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n. pl. con·dot·tie·ri (-tyâr ē)

A leader of mercenary soldiers in the 1300s, 1400s, or 1500s, especially in Italy.

[Italian, from *condotta*, troop of mercenaries, from feminine past participle of *condurre*, to conduct, from Latin *condūcere*, to lead together; see [CONDUCE](#).]

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