



**The Archive of History and Art-The War Archive, invites you to a presentation on
The island of Cephalonia in the maelstrom of WWII**

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The experience of the Cephalonia during the WWII is a fascinating and tragic microcosm of the experience of the rest of Greece. The island was occupied by Italian troops and the forces of occupation tried to incorporate it in Mussolini's wider plan of the Italian domination of the Mediterranean, the "Mare Nostrum" fascist plan. Inevitably the surrender of Italy and of its troops in September 1943 led to clashes with German troops, which then added further destruction on the island. The Cephalonians organised their own resistance, which, not surprisingly, led to divisions upon liberation, the local precursor of the Civil War in Greece. The presentation will include rare audio - visual material including a moving interview with a local veteran and his description and memories of the reactions of the small island communities upon the declaration of war by Italy on 28 October 1940.

The presenter Orestis Kappatos, born in Cephalonia, is Squadron Leader (rtd) of the Hellenic Air Force where he served since 1987 occupying several posts including a period in the National Meteorological Service. He is a keen local historian, has done numerous presentations on Cephalonia and recently, as a council member of the municipality of Vyronas in Athens, helped to organise various events during this year on the 200th anniversary of the Greek National Revolution

