

COVERING LETTER

To P.O.C. R.M. 11th 2.5/44
Under Secretary of State (C.7), War Office.¹

Under Secretary of State (R. Records), War Office.²

Under Secretary of State (A.M.D.2), War Office.³

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I enclose War Diary (A.F. C.2118) as indicated on this page.⁵

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P.O.C. 2nd Echelon R.M. Commando

FOOTNOTES (SEE A.C.I. 533 of 1941).

- (1) For all original diaries (except Medical).
- (2) For duplicate diaries of Headquarters of Formations (but NOT H.Q. of Units).
- (3) For originals of Medical Diaries only.
- (4) For duplicate diaries of units.
- (5) On this page, fill in date of diary, name of unit and number of appendices.

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Army Form C. 2118.....(Month and Year)

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WAR DIARY

OF

40th Bn. R.M. Commando

From 1 October 1944 To 31 October 1944

Appendices A To C

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPILATION OF WAR DIARIES (COMPILED FROM F.S.R., VOL. 1, 174).

F.S.R., Vol. 1, Sec. 174.

PARA. 1.—A war diary will be kept in duplicate from the first day of mobilisation or creation of the particular command or appointment by :—

- (i) Each branch of the staff in the headquarters of a formation, a subordinate command and area or sub-area of the L. of C.
- (ii) Unit commanders.
- (iii) Commanders of detachments of a unit.
- (iv) Officer i/c 2nd Echelon, officers holding technical appointments (Sec. 36), and personal staff.
- (v) Base, auxiliary and advanced depot commanders.
- (vi) Heads of services and their representatives, Controller of Salvage and his representatives.

NOTE A.—In the case of formations and units of the Territorial Army, war diaries will be kept from the first day of embodiment.

NOTE B.—See also A.C.I. 533 of 1941, paras. 2, 4 and 8.

NOTE C.—Any question of doubt whether or not a war diary should be kept by a unit or sub-unit will be referred, through the usual channels, to the Under-Secretary of State (S.D.3), The War Office, London, S.W.1.

PARA. 2.—A war diary is *Secret*. Its object is to furnish a historical record of operations and to provide data upon which to base future improvements in army training, equipment, organisation and administration.

It will be entered up daily, each entry initialled by the officer detailed to keep it, on A.F. C.2118. It is to be noted that the extraction and retention of appendices, maps, etc., from a war diary is an offence under the Official Secrets Acts.

NOTE.—It should be made clear that the officer who initials the entries is the commander or other person mentioned in para. 1, not the officer he details to do the clerical work.

PARA. 3.—*Omitted.*

PARA. 4.—In so far as they are applicable, the following points should be recorded when preparing a diary :—

- (i) Important orders, instructions, reports, messages or despatches received and issued, and decisions taken.
- (ii) Daily locations. Movements during the past twenty-four hours and present dispositions. March tables in the case of large units or of formations are of assistance.
- (iii) Important matters relating to the duties of each branch of the staff.

(iv) Detailed account of operations. Exact hour of important occurrences, factors affecting operations, topographical and climatic. Clear sketches showing positions of troops at important phases.

(v) Nature and description of field engineering works constructed, or quarters occupied.

(vi) Changes in establishment or strength. As regards casualties the names and ranks of officers and the number of other ranks or followers and of animals should be noted. In addition in the case of units on the L. of C. changes in stores, transport, etc.

(vii) Meteorological notes.

(viii) Summary of important information received, whether military or political.

NOTE.—Events should be entered up, not in the order as given above but at the time they occur, or come to notice. At the close of *each* day, events (vi) and (vii) might be added.

PARA. 5.—Appendices as under will be attached to the original copy of each war diary :—

(i) A copy of each field return (A.F. W.3008 and A.F. W.3009) and of each operation or routine order or instruction issued during the period covered by the current volume of the war diary.

(ii) Copies of orders, or instructions, received from higher commands if no longer required for reference.

(iii) A copy of each narrative or report on operations drawn up by a subordinate formation or unit, including any sketches or maps relating thereto, to supplement the account of operations furnished in the text of the diary (para. 4, iv above). Appendices will be numbered, and each will have a brief descriptive heading naming the author. References to appendices will be made in the last column of A.F. C.2118.

