

Maurice Leon With His Brother Jacque Leon And Grigoris Giakos



This picture was taken in Athens in 1941. I was in Giannena when the Greek-Italian war ended. From Giannena I went to Athens by foot. While walking, we could see the German air force bombarding. One week later we finally arrived in Athens, which was occupied by the Germans. There I met my brother Jacque and our fellow business partner Grigoris Giakos. We were trying to find a way to return to Thessalonica. Our families, our relatives were expecting us there. In order to calm their anxiety we had this photograph taken and sent it to them. My brother Jacque is sitting in the middle, Grigoris Giakos is at his right and I am sitting at my brother's left side. I had my hand behind his shoulder. When our relatives in Thessaloniki saw this photograph, they were very worried. My mother was wondering where my hand was. They thought that I had lost my hand because during the war my hand was paralyzed and this was the reason that I was sent to Giannena. This photograph was taken by a wandering professional photographer whose name I don't remember.