

Italian Somaliland

July 1930

Ferrucci (Florentine warrior) commemoration. Italian series
overprinted

ANTA FRAN



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Italian Somaliland

October 1930

Militia: third series

Overprint in smaller letters



Italian Somaliland

1930

2000th anniversary of the birth of Virgil

Italian series overprinted SOMALIA



Italian Somaliland

December 1930

Virgil commemoration: Italian stamps overprinted



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November 1930

Italian Colonial Agricultural Institute

SPECIMEN (Saggio)



Italian Somaliland

November 1930

Italian Colonial Agricultural Institute



May 1931

St Anthony: Italian stamps overprinted



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May 1931

St. Anthony commemoration: Italian stamps overprinted



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May 1931

St Anthony commemoration: Italian stamps overprinted

MOGADISCIO

The capital of Somalia, and centre of administration during the Italian period.



November 1931 postcard to the UK, franked 75 centesimi, made up the 25c value from the St Anthony series and the 50c value from the 1931 'imperial' series

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1932

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 12



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Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 12

The colour and thickness of the paper varies considerably in this issue. It would appear that later printings were more highly coloured and on yellower paper, giving a more contrasting effect. Examples are shown below.

From mid-1935 onwards the perforation was changed to 14, but the two were used concurrently until stocks of the stamps perforated 12 were exhausted. This series was also used alongside the stamps issued by the Italian authorities for use in Ethiopia, and examples after 1936 with Ethiopian postmarks are not rare



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1932

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 12

MOGADISCIO (MOGADISHU)



June 1935 cover sent internally to Baidoa and franked at the 50c single domestic letter rate

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1932

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 12

MILITARY POST OFFICES



November 1935 airmail cover to Bologna, postmarked Military P.O. no 98 - based at Mogadishu
- franked at the 2L50 double airmail rate

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1934

Duca degli Abruzzi (colonial governor) memorial issue:
values of 1932 issue in new colours and perf 14 overprinted



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May 1934

Memorial issue to commemorate the Duca degli Abruzzi (colonial governor).
Values from the 1932 series in new colours and perf 14 overprinted



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1934

Colonial Art Exhibition, Naples

Ordinary postage series



Italian Somaliland

1934

Colonial Art Exhibition, Naples

Airmail series



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October 1934

Colonial Art Exhibition, Naples

Ordinary postage series



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November 1934 First non-stop flight from Rome to Mogadishu

Airmail series



Unmounted mint

November 1934

Rome-Mogadishu inaugural non-stop flight

25 lira commemorative stamp in the same design as the Italian commemorative series but with colour changed and inscribed Somalia, overprinted with a crown and SERVIZIO DI STATO in black



Sorani certificate (2006)

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January 1935

King's visit to Somalia



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January 1935

King's visit to Somalia



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1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14



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Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14



Set (minus 20L value) signed Sorani and with Sorani certificate
25L value also with Carraro certificate

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Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

MILITARY POST OFFICES



June 1935 card postmarked Military P.O. no 98 - based at Mogadishu - and sent at the 20c greetings card rate to Milan

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Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

MILITARY POST OFFICES



June 1936 card to Verona, postmarked Military P.O. no 1, franked 2 x 50c.

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1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

MOGADISCIO (MOGADISHU)



August 1936 airmail cover to Italy franked 1L60 using a combination of airmail and standard issue stamps - overfranked 10c.

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Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

CHISIMAIIO (KISMAYU)

Port at the mouth of the Juba (Giuba) River, and main settlement in southern Somalia



January 1936 cover to Cascia (Perugia) franked at the 50c single surface rate

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1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

VILLAGGIO DUCA ABRUZZI

An agricultural settlement established on the Shebelle River north of Mogadishu by the Duca degli Abruzzi in 1920, becoming something of an agricultural showcase in the 1930s. Now known as Jowhar



December 1937 greetings card to France, sent at the 25c surface postcard rate

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1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

DOLO ^{1/3}

A settlement in S.E. Ethiopia close to the border with Somalia and also Kenya. Taken by the Italian forces in late 1935, and subsequently incorporated by the Italians into Somalia. It was liberated by UK forces in early 1941, and remained under the control of the UK military administration until 1948, when it was returned to Ethiopian sovereignty



April 1938 cover from Dolo to Mogadishu, franked at the 1L75 single registered rate

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1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

HARAR

A regional centre in northern Ethiopia with a predominantly muslim population. Although not formally under Italian control until 1937, Italian troops dominated the area from May 1936, and postal services were established as the present card shows. Harar was liberated by British KAR forces in March 1941



September 1936 card to Naples, franked at the 25 centesimi rate for a card with no substantive message.

