiasos</i>) and the character of the document point to the fact that this was a private association.