

Angola

MILITARY MAIL.

POSTAL SERVICE.

Other than military dispatches, the postal services for the Portuguese military forces in Angola used CTT with base marks applied at the base office before being sent to the local post office. In some cases, mail was post-paid, marked as such or later with a post-paid military stamp.



The military forces in Angola increased during the 60s and early 70s as the freedom movements took hold. Military bases by then had their own postal markers, **SERVICO POSTAL MILITAR**, **POSTAL MILITAR** or **SERV. POSTAL MILITAR**. All bases were indicated by a number, eg. Luanda = 6. Army bases were indicated by the letters **E.P.M.** and the air bases by **P.M.C.** Thus **P.M.C. 136** indicated the Carmona Air Base and **P.M.C 176** indicated Luanda Air Base No. 9.

AIRMAIL LETTERS.

Special Airmail Letter Sheets were available to the forces either printed locally in Angola or printed in Portugal and overprinted in Angola. These were produced between 1964 and 1974 and were carried free by T.A.P to Portugal. The common marking was **CORREIO AEREO ISENTO DE PORTE E DE SOBRETAXA AEREA**. These air letters are not very common. They were listed in the Higgins and Gage Postal Stationary Catalogue for Angola, copies of which are available on eBay.

