

18. NAN 'N' RN Commando went up into the Sinai Desert with an opportunity to visit Haifa, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. This was in October 1943.
[SEE PHOTOGRAPH B.](#)
19. NAN 'N' RN Commando sent back to HMS Saunders, Kabrit (Kasferit) for a training exercise known as 'Shallufa'. NAN 'N' RN Commando did not know it but they were being prepared for operation 'Accolade' the capture of the Island of Rhodes. However, they were stood down in readiness for bigger things to come. This was in November 1943.
[SEE PHOTOGRAPHS C, D, E, AND F](#) and [SEE FOOTNOTE 3.](#)
20. A Naval Message was received at HMS Saunders, Kabrit (Kaseferit) which changed some of the Command structure within NAN 'N' RN Commando, just prior to Christmas 1943. NAN 'N' RN Commando spent Christmas 1943 at HMS Saunders. Also, because NAN 'N' RN Commando were not up to strength, and with another big operation looming several Officers from DOG 'D' RN Commando, were transferred at thirty-five minutes notice. It must be noted here that DOG 'D' RN Commando had arrived at HMS Saunders just after Christmas 1943.
21. On New Year's Eve, NAN 'N' RN Commando were embarked on the fast Cruiser HMS Phoebe for a return journey to Italy. Many Landing Craft that had been used in the earlier landings had been withdrawn to England to be used in the forthcoming Normandy Beach Landings of June 1944, and still preparing back home in England along the south coast. 'N' camped just outside of Naples and prepared for another mission, which would entail landing in DUKW's.
22. NAN 'N' RN Commando took part next in operation 'Shingle' a landing at Anzio to form another beach head. Without the immediate move inland towards Rome, the taking advantage of the weak enemy defences was lost. The Commandos and others would be stuck at Anzio from January to May 1944 and 'N' would incur their worst casualties here, of the entire war. NAN 'N' RN Commando found themselves, and not for the first time or the last time up, against the crack German Herman Goering Division.
23. NAN 'N' RN Commando were next on the move in June 1944, to Nisida a small Island, on the edge of the Bay of Naples and attached to the mainland by a road or causeway. The Island was used pre war as a Prison and post war it was taken over by NATO. Stories came out of Nisida to the effect that it was used to shoot by firing squad, German and Italian spies caught in civilian clothes, but more likely they were Nazis and Fascists guilty of a war crime, and who had been unfortunate enough to be handed in by those they had done wrong to, or by the Allied Military Police (MP's).
[SEE FOOTNOTES 4 AND 5.](#)
24. At this time NAN 'N' RN Commando were switched from the west coast of Italy, where they had worked jointly with 5th Army and 8th Army to the east coast of Italy to join 8th Army on the Adriatic Front. It had been decided that 5th Army would work up the west coast of Italy, being supplied from the Mediterranean Sea, and 8th Army would work up the east coast of Italy, being supplied from the Adriatic Sea. NAN 'N' RN Commando were to spend the remainder of the war on this front where they saw extensive service in the forward port areas.

