

OB, 31 March 1941

- West Macedonia Army - 9, 10, 13, 16 ID
- Epirus Army - I (2, 3, 8 ID), II (4, 5, 6, 11, 17 ID)
- Reserves - 1, 15, 20 ID; Cav Div; also 21 Bde (formed in late March with just one IR)

(This was still the OB on the Albanian front through the end of the war, except that 20 ID and Cav Div transferred to the Bulgarian/German front in early April.)

Development of the new front against the Germans

- In late Feb, the only troops on the inactive front facing Bulgaria were 12 ID in west Thrace, and 7, 14 & 18 ID in east Macedonia (18 ID had been formed in late Dec 1940)
- In late March and early April they were reinforced by the new 19 Motorized ID and Nestos Bde (the latter had just 3 bns); 20 ID and at least part of the Cav Div came to the new front from Albania
- These forces were supplemented by English (actually mostly colonial) troops - 6th Australian ID, 2nd New Zealand ID, and 1st English Tank Bde

*** ORGANIZATION ***

- An Infantry Div had 3 IR; the IR had just 2 bns apiece; each ID also had an arty regt of 3 bns (each bn had 3 batties); most of the artillery consisted of mountain guns
- The Cav Div had 4 regts; each regt had 4 sqdns plus 2 MG groups
- Independent - 5 corps cavalry regts (broken up in wartime), 1 heavy artillery regt, 2 independent tank companies

*** HQ AND UNITS ***

Overall Commander - Alexander Papagos, Oct 1940-April 1941

Chief of Staff - Paraschos Melissinos

Army HQ

-Army of **West Macedonia** - John Pitsikas, Oct 1940-March 1941; George Tsolakoglu, March-April 1941

-Army of **Epirus** - Mark Drakos, Feb-March 1941; John Pitsikas, March-April 1941

-Army of **East Macedonia** - HQ created from IV Corps; led by Constantine Bakopulos, Feb-April 1941

-Army of **Central Macedonia** - HQ created from V Corps; led by John Kotulas, March-April 1941; Christos Karassos, April 1941

NOTE - The Greek high command was riven by internal dissension in 1941. The three commanders who were replaced in March 1941 were being punished for suggesting that a negotiated settlement was needed to avoid German intervention; at that time the I and II Corps commanders were also purged. Then on 17 April Tsolakoglu led a mutiny that forced the