

## PART I

### **Your Assignment.**

You and your outfit have been ordered to invade and conquer an enemy country—Italy. That mission will take you or your comrades ultimately to all areas which are Italian-owned or have been under Italian control. Much depends on how you conduct yourself there as a soldier and as a representative of the United Nations.

If you treat the civilian Italians with moderation and tact—and equally with the firmness which your situation demands—you will make your own task easier of accomplishment. Likewise, you may gain the future consideration and support of the Italian people in our effort to restore world order. These are the general objectives which your country expects you to bear in mind.

Until these people have laid down their arms, *they are the enemy*. Once they have laid down their arms, it would be hurtful to ourselves and to the cause of the United Nations to contribute deliberately by act or attitude to their resentment of us. Italy is an Axis country but its people are not all pro-Axis nor were they all pro-Fascist. Many of them are inclined toward democracy. In the appropriate hour we will need the friendship of these people and will need their help in restoring peace to Europe. Whether we win that friendship depends upon whether we can show them that the sense of justice in us is as strong as our determination to vanquish all who take up arms against our country.

### ***Italy our enemy for the first time.***

Italy has never before been the enemy of America or Great Britain. In the past she has always been our friend and she fought as our ally during the Great War.

The policy of Britain and America, therefore, is to treat the Italians differently from the Germans. We have entered the country primarily so that, having knocked Italy out of the war, we can set about finishing off our main enemy in Europe, Germany. By getting on well with the Italians and so making more troops available for other fronts you will be helping to end the war more quickly and also make your job more pleasant. As Mr. Churchill said recently, "We must be careful not to get ourselves into the kind of position into which the Germans have blundered in so