

# AFRICA OFFENSIVE SOUGHT BY BRITISH

Nazis Pound Empire Troops  
Leaving Greece: Athens Falls to Invaders.  
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Britain appeared to be taking an "invasion pattern"—striking chiefly at the naval bases of South England.

Hitler's Balkan offensive had reached the mop-up stage. German troops entered Athens yesterday and already were moving down the Peloponnesus from a foothold at Patras.

It was thought that only small, scattered detachments of the British Expeditionary Corps remained in Greece. Australian officials gave the first word on the progress of the British evacuation, reporting that it had been successful "so far."

To Crete and Alexandria

An authoritative London report on the evacuation was expected to be delayed until the last troops are out. Many of the British are believed to have been moved to Crete which is expected to be held strongly as an advance base against the German positions in Greece. The German radio reported that some of the British had gone all the way to Alexandria in small flashing boats.

If German claims could be believed, the Luftwaffe was causing greater destruction to British ships between Greece and Crete than had been wrought in the British evacuation at Dunkirk.

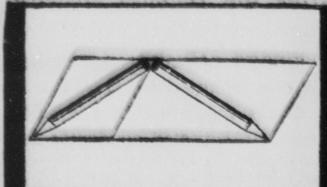
Claim Many British Dead

Up to Saturday, the Germans had claimed over 250,000 tons of British naval vessels and transports sunk. Saturday, Berlin claimed that 11 more ships totaling 48,000 tons were sunk and it was said that yesterday a British cruiser and 5000-ton merchantman were sunk and two cruisers and 12 merchantmen heavily damaged.

Off Crete, the Nazis claimed to have damaged a cruiser and 19 other ships by bomb hits. Berlin believed some of these had sunk.

The official German news agency reported that the bodies of "innumerable" British soldiers on the sunken transports had been washed up on Nazi-held shores in Greece.

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