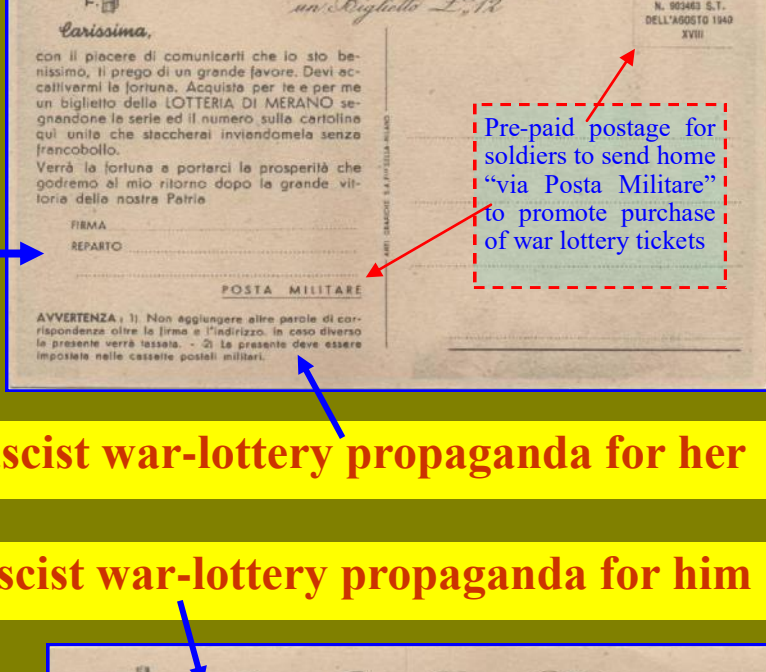
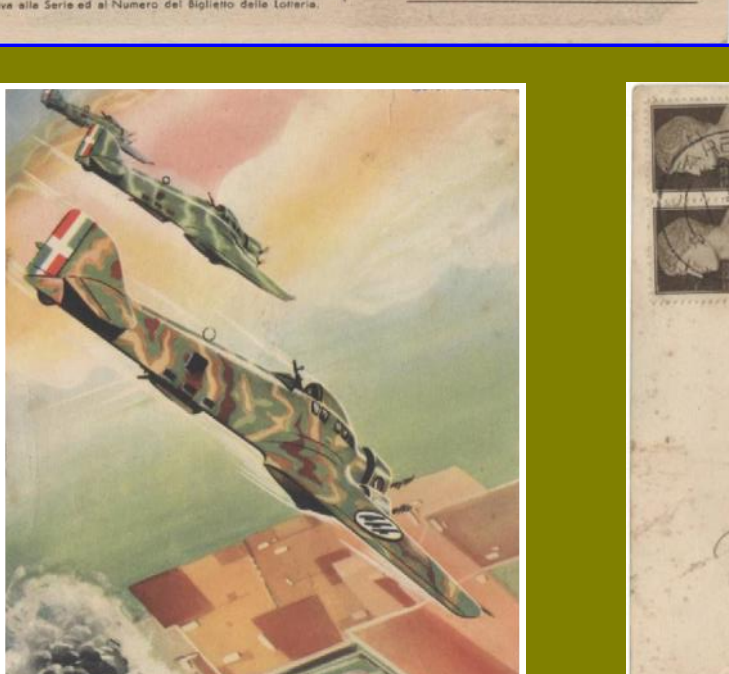


Fascist Wartime Philately during World War 2



Fascist war-lottery propaganda for her

Fascist war-lottery propaganda for him



Statement by Mussolini boasting the combined strength of Italian and German military power.

Statement by Mussolini boasting about the combined Italian and German airlift might.



Statement by King Vittorio Emanuele comparing ancient Rome with today's united effort by Italians for civilization

1942 avowal by Mussolini to remind the Italian people that if Fascism had not marched on Rome back in 1922, today's march on Moscow would not be possible. Mussolini boasts that from the very beginning it was the early Fascists who began the anti-Bolshevik movement, and that it will certainly become victorious in the end.

This postcard is from Victor's cousin Luigi Marchi who had been deployed to the Russian front. Earlier Carlo and Victor had asked him to check on "Winiarnia Italia" if he got close to Lwów. He writes back that he is nowhere near there and he doesn't think he'll ever get there. He apologizes for not having sent the Polish postcards Victor had requested, but he explains that all civilian businesses are shut down.

Partito Nazionale Fascista
Dopolavoro : "a country of soldiers with an army of citizens"
... by Oriani.

"VINCERE" means "TO WIN"
(signed : Mussolini)



"VINCEREMO" means "we will win". The irony of this May 1944 postcard below is its postal cancellation which reads "OPEN CITY ROME". By this time the Fascists had alienated into northern Italy and the war was obviously lost. The letter on back of this postcard mentions the difficulties of living under allied bombings. A month later the Allies marched into Rome.



OPEN CITY ROME



The Postcard on the left describes the anxiety of living under allied bombings in northern Italy. Note that the writer of the postcard on the right crossed out the Savoy Monarchy coat of arms



When the Allies invaded southern Italy in 1943, Mussolini established "La Repubblica Sociale Italiana" in north Italy. He then disarmed the Italian Carabinieri Police Force and replaced it with the GNR, who were loyal Fascists and willing to cooperate with the German Army.

The two postcards below are overprinted "GNR" over the image of King Victor Emmanuel, who by this time had outlawed the entire Fascist party.



Anniversary of Rossini—War-time Italy 1942



Propaganda Press stamp San Marino Fascist Party



Philately Day Rimini-San Marino 5 July 1943 (the Allies landed in Sicily only four days later)

DEFEAT: The above 1928 cancel (early fascist era) reads "This old Italian land will always provide bread to its sons". The lower 1945 post-war cancel reads "Help from America for Bread and Work".

This 1941 letter is from Victor's future brother-in-law who had been captured in Africa. It's a British letter-card given to prisoners of war for their notification to family at home. It's postmarked by Italian Military.



"Taci" translates "Shut Up!"
The cancel reads :
"All news helps the enemy".



"Vinceremo" translates "We will win"



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