



The Honors of Lieutenant Alberto Garau in the Historical Museum of the Sassari Brigade

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In a touching and meaningful ceremony, the grandchildren of Lieutenant Alberto Garau, Alberto and Patrizio Rinaldi, handed over the silver medal for military valor and other decorations belonging to their grandfather to the Commander of the Brigade "Sassari", General Stefano Messina. The prestigious honor, a symbol of heroism and sacrifice, will now find its home in the Historical Museum of the "red devils" at the "La Marmora" barracks in Piazza Castello, the headquarters of the Brigade Command.

The ceremony represents not only a tribute to the heroic figure of Lieutenant Garau, who fell during the First World War, but also a moment of deep connection between generations, highlighting the importance of historical memory and military valor. General Messina expressed sincere gratitude to Garau's heirs for the donation, which will enrich the cultural and historical heritage of the museum, already a destination for many visitors.

Lieutenant Alberto Garau distinguished himself for courage and dedication in two important military actions, reasons that earned him the silver medal. His story is inextricably linked to that of the "Sassari" Brigade, a symbol of valor and sacrifice, whose soldiers, the legendary "dimonios", mostly from Sardinia, have left an indelible mark on Italian military history.

A particularly moving episode related to Garau's memory concerns his daughter, Silvia, who in **1917**, at just two and a half years old, received in Piazza Sordello in Mantua the silver medal awarded posthumously to her father, exclaiming "*Long live Italy! Long live the King*". This moment was immortalized by the illustrator Achille Beltrame on the front page of the *Domenica del Corriere*, testifying to the admiration and respect that Garau's heroism inspired in the hearts of Italians.

The Historical Museum of the "Sassari" Brigade thus confirms itself not only as a guardian of the deeds and memories of its heroes but also as a reference point for the preservation of military traditions that have contributed to the history and unification of Italy. The donation from Garau's heirs further enriches this heritage, paying homage to those who sacrificed their lives for the homeland and keeping alive the memory of a past that continues to inspire future generations.

In the context of remembrance and celebration, the figure of Lieutenant Alberto Garau emerges as an emblem of courage and dedication, a hero who, through his story and sacrifice, continues to unite, demonstrating that heroism and valor are never forgotten.