PARA. 6.—All diaries will conform to the regulations for drafting orders, reports, etc. (See F.S.R., Volume II).

PARA. 7.—(FORMATIONS AND UNITS OF EXPEDITIONARY FORCES).

Disposal will be made monthly of war diaries as follows :—

(i) Unless otherwise ordered, the original copy of a war diary for the preceding month will be forwarded on the first day of the succeeding month direct to the officer i/c 2nd Echelon for transmission to the War Office, care being taken that all its appendices are attached.

(ii) The duplicate copy, clearly marked as such, of a cavalry or infantry brigade or higher formation will be forwarded within a period of two months to the officer i/c 2nd Echelon for transmission to the Under-Secretary of State, The War Office. The duplicate copies of the diaries of units will be sent within a period of three months to the officer i/c 2nd Echelon to be transmitted to record offices at home for safe custody.

SPECIAL NOTE.—The time entered should be the time the information or order reaches the unit concerned. The time of the event recorded should also be given in the text, if known.

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From - O.C. RM Section, GHQ 2nd Echelon, C.M.F.

Date - 28th November 1944.

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To - G.O.C., R.M.
(Thro' 02E S.S. Group)

WAR DIARY

The enclosed original copy of War Diary for month of October 1944 in respect of 40 R.M. Commando, is forwarded for information.

- 2. Please acknowledge receipt.

F.H. Burden
for (F.H. BURDEN)

Captain R.M.
O.C. 2nd Echelon, R.M. Commando.
/RJ.

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S.S. GROUP

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit... 40, R.M. Commando.

Month and Year... **October 1944.**

(Delete heading not required).

Commanding Officer... Lt. Col. R. W. Sankey,
D.S.O., R.M.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Albania	1		Heavy rain 24 hours. Usual enemy activity; Enemy on Pt; 261	M.R. 1:100,000
	1100		Brigade O. Group attended by C.O. and I.O.	GREECE. Sheet Z.2.
	2	1100	Commando concentrated Yoke Beach area. Heavy rain.	KERKIRA .
	2100		Capt. Marshall with S.O.R.E. reced Pt. 261; No contact.	
	3	A.M.	Considerable enemy movement. Enemy patrol reported moving to Pt. 469. Our forward position withdrawn 400 yards. Returned to 294805 after one hour.	
	1430		R.S.R. 75mm guns on Yoke Beach engage SARANDE.	
	1610		R.A.F. Fighters strafed SARANDE gun positions	
	1630			
	1730		Transshipping ammunition from Yoke Beach to forward positions by Dory.	
	1815		Capt. Marshall, Capt. Angus, S.O.RE. and I.O. reced Pt 261 and	peninsula
	4	1025	4 R.A.F. Rocket firing planes attacked gun sites on CORFU.	
			Large fire started.	

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References to Appendices

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Albania	4	1105	Enemy patrol engaged by party from 'Q' Troop. Lt. Murphy wounded. See patrol report Appendix 'A'. <i>hu</i>
	1500		2, R.F. Planes and 2 fighters attacked enemy gun positions. <i>hu</i>
	1830		} Destroyer shelled CORFU Coast artillery gun site. <i>hu</i>
	1930		
	5	1205	4, R.F. Planes attacked enemy gun positions SARANDE. <i>hu</i>
			Partisans report no shipping at SARANDE the last 2 nights <i>hu</i>
			owing to bombing. Enemy believed to be using PREVEZA and IGOUWEZA <i>hu</i>
			for evacuation. <i>hu</i>
	1430		Large explosion at SARANDE. House burning. <i>hu</i>
	1800		Capt. Hiles, S.O.RE. 1 Troop S.M., and 3 O.R.'s recce enemy <i>hu</i>
			positions below Pt. 261; <i>hu</i>
	6	0630	Demolitions proceeding CORFU Gun site. <i>hu</i>
	0900		C.O. and party to Pt. 507 (Q; Troop) to observe SARANDE. <i>hu</i>
	1130		4 Hurricanes attacked SARANDE - GJASTE. Heavy A.A. fire. <i>hu</i>

Appendix 'A'

Appendix 'B'

