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CAPInv. 1981: to koinon ton en tei nesoi tassomenon Kilikon

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Cyprus
ii. Region	Cyprus
iii. Site	Paphos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ κοινὸν τῶν ἐν τῇ νήσῳ τασσομένων Κιλίκων (ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83, l. 3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to koinon ton en tei nesoi tassomenon Kilikon</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	142 - 107 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i.	Name in other forms	οἱ ἐν τῇ νήσῳ τασσόμενοι Κίλικες, <i>hoi en te nesoi tassomenoi Kilikes</i> (ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71, l. 3)	
ii.	Name elements	Ethnic:	<i>Kilikēs</i> : soldiers from Cilicia
		Geographical:	<i>en tei nesoi</i>
		Professional:	<i>tassomenoi</i> : soldiers stationed on the island
		Status-related:	<i>tassomenoi</i> : soldiers stationed on the island
iii.	Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>	
	Note	<i>koinon</i> : ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83, l. 3; ABSA 56 (1961) 34,91, l. 1.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83 (123-118 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71 (142-131 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 34,91 (114-107 BC)
Note	ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83 = OGIS 157 = CIG 2635 = SEG 13: 578 ABSA 56 (1961) 34,91 = OGIS 148
Online Resources	ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83 and AGRW ID 20535 ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71 and AGRW ID 20539 ABSA 56 (1961) 34,91 and AGRW ID 20574
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	ABSA 56 (1961) 31,83: Greek statue base for the governor Theodoros, son of Seleukos. ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71: Greek statue base for the governor Seleukos (?) ABSA 56 (1961) 34,91: Greek statue base for the governor Helenos
i.c. Physical format(s)	Statue bases
ii. Source(s) provenance	All three inscriptions were found in the sanctuary of Aphrodite.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members are generically called οἱ ἐν τῇ νήσῳ τασσόμενοι Κύλικες, <i>hoi en te nesoi tassomenoi Kilikes</i> (ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71, l. 3)
iv. Officials	οἱ ἡγεμόνες, <i>hoi hegemones</i> (ABSA 56 (1961) 27,71, l. 2): the term may refer to the officials of the association or to the officials of the units of the Cilician mercenaries.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Given the military character of the group, the members were men.
iv. Status	The members were mercenaries from Cilicia.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>koinon</i> honoured the Ptolemaic governors of the island, for their benevolence and loyalty to the Ptolemaic rulers and to the <i>koinon</i> .
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	On <i>koina</i> of mercenaries on Cyprus see also: Thompson Crawford 1984: 1073-4 and Kruse 2015: 292-6.
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iii. Bibliography

Kruse, T. (2015), 'Ethnic *koina* and *politeumata* in Ptolemaic Egypt'. in V. Gabrielsen and C. A. Thomsen (eds.), *Private Associations and the Public Sphere: Proceedings of a Symposium held at the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, 9-11 September 2010*. Copenhagen: 270-300.
Thompson Crawford, D. J. (1984), 'The Idumaeans of Memphis and the Ptolemaic Politeumata', in *Atti del XVII Congresso Internazionale di Papirologia*. vol. 3. Napoli: 1069-75.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The terminology employed (*koinon*) and the character of the group, together with parallels of other military *koina* on the island, point to a private association. It is less likely that the *koinon* was the loose community of mercenaries without a more structured and durable associational organisation.