

**A BRITISH COLONEL**, captured in the Libyan Desert with 70 of his Indian soldiers, asked permission of

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Nazi Field Marshal Erwin von Rommel to make a farewell speech to his men. The obliging Rommel consented, even stood by with his

staff while the colonel proceeded ostensibly to pour out his heart to the men of his command.

The colonel did not know whether any Germans present understood Hindustani, but just to lessen the chances he put a double mixture of slang into his speech. He told his men how to escape and where to meet him. The colonel and his men disappeared during the night.

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