

Greece and back Home

("First Encounter with a Bandit"- "Home", p. 122-210)

QUIZ. Choose the right answer. More than one option may be correct.

1. Which one is not a plane? Kite
2. Dahl got away from the German Messerschmitt 109 fighters By flying very low
3. A rigger Repairs planes
4. 20 April 1941: The Battle of Athens took place
5. The set of wheels and other parts which support a plane when it is on the ground and make it possible to take off and land: Undercarriage (tren de aterrizaje) (Rudder: timón, Throttle: válvula que controla el combustible de un motor, Lever: palanca)
6. At the Battle of Athens, the RAF lost five of their twelve Hurricanes.
7. When planes fly very low, you can say they are Skimming (pasar rozando) (Roaring past: pasar con gran estruendo, strafe: bombardear, Slam: cerrar de golpe)
8. After the Battle of Athens, the seven remaining Hurricanes flew to a little field along the coast near Megara
9. The Air Commodore gave R. Dahl a parcel to be delivered to a man called Carter.
10. Dahl travelled to Haifa (Palestine) by Car
11. At Haifa, Dahl's job was to Protect the British navy
12. When R. Dahl travelled back to England, his mother Had moved

CROSS: Complete the sentences.

1. The fitters were mechanics who looked after the plane engines.
2. From the age of fourteen, Dahl had always been an enthusiastic photographer. That's why he was carrying a camera when he joined the 80 squadron.
3. British planes used bullets. German planes used cannon-shells. (Shells: bombas)
4. Dahl's code-name in Greece was "Blue Four"
5. The opposite of "front" is rear
6. During his first patrol, Dahl hit a German bomber
7. David Coke was Dahl's only friend in the Squadron.
8. An ammunition ship carries bombs, bullets, shells ...
9. After the Battle of Athens, Dahl's Hurricane was full of holes and Dahl's body was shaking so much that he couldn't light his cigarette.
10. The landing field at Megara was full of olive trees.
11. At Megara, an oil tanker was attacked by German planes and the contents of the ship were spread out over the surface of the water.
12. The Vichy French army was in favour of the German army.

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General comprehension:

1. Once Dahl arrived in Greece, he realized the fight against the Germans was going to be a difficult one. Why? (p. 124-6, 129)
2. Who was David Coke? (p. 128, 202-3)
3. Relationships between the pilots in the Squadron. Dahl says: "Each man was wrapped up in a cocoon of his own problems." (p. 133). Explain. (p. 132-3)
4. Did Dahl ever destroy a German bomber? (p. 135-138, 142-3)
5. What happened during and after the Battle of Athens? (p. 149-153, 155-6, 158)
6. How was the British army taken out of Greece? (p. 177, 181-3, 185)
7. When Dahl was at Ramat Dawid, a Jewish bearded man told him something about a country for the Jews? What was he referring to? (p. 198)
8. Why was Dahl sent back home? What happened to him when he arrived? (p. 202, 204, 209-210)