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the cuban ^{military men} troops and civilians who were on grenada during
the u.s.-led invasion last october were expected to
faithfully follow the words of their national anthem: +to
die for your country is to live.+ twenty-four civilians
died defending an airport they were building, but
miraculously, it would seem, the commanding officer of
cuban troops on the island, colonel pedro tortolo, and 42 of
his ~~officers~~ managed to escape without a scratch to the
safety of the soviet embassy.

Later that month, tortolo and his men returned to a hero's
welcome in cuba. tortolo was embraced by cuban leader fidel
castro, who proclaimed ^{that Cuba was liberated by Cuban great independence war hero} that his officer had acted heroically. ^{General Antonio Maceo}
many cubans, however, began to ask how tortolo and his men
managed to escape to the soviet embassy. it was not long
before the true story came out: ^{he abandoned his position & with some} tortolo and his fellow heroes
had taken a cross-country route not controlled by the
invading forces. instead of fighting to the last with the
civilians.

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