

## COMMANDOS SWOOP UPON ALBANIA.

For the first time in this war, British troops are about to land and fight in Albania; this little country across the southern Adriatic from Italy has been holding a strip of coastline from the German occupiers with a small partisan army; recently the Germans launched an offensive against them and retook the coast. It was through that opening that the allies had been sending supplies to the Albanian patriots; this commando expedition had the object of restoring part of the coast to the patriots --- to open up the supply route once again.

The landing, following destroyer bombardment, had been unopposed. Now the commando units swept upon the garrison to wipe it out.

Communications had been kept up with the partisans; and while the commandos attacked this garrison the Albanian patriots held the roads to prevent German reinforcements arriving from the other garrisons.

Resistance was stiff, and there were a number of casualties. But the assault achieved its object and wiped out the German garrison. Here, as everywhere now under German rule, life for the so-called master-race is uncertain. The whole of the Balkans may be aflame at any moment; here, as everywhere, the days of the German army are numbered.

The raiding force left again by sea; and once again the coast is open to Allied supplies. The fight goes on.

12.50 p.m. Sir V. K. Roberts.  
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