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Commanding Officer Lt; Col: R.W.Sankey,
D.S.C., R.M.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Albania	12	1000	'Q' and 'X' Troops took up positions around SARANDE; <i>ku</i>	
	1200		Commando (less 'Q' and 'X' Troops) embark from SARANDE for Sugar Beach. <i>ku</i>	
	13	1300	Lt.Col.Sankey, D.S.C. R.M. and I.O. with the Section ^{<i>ku</i>} and 'A' Troop <i>ku</i> left for CORFU. <i>ku</i>	
	1530		Arrive CORFU CITY. Welcomed by all population. <i>ku</i>	
Corfu	14	1100	March past Brig.Churchill, and Archbishop of CORFU. <i>ku</i>	
	15		the Section ^{<i>ku</i>} 'A' Troop occupied area GASTOURI; 200460 <i>ku</i>	
	1100		O.C.40 Commando, O.C. 2 Commando, attend Solemn Te Deum, CORFU; <i>ku</i>	
	16	1600	M;Makas (Governor General Ionian Islands) and Staff arrive. <i>ku</i>	
	17		Lt.Col.R.W.Sankey; D.S.C., R.M. appointed Island Force Commander, <i>ku</i> CORFU; Major P.R.Matters assumed command 40, R.M.Commando. <i>ku</i>	
			Capt.E.R.Cooper appointed ^{<i>Adjutant</i>} Adjutant. <i>ku</i>	
			'Y' Troop occupied areas N of island. <i>ku</i>	
	18	1300	Major M.Makas and staff left CORFU. Commando Guard of Honour. <i>ku</i>	
	19	1300	Major Matters with 'P' Troop and remainder 'A' Troop arrive CORFU. <i>ku</i>	

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Commanding Officer Lt.Col. R.W.Sank
D.S.C., R.M.

References to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Albania	6	1625	Demolitions continued in CORFU. <i>hu</i>
		1630	'P' Troop forward patrol reported enemy mule train Pt.261 area. <i>hu</i>
			'Q' Troop engage this party with small arms fire. Artillery <i>hu</i> fire on forward slopes of Pt.507 given by our own 25 pounders. <i>hu</i>
	7	1530	2 Hurricanes and 2 Spitfires attacked Pt.261. <i>hu</i>
		1545	'Q' Troop position Pt.507 shelled and mortared. Lt. Thomson ^D <i>hu</i> and 1 marine wounded. <i>hu</i>
		1600	O.P. reports 5 vehicles probably A.F.V.'s leaving SARANDE, S.E. <i>hu</i>
		1930	Enemy artillery fire from DELVINE on to Sugar Beach. <i>hu</i>
		2000	
	8	0845	Destroyer shelled SARANDE area throughout morning. <i>hu</i>
	17	1700	Commando concentrated area 294807. <i>hu</i>
	9		Attacked and took SARANDE. <i>hu</i>
	11		Rested in SARANDE. <i>hu</i>
	1830		Violent explosion of D.A.Charge in EAST of Town. <i>hu</i>

Appendix 'C'

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Corfu	19		'P' Troop occupy area LIAPADHES; 075995. <i>lu</i> 'Y' Troop in area KATOMERI. 150610. <i>lu</i>	
	20		Rear H.Q. arrive from Sugar Beach. <i>lu</i> Island Administration. 'Q' Troop arrive. <i>lu</i>	Patrol report attached
	22		Col; The Hon. R; Lytton Millbanke, D.A.Q.M.G., I.F.A; arrived. <i>lu</i> 'Q' areas. 1 Section MANDOUKI POLICE STATION 215532. <i>lu</i>	
	23		Remainder S.SOTIRIOTISSA <i>lu</i> Island Administration. <i>lu</i>	
	24		do. do. <i>lu</i>	
	25		do. do. <i>lu</i>	
	26		do. do. <i>lu</i>	
	27		do. do. <i>lu</i>	
	28		'S' Troop move to new location; Hotel St; George, Corfu. <i>lu</i> Sunday Routine. <i>lu</i>	Patrol reports attached.
	30	1200	General N. Zervas, G.O.C. Zervas Andartes arrives, Commando Guard of Honour. <i>lu</i>	
	31		Island Administration. <i>lu</i>	

R. W. Sankey

Signed.

Officer Commanding 40, R.M. Commando.
Lt. Col. R.M.

Appendix 'A'

Report on Patrol 'Q' Troop.

Wednesday 4th October 1944.

