

«The occupation of North Epirus by the Greek Army at the end of 1940 after the repulsion of the Italian forces in Albania and the impact at the Greek press»

Summary

At the end of 1940 the Greek army occupied significant parts of North Epirus and moved to the North, making the Italian army to retreat. This crucial success gave hope to the Greeks for the assertion of the area of North Epirus in order to become part of the Greek State.

This announcement aims to present the effect of this change to the Greek public opinion and the way that the Greek press of that time received this great military success, as well as the expectations that the control of North Epirus by the Greek army created to the Greek political system .

Given that Greece had reasonably claimed this area in the past too, during the Balkan Wars (1912-1913) as well as World War I , the new occupation of North Epirus during World War II created a new status quo in the area. In effect, the interest of the Greek press on this significant national quest became even greater at that time.

The resources that will be used for this announcement are the press of that time, the Greek Armed Forces' archives and relative bibliography.