

Italo-German Campaign Medal in Africa (Zinc, Silvered Version)

Loriloi Milano

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Description

Instituted in 1941, the Italo-German Campaign Medal was created in order that the Italian Government could honor the military deeds of Rommel's Afrika Korps. While not considered an official German award, it was considered a foreign decoration, thus the authorized recipients were allowed to wear the medal. The Obverse of the medal depicted the Italo-German alliance with the use of two gladiators (Italy and Germany) doing battle with a crocodile (Britain). On the reverse shows the Swastika and the Fasces on each side of the Italian Feleni Arch (indicating mutual cooperation). Below the Arch is the Royal Knot of the House of Savoy. Around the outer rim was the legend "Italo-German Campaign in Africa" in both Italian and German languages.



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Details

Height	35.1 mm	Weight	10.8 gr
Width	30.9 mm		

Remarks

While several small firms in Italy produced the medal, the principle manufacturer was F.M. Lorioli and Sons of Milan. Three variants were produced. Solid Bronze, Pot Metal with Bronze plating and finally Zinc. After Italy's withdrawal from the War and surrender, Germany prohibited further wear of this medal after 29th March 1944.

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