

Angola

AIR MAIL.

HISTORY.

The first Airmail services to Angola were introduced in 1937 by the Aero Clube de Angola under the aviator Joaquim Baltazar. In March the company AEROMARITIME began operations using Air France out of Casablanca. In November services were regularized under AERO PORTUGUESA for mail from Lisboa to Luanda. The charge was 6\$00 for 10g and 9\$00 for 50g for the airmail cost and 80c for the normal mail charge. The service continued till 1939 when AEROMARITIME suspended operations with the closing down of AIR FRANCE due to the Second World War. Services were resumed toward the end of the war. In 1940 internal services were established under Angola's own airline, Direcção dos Transportes Aéreos. Airmail used these internal flights with the payment of a premium. Initially the surcharge was paid with the Angolan Greys from 1945 to 1947 and then with the emergency air mail stamps of 1947. Services between Lisboa and Luanda were instituted in 1953 by Portugal's own airline T.A.P.

AIRMAIL STICKERS.

With early airmail issues, a grey/blue airmail sticker M.264-A was used with the extra airmail fee indicated on the sticker - value R. An error exists missing the stop after "Frs" - value RR. The sticker comes in two shades, light and dark. Early incoming mail used the sticker MOD. A rubber stamp, usually applied in purple, replaced the M.264-A sticker, and then no marks were used, with the value of the stamps indicating whether airmail was intended.

