



On the occasion of the birth bicentenary of Giuseppe Garibaldi
the “hero of the two worlds”
new edition of a volume written by his son, Ricciotti Garibaldi

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THE REDSHIRTS

IN THE BALKAN WAR
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Volume in Italian

New edition of the work published in 1915, in which the author describes the military background and the participation of the Italian volunteers under his command in the first Balkan war in Greece.

With the cooperation of Annita Garibaldi Jallet
and of the Museum of Villa Garibaldi in Riofreddo (Rome).

Many thanks to the National Committee for Celebrations
of the Bicentenary of Giuseppe Garibaldi's birth.

- Foreword by Annita Garibaldi Jallet.
- Garibaldi and their topicality, conversation with Annita Garibaldi Jallet by Fabio Bonacina.
- Introduction by Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi.

It was in the operations towards Ioannina that Ricciotti's “redshirts” took part, and particularly in the battle in Drisko (small town in the area). Subject of the volume the antecedent facts, the battle in Drisko, the following events, the epilogue, that is **the adventure of “redshirts” in Epirus in 1912**. Moreover, a whole chapter is devoted to the Italian Red Cross, who accompanied and assisted the Redshirts with their precious work, with the help of the Greek Blue Cross too. Constance Garibaldi, Ricciotti's wife, and Inspector of the Red Cross, in a long letter tells about some particularly touching episodes.

The author, who led the campaign, and is therefore also protagonist of the story, writes in the first person a mix between an account and memoirs, quite a technical report accompanied by many documents which testify the happenings told (one of the reasons which led the editor to publish a new edition of the work). **There is the romantic myth of Hellenism; the civilian myth of the volunteer “redshirts”; comments on the volunteer troops; the sense of comradeship but also of boldness.**

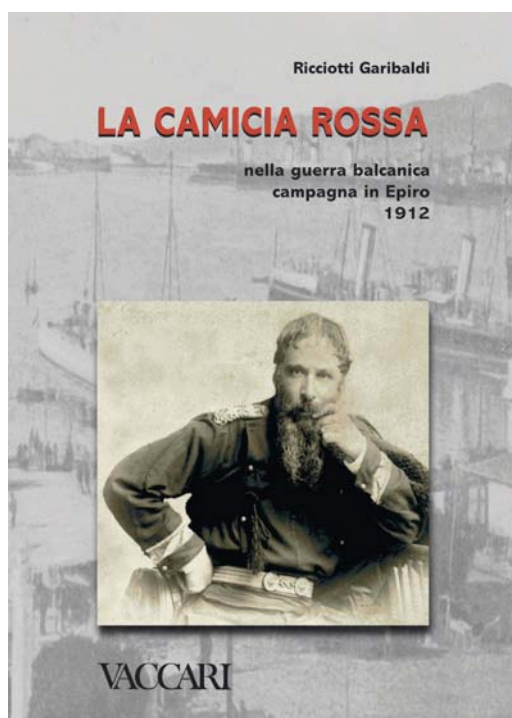
Thanks to this volume, readers can now realize what kind of war it was, the extent of armed forces and fire, but also the “spirit” of that campaign. A picture of an event which remained in Italian memory.



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THE AUTHOR

Ricciotti was born in Montevideo in 1847, fourth born of Giuseppe Garibaldi and Ana Maria de Jesus Ribeiro. From 1866 he distinguishes himself on the battlefields. When his father dies, in 1882, he wants to collect his moral heritage, the values of military voluntary service and of philhellenism which belonged to Garibaldian tradition. It is Greece which gives him the possibility to revive the tradition of Garibaldi's "Redshirts", already from 1897. The General Ricciotti succeeds in realising his true inclination: at the head of new Garibaldian volunteers, he creates a new military tradition, which intervenes in favour of peoples' freedom, and pays attention to the values of heroism and sacrifice in the name of a nation. He dies in Riofreddo (Rome) in 1924.

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