Italian East Africa Medal A.O.I.



Product price:

€35.00 tax included

Product codes:

Reference: Med. 847
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Product features:

Product short description:

The Medaglia Africa Orientale Italiana (A.O.I.) is a historic campaign medal commemorating Italian military operations in East Africa between 1935 and 1936. It is aimed at collectors and enthusiasts of military memorabilia who want a period piece with refined detailing.

- **Type:** Campaign medal linked to the Italian East Africa campaigns.
- **Period:** 1935-1936.
- **Design:** Carefully crafted with detailed workmanship and an elegant appearance.
- **Condition:** Vintage original; may show age-related wear consistent with its history.
- **Use:** Suitable for display, reference collections, or historical study.

Product description:

Product overview

The Medaglia Africa Orientale Italiana A.O.I. is a commemorative bronze campaign medal awarded by the King of Italy to personnel who served in East Africa during 1935–1936. It is aimed at history collectors, military surplus buyers, and tactical memorabilia enthusiasts who value

authentic period pieces.

Definition: The A.O.I. East Africa Medal is a bronze campaign medal issued for service in East Africa between 1935 and 1936.

Main features

Key details that matter to collectors and resellers.

- **Material:** Solid bronze disk, built for long-term preservation.
- **Diameter:** Approximately 32 mm (size can vary slightly by issue).
- **Obverse design:** Portrait of Vittorio Emanuele III facing left with the legend "VITT · EM · III · RE · D'ITALIA · IMP · DI · ETIOPIA ·".
- **Reverse design:** African landscape with mountains and desert, fasces at left, the inscription "AFRICA ORIENTALE" and the motto "MOLTI NEMICI, MOLTO ONORE" with Mussolini’s signature.
- **Ribbon:** Original black-and-blue striped ribbon, issued without the Roman gladius.
- **Authentication:** Certificate of authenticity available on request.

How to use / When it’s useful

Use this medal as a display piece in a personal collection, museum exhibit, or historical reference set. It suits collectors of military surplus, tactical memorabilia, and Italian military history.

Quick answer: This medal is best used for display, historical study, or gifting to a history collector. In most cases, buyers choose it for its historical value rather than practical use.

Care and notes

Basic care preserves value and historical detail; treat the medal as a historical artifact.

- Store dry and away from direct sunlight to protect patina and bronze.
- Avoid aggressive polishing; light cleaning preserves original finish and value.
- Handle with gloves when possible to prevent oils from hands affecting the metal.
- Note: the medal includes period symbols (fasces and Mussolini signature) reflecting its historical context.

FAQ

Q: What material is the medal made from?

A: The medal is made from bronze. Bronze is durable and commonly used for campaign medals from this period.

Q: What are the medal’s dimensions?

A: The diameter generally measures about 32 mm. Exact size can vary slightly between issues, so measurements are approximate.

Q: Does the medal include the original ribbon?

A: Yes. This listing includes the original black-and-blue striped ribbon and is specifically issued without the Roman gladius.

Q: Can I get a certificate of authenticity?

A: Yes. A certificate of authenticity is available on request to confirm provenance and help with resale or insurance.

Q: Is this medal suitable as a gift?

A: Yes. It is a suitable gift for collectors, historians, and enthusiasts of military surplus and tactical memorabilia.

Q: Is the medal original and how many are available?

A: The medal is an original commemorative piece from the 1935–1936 East Africa campaign. Quantities are limited due to its collectible nature; availability may vary.

Tip: Choose the condition or variant that best fits your collection (original ribbon, condition grade) and browse related military surplus and tactical memorabilia to complete a themed display.

Product attributes:

Product gallery: