

GREECE LAST PHASE: OFFICIAL PICTURES.

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Here are the first action pictures of the British campaign in Greece. We were under a moral obligation to help that country and perhaps we hoped that in the Balkan mountains a small, partly mechanised force could hold the invader back, but it proved to be another case of not enough planes, guns and tanks. The thought of a British Army having to retreat again is not pleasant, but if we learn the lessons of the Greek campaign it will not have been in vain.... At this stage our airforce was already withdrawn. Enemy bombers had the sky to themselves and bombed pretty well as they liked.

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Barefooted peasant women cleared the roads of mud to assist our transport. The Greeks knew that our Army had done all that valour could do, that the divisions would reform and continue the fight elsewhere. Outnumbered, our troops had never been outfought, and they were in good spirits to the end.

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(AFTER MRS. BAKER) Hot in pursuit of Mrs. Baker's Boys came formations of German bombers. There are eighteen in this picture, flying low, against little more opposition than they had in Poland - the opportunity the Luftwaffe knows so well how to take.

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In flames some of them were brought down. It is largely owing to our anti-aircraft fire that our retreat was at no time a rout. Eighty per cent of our army was safely evacuated. Still, as Winston Churchill said after Dunkirk, evacuations are not victories. For various reasons the force sent to Greece was too late and too little. We must plan better and work harder, so that next time the enemy will be in headlong retreat.
