

BACK FROM GREECE

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Britain's command of the Mediterranean has twice recently been convincingly demonstrated: by the evacuation from Greece, and the bombardment of Tripoli. Men-o'-war detailed for the bombardment left stations on the previous day. The Fleet Air Arm co-operated; from Formidable, Fulmars went up to escort the naval convoy.

All through the night the ships steamed full ahead towards their objective. Just before dawn our planes dropped flares over Tripoli to light up the target. For forty minutes the Navy hurled hundreds of tons of shells into that important port.

To the army from Greece, sunrise closed the ordeal of evacuation. The troopships were safe in Alexandria - thanks to the Navy. Forty-Five-thousand men returned to Egypt - close on 80% of the force we sent into Greece. They got back in time to counter the German's new threat to the Suez Canal.

(SV WITH TOMMY GUNS) The Greek adventure underlines the lesson of Dunkirk: against Panzer divisions, men with rifles must fail. Next time, the British must be better equipped. That is the only way to win.
