

# BATTLE OF GREECE AND CRETE COMMEMORATIONS 70 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

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It only seems like yesterday, when we were in Crete for the 50 years Anniversary and now we reach its 70th Anniversary.

The year was 1991, the Labor government was in power, Bob Hawke was the Prime Minister and Australia sent a contingent of the Australian Defence Force to partake in the Anniversary.

The trip was long and arduous covering some nine countries by the time it was concluded. However this the stuff of a book, the beginning of long term friendships, intrigue, the truth about the Battle of Greece and Crete being uncovered, the propaganda and publicity that surrounds the battle to this day. The contingent was named TELEMÓN FORCE and was headed by Colonel James and WO1 Peter Rosemond.



Now a days, Australians and Greeks jointly commemorate the battle as it cements and binds a friendship that was forged in war.

What is of interest is that it would appear that every year, additional information and stories come to light regarding the battle and the aftermath of that battle.

What is true is that the Battle of Greece and Crete was a complete and utter disaster for the allies except that it delayed the Nazis planned attack on Russia and ultimately brought about the demise of a horrific regime. Greeks, Australians and many other nationalities that partook in the battles can proudly hold their heads high and say that it was because of them that the end of the war was in sight.

That that their sacrifices during the battles throughout Greece and Crete were not in vain. Now some seventy years on, one wonders if future generations will remember those who fought in those distant shores of Greece and Crete. Peter Adamis Abalinx



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