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## **SOLDIERS OF ITALY!**

You have fought with honor, but it has been a hopeless fight against superior forces.

You have been compelled to fight on the side of your ancient enemies — the Germans — against your real friends — the Americans and the British.

You have fought with bravery, despite the fact that your brother Italians have been betrayed by the Germans again and again, on many battle-fields, from El Alamein to Tripoli.

## **GERMANY WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST ITALIAN!**

When Rommel flees — it is the Italian soldiers who are left to fight the hopeless rear-guard action.

Why fight on to die for Germany — when you can live for Italy?

Brave Italian soldiers — we of America and of Britain have good reason to know and respect the honor and the glory of Italy! In the American army that faces you are many thousands of men of Italian parentage — men whose fathers are the blood brothers of your fathers.

They fight to defend their freedom against Hitler. They fight as surely for the restoration of the freedom and independence of Italy.

## **ITALIANS!**

If you will carry this leaflet into the American British lines, it will be accepted as a token not of honor — and of wisdom.

You will be given safe passage. You will see Italy again restored to her proper place among the nations of the world.

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**SALVACONDOTTO**  
**Laissez - passer**  
**PASS**

Ogni soldato italiano che presenti questo salvacondotto sarà disarmato, dichiarato prigioniero, ed accompagnato nelle retrovie, dopo aver ricevuto cibo, e, se necessario, assistenza medica.

**TO AMERICAN AND BRITISH OUT-POSTS :**

Any Italian Soldier presenting this safe-conduct is to be disarmed, made prisoner, and sent to the rear, after having been given food and medical attention, if necessary.

**AUX AVANT-POSTES FRANCAIS :**

Tout soldat italien qui présentera ce laissez-passer sera désarmé, fait prisonnier et envoyé à l'arrière, après avoir reçu de la nourriture et, au cas de besoin, assistance médicale.

**LASCIAPASSARE**  
**Laissez - passer**  
**Safe-conduct**

de Tunisie, faites que tout soldat italien reçoive ce papier.