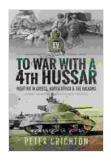
# Fighting In Greece, North Africa, And The Balkans: A Comprehensive Overview



The Second World War was a global conflict that spanned the years 1939-1945, involving the vast majority of the world's countries. The fighting took place on all seven continents, and in every ocean. One of the most significant theaters of the war was the Mediterranean, where fighting took place in Greece, North Africa, and the Balkans.

This article will provide a comprehensive overview of the fighting in Greece, North Africa, and the Balkans during World War II. It will discuss the major battles and campaigns, the key players involved, and the impact of the fighting on the course of the war.



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#### The Fighting in Greece

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The fighting in Greece began in October 1940, when Italy invaded the country from Albania. The Greeks put up a fierce resistance, and the Italian army was unable to make any significant progress. In April 1941, Germany invaded Greece from Bulgaria, and the Greeks were quickly overwhelmed. The country was occupied by the Axis powers for the rest of the war.

The fighting in Greece was important for several reasons. First, it showed that the Axis powers were not invincible. The Greeks were able to hold out against the Italians for several months, and they inflicted heavy casualties on the German army. Second, the fighting in Greece delayed the German invasion of the Soviet Union by several weeks. This gave the Soviets time to prepare for the German attack, and it may have helped them to avoid defeat.

#### The Fighting in North Africa

The fighting in North Africa began in June 1940, when Italy invaded Egypt from Libya. The British quickly responded, and the two sides fought a series of battles in the Western Desert. The British were eventually able to drive the Italians out of Egypt, and they pursued them into Libya.

In 1941, Germany sent the Afrika Korps to North Africa to help the Italians. The Afrika Korps was a highly skilled and experienced fighting force, and it quickly turned the tide of the war in North Africa. The Germans and Italians were able to drive the British out of Libya, and they threatened to capture Egypt.

In 1942, the British launched a new offensive in North Africa. The British were able to defeat the Afrika Korps at the Second Battle of El Alamein, and they pursued the Germans and Italians out of Libya. The British then invaded Tunisia, and they eventually captured the country in May 1943.

The fighting in North Africa was important for several reasons. First, it showed that the Allies were capable of defeating the Axis powers. The British were able to drive the Germans and Italians out of North Africa, and they gained control of the Mediterranean Sea. Second, the fighting in North Africa helped to open up the Mediterranean Sea to Allied shipping. This allowed the Allies to provide supplies to their forces in Europe, and it helped to pave the way for the invasion of Italy in 1943.

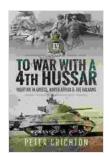
#### The Fighting in the Balkans

The fighting in the Balkans began in April 1941, when Germany invaded Yugoslavia and Greece. Germany quickly defeated Yugoslavia, and Greece was soon occupied by the Axis powers. The Balkans were a strategic

region for the Axis powers, as they provided access to the Mediterranean Sea and the Middle East.

The fighting in the Balkans was fierce and bloody. The partisans, who were fighting for the independence of their countries, were often outgunned and outmanned. However, they were able to inflict heavy casualties on the Axis powers. The fighting in the Balkans continued until the end of the war, and it played a significant role in the eventual defeat of the Axis powers.

The fighting in Greece, North Africa, and the Balkans was a significant part of World War II. The fighting in these regions helped to shape the course of the war, and it had a lasting impact on the history of the region.



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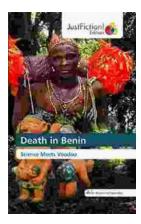
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