Locality- Area 308816 (Pt.507)

Object of Patrol - To enable Support Group Commanders to locate good O.P's.

Capt. Macpherson with Lt. Murphy and covering party of six, with three Support Group Commanders in rear encountered enemy patrol on forward slopes of Pt. 507. Being unable to determine enemy strength Capt. Macpherson called up Bren Group to give supporting fire to the covering party. Several Germans were seen one of whom was killed. Capt. Macpherson then ordered covering party to withdraw owing to the unfavourable position and ordered Support Commanders to return to YOKE Beach. During the withdrawal Lt; Murphy was missed. The main body of Q Troop were moving forward in rear of covering party and Capt. Macpherson put in a left flank attack which was successful. Lt; Murphy was then found lying wounded, and was evacuated to YOKE beach. No other casualties were sustained. The enemy patrol consisted of one Feldwebel (who was captured) and 5 O.R.'s (3 of whom were killed, 2 escaping), Feldwebel was evacuated to Italy the same day.

Weapons captured- Spandau 42
 Schmeisser M.P.
 2 Luger Pistols.
 2 Mauser Rifles.

Appendix 'B'

Report on Patrol Capt. Hiles.

Thursday 5th October 1944.

Locality - Pt. 261 and area 304802.

Object of Patrol - Recce. ground.

Patrolled to enemy position below Pt.261 found no trace of enemy nor enemy positions at 298808. Encountered single strand plain wire at re-entrant 302805. Wire three feet from ground traced inland 500/500 yards where it was joined by single strand barbed wire, two feet from ground running parallel to the beach. Similar strands of plain and barbed wire six inches from the ground running off at various angles probably to indicate extent of minefield. Beach 302805 to 298800 protected by double apron wire across the summit of peninsula. Patrol cut the wire at the junction and recce the peninsula. Double apron fences converging on hill base at approximately 303802 appeared to divide area into sectors. Living quarters of Pillbox apparently unused for considerable period. Earth works on summit consist of Slit Trenches and one man positions covered by wire, the Slit Trenches connected to ammunition trenches in rear. Accommodation stores were found to have been unused for a long period, but new planks and a barrow in good condition indicated recent work on the positions. Minefield at 304803 was negotiated without incident. The object of minefield was apparently protection against attack from the beach. Dead cow in minefield by mine crater indicated that the position had been unoccupied for some time. Figure Targets area 301805 probably aiming marks for Pillboxes.

Patrol returned to forward O.P. at 2230 hours.

Appendix 'C'

MAPS. 1:100,000 GREECE SHEET Z2
Mosaic KERMIRA.

REPORT ON ATTACK ON SARANDE -----9th OCTOBER 1944.

0330 hrs - 0415 hrs. Artillery shelled enemy positions SARANDE AREA.
0400 X,P,Y Troops advanced in direction of SARANDE from F.O.P.

0545 X,Y Troops held up by Spandau's at 314800.
Capt.Hiles (O.C. X Troop) killed at 314799, one O.R. wounded, and four P.O.W. taken. C.S.H.Bain Killed 306802.

0600 Q Troop reached Pt;261 from Pt.507.
0610 - 0623 S Troop 3" and R.S.R; 4.2" Mortars shelled enemy in area 314800.

0630 Q Troop engaging enemy on Pt.261.
0715 X Troop still held up by Spandau fire. 4 more P.W. taken.

0735 R.A.F. Iraq Levies now hold Pt.264.
0755 Q Troop control Pt.261. Capt.Macpherson (O.C. 'Q' Troop) killed at 300812, R.S.R; , F.O.O. in command of Q Troop.
Germans on Pt.261 surrendered.
O.C. 'A' Troop took over command of 'Q' Troop.
X Troop again attacked enemy area rd. 145B4.
Enemy surrendering area 318798 .
'Q' Troop report position consolidated.
'X' Troop moving across area 145B5.

