



INVITATION

The War Archive is delighted to invite you in a presentation entitled:

**In search of the “small” picture (*)
Athens and Greece through the photos of foreign soldiers (allied and occupiers), 1940-1945**

On Saturday 29 June 2019 at 19.30

The presentation will be in Greek

Presented by Gerasimos Vevis

During Greece’s involvement in WWII, from 1940-45, found numerous troops, both allied and occupiers on her soil. Most of them tried to keep a memento of their stay through the obvious medium of photography. There were plenty of opportunities and ways to do so, from the privately owned cameras, from dedicated amateurs and professionals, from the propaganda units of the armed forces, and from, of course, itinerant professional photo-takers.

The result was a voluminous amount of photos, which filled albums, frames on the mantelpiece and even inside wallets to remind the “stay in Greece”.

The presenter’s initial interest was focused on the history of the Greek Air Force, but soon diverted from just the Air force and ended up collecting photos covering the 1939-1949 period with emphasis in the first half of the decade.

The key topic of the presentation is to examine through the actual photos of these soldiers as to what they were trying to memorize, whether they were defenders or

occupiers. Did the two photographs differently different topics, and if so, why so? Do these photos cast some different light in the history of the period?

(*) The reference to the “small” picture alludes both to the small size of the photos of the time, usually 6x9 cms, as well as the “bigger picture” of historiography.

Gerasimos Vevis

Was born in 1975 in Athens and grew up in Glyphada. He graduated from the department of journalism of the Aristotelian University and continued his studies on International Relations in Brighton, UK.

Since 1999 he worked as freelance journalist and photographer with Greek and foreign (English and French) magazines on Air force and Defense, including during 2007-2014, the post of editor-in-chief of the magazine Flight and Space.

His main interests in writing and collecting covers the history of Greece with emphasis on air flight, both civic and military, in Greece during 1939-1949 but also on the history of Glyphada and Attica.

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 by latest 27 /6/2019 as our space is limited.