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1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

GIGGICA (JIJIGA)

A town in northern Ethiopia in the Harar area. Traditionally a staging post for caravans between Harar and the coast, it was occupied by the Italian Army in May 1936, and liberated by British forces in March 1941. It remained under UK military administration until 1948, and then returned to Ethiopian sovereignty



June 1938 cover from Giggica to Ferrara in Italy, franked 60c. Despite the airmail marking, the rate at the time for airmail was 1L50, and this will have travelled by the surface route.

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1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

SODDU 7

A settlement in south-central Ethiopia, captured by Italian forces in January 1937. Administered by them as a separate province (Galla e Sidama) rather than with Ethiopia or Somalia. Their garrison at Soddu surrendered to British forces in early 1941



29 October 1937 registered cover from the field hospital at Soddu to Potenza in Italy, with an arrival backstamp dated 12 December. Sent at the 1L50 surface registered rate

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May-August 1936

Airmail series



Unmounted mint

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May-August 1936

Airmail series

25c



60c



Later printings were often in brighter shades

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1936

Airmail series

MOGADISCIO



October 1937 airmail cover from Mogadiscio to Firenze (Florence) franked at the 1L50 single airmail rate

1936

Airmail: regular series overprinted POSTA AEREA



Prepared but not issued. The need for them was doubtful given the issue in the same year of the regular airmail series. But possibly held as stock in reserve in case of shortages

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1936-40

Fiscal stamps used for postage

Following the Italian invasion of Ethiopia, and the subsequent fungibility between the various postal authorities for which they were responsible in Eastern Africa, different combinations including fiscal stamps were used to defray postage and accepted without question.

MOGADISCIO (MOGADISHU)



February 1936 airmail cover from Mogadishu to Italy, franked at the 1L50 single rate, made up by a combination of pictorial issue stamps and two values from the fiscal series

July 1923

Italian stamps overprinted and surcharged in besa



June 1924

'Italia turrita' design; values in besa



October 1926

1924 series surcharged in Italian currency



February 1927 - 1940

1924 value surcharged LIRE 1,25



Perforation 14 (1940)

Perforation 11

July 1923

Italian stamps overprinted and surcharged in besa



June 1924

'Italia turrita' design; values in besa



October 1926

1924 series surcharged in Italian currency



February 1927-1940

1924 value surcharged LIRE 1,25



1917-19

Contemporary Italian parcel stamps overprinted SOMALIA ITALIANA in black



February 1923

Contemporary Italian parcel stamps overprinted SOMALIA in black



1923

Italian parcel stamps overprinted SOMALIA ITALIANA in black, as the 1917-19 series, but with narrower spacing in ITALIANA



Diena certificate for the set (2007)

These stamps were never formally issued

1923

Contemporary Italian parcel stamps overprinted in black and surcharged with new values in Besa and Rupie



1926-31

Contemporary Italian issues showing the 'Knot of Savoy' at the centre overprinted in red, using wider spacing for ITALIANA



5c and 10c values signed Raybaudi and with his certificate (1997)

These stamps were never formally issued



Apparently used halves of values from this issue. They are not obviously forged, and low values would not normally attract a forger's attention. Halves in general are not widely collected other than attached to documents. So were a few issued alongside the otherwise similar set from the same period with narrower spacing?

1926 - 31

Contemporary Italian issues, showing the 'Knot of Savoy' at the centre overprinted in red with very narrow spacing in ITALIANA



10L

12L

15L

20L

The values to 4 lira were issued in 1926, alongside the higher values overprinted in black.
The higher values overprinted in red were issued in 1931

March 1926

Contemporary Italian issues showing the 'Knot of Savoy' at the centre overprinted in black, with narrower spacing in ITALIANA



Used set signed Biondi and with his certificate