



INVITATION

**The War Archive is delighted to invite to a presentation by
Major General (rtd) Giannis Priovolos on
“The occupation Security Battalions (1941-44) with special reference to their aims,
structure and their post-occupation fate.”
Saturday 19 January 2019 at 19.30**

The security battalions

The history and role of battalions forms a very special and very controversial part of the pre and post civil war history of modern Greece. Originally formed by the collaborationist government as a counter-guerilla force, with the full backing of the German occupiers, they transformed into anti-communist units as ELAS, the main resistance and communist- led force, attempted to eliminate all opposition and to monopolize the military and political process as the time of liberation approached. The Germans backed and promoted this transformation process as it suited them well, and so the Security Battalions were tainted as collaborators and helped ignite the first stage of the Civil War.

The presentation explores the form, structure, social composition of the battalions and casts a new light on this, up-to-now completely concealed and neglected area of Greece’s history.

The presenter

Giannis Priovolos graduated from Greece’s military academy in 1975 and retired with the rank of major general. He authored numerous books on fiction, but since 2007 has concentrated on historic investigation focused on the resistance movements and groups in Greece during the German occupation and especially on the role of the security battalions. His most recent book, which also forms part of his presentation, is entitled “Nationalist Reaction and the Security Battalions” (Patakis, 2018)

The War Archive is looking very much forward to your presence in this event.

We ask you however to let us know whether you will be coming either by replying to this email at afreeris@wararchivegr.org and/or by contacting Maka Dokhnadze at the phone of the Archive 210-8676390 ,or mobile phone 69-98088220 or Nikos Mintrogiannopoulos at 6978408308 by latest 19 /1/2019 as our space is limited.
