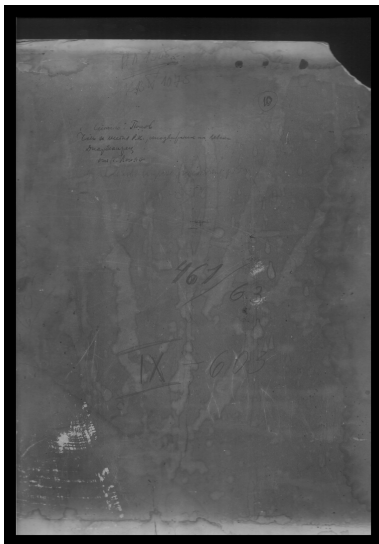


Opalchentsi-pobornitsi (volunteer combatant) in front of the monument of Bulgaria's National Hero Vasil Levski



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Description:	Outdoor photograph of a group of men, mostly in urban clothes with insignia of honour; two of them in an Orthodox priest garb. They are sitting and standing in front of a monument with a bas-relief. On the left side there is a boy sitting.
Comment:	Opalchentsi were Bulgarian voluntary army units who took part in the Serbo-Ottoman War in 1876 and in the Russo-Ottoman War in 1877 – 1878. The men in these units were called opalchenets-pobornik, meaning "volunteer combatant". Vasil Levski, born Vasil Ivanov Kunchev (1837 - 1873), was a revolutionary; he is a national hero of Bulgaria, honored as "the Apostle of Freedom". The Monument to Vasil Levski in Sofia was inaugurated on October 22, 1895.
Date:	Not before 1895
Location:	Sofia
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