0835 S.O.R.E. clearing gap in mines on Z Beach 300815
0855 R.A.P. established NORTH end of ITALIAN BAY 309800.
0915 'I' Troop exploiting peninsula 3179.
0945 Cdo;H.Q. move from 282807 to 306800.
0955 S.O.R.E; killed on Z beach by mine.
1000 P,X,Y Troops under Capt,Angus (O.C. 'X' Troop) held up 400 yards WEST of Hospital by Spandau nests in Hospital.
1005 GJASTE captured by Partisans.
1030 P,X,Y Troops resting preparatory to final assault.
1045 Artillery, 4;2" and 3" Mortars shelled SARANDE TOWN and 319796 .
1200 P, X, Y Troops advanced across 158B8 while covered by Q, A Troops and Partisans, with S Troop, M.M.G firing all available Brens from lower slopes of Pt;261.

1210 Own Troops reached harbour area. Firing continued from isolated groups.
1400 - 1445 SARANDE surrendered by Major STUSSER, O.C. Garrison
Two Greek schooners with German troops ex CORFU.

1500 10th October 1944
0400 One Greek schooner with German troops and 2 Bofors
0800 One Greek schooner with German troops, 1 Bofors and 1 P.A.K; gun ex CORFU.
All the above surrendered to our troops in the harbour.

TOTAL P.W. 624.
TOTAL OWN CASUALTIES. 2,0; 4, O.R. Killed.
4,0. 18, O.R.Wounded.

PATROL REPORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 20 OCTOBER 1944SOUTHERN AREA.

On the 15th October the area from GASTOURIE, south along the coast road to MASONGI, returning by the inland road via STAUROS AYIA DETHA and KINOPIASTAIS North of the village of BENITSA, a belt of "S" and "T" mines, well wired in surrounds a former strongpoint. SOUTH of the village, the road was found to be prepared for demolition. The waterworks which supply CORTU was also mined. Charges were also found on the bridge across the river at MASONGI. SOUTH of STAVROS mines were found across the valley towards ANO GAROUNA, another belt runs in the direction of BENITSA, a third North of the hillside. At KINOPIASTAIS, a belt surrounds a house formerly occupied by the German area commander. In this area some stacks of mines were found.

In BENITSA, a small number of people with communistic tendencies caused slight trouble before arrival of patrol. The people of AYIA DHERA are reported to be rather communistic but have caused no trouble. They are in indeed Pro British and gave our patrol a very cordial reception. In the vicinity of STAVROS the food situation was rather bad and medical supplies were urgently needed. The minefields should be cleared quickly in order to enable the Olive crop to be gathered.

In the area ANO GAROUNA and KATO GAROUNA, a few mines were located and egg grenades found. Running parallel with the road to KATO PAVLIANO a heavy minebelt was located.

On the 16th October recess were made along the route GASTOURI-KINOPIASTAIS-KARDHAMATINA-ANO GAROUNA-KATO GAROUNA-ANO PAULIANA-STAVROS and GASTOURI-AYIA KIRIAKI-MONI AYIOS.

At AYIA KIRIAKI, two small minefields were found on either side of the bridge across the harbour, where the South span of the bridge appeared to be prepared for demolition.

The airfield at ALIKA is clear of mines.

On 18th October, ARTIRADES was patrolled where a battery of 4, 105 mm. guns were found South of the village. The emplacements were heavily mined and hundreds of shells were found around the village. This minefield appears to be the most southerly field in the Island.

The villages of RINGLADES, A.THEODORAS, POTANI, MELIKIA, ANAPLADES, seem to be the centre of communistic activities in the South. Information from the local police proves that they are some 800 strong, as opposed to 300 Government supporters. The armament of the village of RINGLADES consists of 2 H.M.G's and 10 L.M.G's.

The villagers seemed very friendly towards the patrol and gave their assurance that there will be no political trouble.

Patrols visiting the villages in the Northern part of the Southern Sector of the Island on the 18th, and the Southernmost part of the Island on the 19th had nothing to report.

N.E. AREA.

The area ANO KORAKIANA-SOKRAKI-Z-K-E-N-S-P-A-NISAKI, was covered on the 15th and 16th October and mines were located at SOKRAKI, stretching across the valley. A long coastal belt was found West of the village of RODHA, running for a distance of 6/700 yards. Enemy M.G. positions are covered by a field of "S" mines. Another M.G. position was well covered by a minefield some of which had been lifted by the Greeks, but there are still over 500 to be lifted.

