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CAPInv. 1031: hoi synsitoi (l. hoi syssitoi)

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Central Greece
ii. Region	Thessaly. Perrhaibia (south).
iii. Site	Damasi. Ancient city of Phalanna.

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ σύνσιτοι (IG IX.2 332, l. 3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi synsitoi</i> (l. <i>hoi syssitoi</i>)

III. DATE

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

i. Name in other forms	οἱ σύσσιτοι (Arvanitopoulos 1914: 17, no. 221, ll. 1-2)
ii. Name elements	Status-related: The name designates ephebes or soldiers encamped in various locations (Arist., <i>Ath. Pol.</i> , 42.3).

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG IX.2 332 (iii BC)
Note	See also: Arvanitopoulos 1913: 144, no. 332 Heinz 1998: 402, no. A41
Online Resources	IG IX.2 332
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	IG IX.2 332 is a fragmentary votive inscription to Apollo <i>Agreus</i> . The dedicants are Aristophanes, son of Thersites, and the <i>synsitoi</i> . The text delivers six names and patronymics of members of that group. A fragmentary seventh name is also mentioned.
i.c. Physical format(s)	IG IX.2 332 is a fragmentary stone base, which supported a statue of the God or some other votive object (Arvanitopoulos 1913: 144, no. 332; Heinz 1998: 402, no. A41)
ii. Source(s) provenance	Damasi (Ancient city of Phalanna). The stone has been originally transported in the Archaeological Collection of Tyrnavos (Arvanitopoulos 1913: 144, no. 332). Now in the Museum of Larisa?

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	The site of ancient Phalanna has been tentatively identified with the ruins located in the site Kastri (west of modern Ampelona). The site is not excavated. Many inscriptions from Kastri have been located at the neighbouring sites of Damasi, Ampelonas, Tyrnavos and Derelia (Stählin 1967: 30-1; Ntasios 2012: 217-8).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	IG IX.2 332, l. 2 delivers the names and patronymics of six members of that group. Other names seem to follow.
iv. Officials	IG IX.2 332, l. 2 delivers the name of Aristophanes, son of Thersites, before the names of the other persons described as <i>synsitoi</i> . Is he a priest or the chief of that group?

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	IG IX.2 332, l. 2 delivers the names and patronymics of six members of that group. Other names seem to follow.
ii. Gender	Men
iv. Status	Ephebes? Soldiers?
v. Relations	IG IX.2 332, l. 2 mentions a chief/priest? (Aristophanes, son of Thersites) and members of the group called <i>synsitoi</i> .

X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events	The name <i>synsitoi</i> refers to encampments.
iii. Worship	The group dedicates a statue to Apollo <i>Agreus</i> .
Deities worshipped	Apollo <i>Agreus</i>

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Probable

Note

The dedication to Apollo *Agreus* indicates that the group might have displayed corporal activity of low intensity.

ii. Historical authenticity

The inscription permits the historical authenticity of the group. The question, whether this is a private group or not stays open.