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Early life and military career

Born Julius Payer, his father Franz Anton Rudolf Payer was a retired officer who died when Julius was only fourteen. Payer attended k.k. cadet school in Łobzów near Cracow (now Poland).

Between 1857 and 1859 he studied at the Theresian Military Academy in Wiener Neustadt (near Vienna). In 1859 he served as a sub-lieutenant with the 36th infantry regiment in Verona, Northern Italy. He participated in the 1859 Battle of Solferino. Between 1860 and 1863 he served at the garrison in Verona, Italy. In 1863 Payer was assigned as a history teacher to the cadet school in Eisenstadt, Austria.

(2 September 1841 – 29 August 1915) was an Austro-Hungarian military officer, mountaineer, arctic explorer, cartographer, landscape artist and professor at the military academy.

He Actually went to the antarctic with other explorers, his notice was to explore unknown of the antarctic. He is mostly known because of him bringing Polar Bears to the vienna zoo in Schönbrunn (you can still see a board of him by the Polar bear enclosure. Though his main goal was to explore the mainland of the antarctica