At NISOS, a large enemy coastal defence position consisting of three static guns of 6/7 inch calibre, and four 7;62 (removed). There are many signs of minefields in and around this position and many widely dispersed ammunition dumps. No deserters were found and no evidence of disorder observed. Food was asked for in a few villages, but there was an urgent demand for anti-malarial medicines. Transport difficulties exist owing to the lack of mules and carts removed by the enemy. Reports from an area patrol from IPSOS, SPARTILLA-PIRTI-A;NIKOLAS state that an unmarked minefield exists North of the town of SPARTILLA and at PIRGI. German positions in the direction of A;NIKOLAS are mined. In this area the need for medicine and transport is urgent. On the 19th, EPISCEPSIS was visited and our patrol was given a grand welcome, this village has never been used by the Germans and no minefields were reported.

The only sign of German occupation at KALOURA was a wrecked gun of an Italian make and a few shells of various calibres. Once again the main need was for anti-malarial tablets and transport.

Patrolling the RODHA area enemy positions M.G.; were found covering the beach and a coastal minebelt was found running from RODHA from the East.

The Political situation in this area seemed quiet.

Another patrol as far as AGRAS was undertaken and at TRUBETA minefields were located and a large charge of explosive. On the road TRUBETA-AGRAS, German weapon pits and a pillbox were found protected by mines and a sunken charge of explosive 8 metres in depth had been placed under a large rock to block the road.

On the 18th the vicinity of SIDARI was visited and minefields were located in several places covering the flanks of a H. M.G. position near the coast.

The political situation in this area appears to be quiet.

PATROL REPORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 27 OCTOBER 1944.SOUTHERN SECTOR.

4 demolished enemy 105 mm guns, hundreds of shells. Position heavily mined, civilians removing wire borders, with fatal results. Position is at ARGYRADES 250312. At TELIKIA 343285 are 3 demolished enemy 105 mm guns, shells all around. Position heavily mined, fatalities caused also at ARGYRADES. At S.DEMETRIO 367234 are 4 demolished 105 mm, one 75 mm. guns and shells also one searchlight and Radar equipment, and generator, all demolished. At S.TEODORO 325291, on 21st October one German and two Italian P.W.'s; evacuated.

N.W. SECTOR.

PALAIOKASTRYTIS, 042599 minefield of 385 mines. KRIFI, 023610, German Radar station bombed by R.A.F; and destroyed by Germans. This sector owing to communications difficulties is very short of Red Cross supplies. Some relief has been given by the Cdo. Local communists have been distributing anti-allied leaflets, a specimen will be forwarded whenever one can be obtained. At DUKADES there are at least four people suspected German Agents, and who are being watched by us.

N.E. SECTOR.

Food and chocolates have been distributed at KATOLERI, 1450, AYIOS NIKAIOS 1462 and ANO KORAKIANA 1263.

GENERAL

The past week has seen great strides in securing peace, law and order in the Island. On 25th October it was decided after a number of minor disturbances had been reported, to disarm all the irregular forces with the exception of 65; Regiment (Zervas Bands). The method adopted was by a series of patrols to the strong points of the various organisations, the patrols were composite parties consisting of one British Officer, one Greek police or Gendarmerie Officer, 10 R.M.Cdo. troops, 10, 65 Regt; Troops, the patrol being under command of the British Officer. There were seven such strong points to be disarmed and the Island was divided into North, Central and South Sectors, the City of CORFU being treated as a separate task. Each patrol disarmed two strongpoints, a separate patrol dealt with the City. On the 26th October the disarmament operation proceeded with very few incidents, the chief characteristic being the dislike of Greek for Greek, so the ANDARTE soldiers were kept well in the background of the patrols. Irregular leaders were quite willing to surrender arms to the British Officers. After the main disarmament, active patrolling has continued, and gradually more arms are being surrendered. The disarmament has had two effects (a) Great relief by the majority of the islanders, (b) Irregular forces have disbanded and the men returned to their villages to follow their normal lives. The leaders were somewhat dissatisfied at the methods adopted, however as was pointed out to them, if previous warning had been given to them they could not be trusted to ensure the collection of all available arms and equipment. The local leaders had been summoned to this HQ with our Troop Commanders, 15 minutes before the operation became effective and were briefed. They were then allowed to talk to their men for a short time. To sum up, the situation is well in hand, the local populace is well pleased, no arms are carried (except 65 Regt; troops) and no disturbances have been reported.