

ANGOLA

POSTAL MARKINGS OF ANGOLA and CONGO

CANCELLATIONS AND POSTAL MARKS. The actual shape of each canceller follows the style illustrations found in this article. Style form numbered in brackets... []. Researched by the ISPP and A. Magalhaes, "Marcas Postais de Angola."

The Classic Era

The first cancellation marks included town marks, dated impressions, rate marks (50, 75, etc), revenue marks, script marks, in fact, whatever was at hand was used as cancellation marks on the first stamp issue in 1870. Some stamps ended up with no mark applied. These were usually cancelled on receipt at Lisboa, the mute 1 below, or with a foreign mark, as below.



CIRCULAR MUTE [1]. Following the introduction of the first Crown issues in Angola in the middle of 1870, the first official cancellation marker was issued to Angolan post offices. It consisted of an eight bar round canceller known in black and blue and was soon in common use. Even stamps up to the 1950's are found cancelled with this marker.



CIRCULAR MUTE. Square dotted mute known in black, uncommon



ELLIPTICAL MUTE [2]. Nine bar cancelers known in black, blue, violet and red.

NUMERICAL OBLITERATOR. Rare. 84.

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TOWN MARKS. Used prior to the introduction of postage stamps. These have been found cancelling postage stamps although such usage is rare.

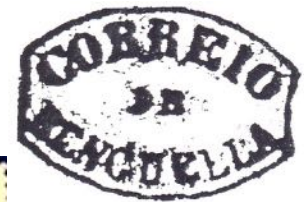
i) Printed handstamp, boxed or plain:

LOANDA
BENGUELA
MOSSAMEDES
BOMA
CALUMBO
CAMBAMBE
CASSOALALA
CORREIO DE MOSSAMEDES
DANDE
FORTE ROCADAS (With or without date)
NHAREA
REGISTRADA/CORREIO DE QUANHAMA
SANTANA.



ii) Egg shaped cancel with flattened end;

CORREIO / CENTRAL / DE/ LOANDA
CORREIO / DE / BENGUELLA



CIRCULAR DATED CANCELS.

A. Double circle with Roman lettering [3]. Introduced late 1870s

BENGUELLA
LOANDA



B. Double circle with Palm leaf [4]. Introduced around 1880.

AMBRIZ (Blue),
BENGUELLA (Violet)
LUANDA,
MOSSAMEDES.



An oval double circle with palm leaves was used for REGISTRADA

C. Double circle, San serif, without palm leaves [5]. Introduced early 1880s.

BANANA, very rare and now part of Zaire (Transferred to Congo
Free State in 1884).

BENGUELLA,
CORREIO DE LUANDA (blue and black).

DATED OVAL CANCELS [6]. Introduction of this cancel began in 1879 and was used for quite some time and is common on Crown and Luis issues. This type of cancel has a central date in a straight line. The top of the oval usually had CORREIO DE, with the town name at the bottom, but there were exceptions.

i) Town Markings - Double circle oval. Numerous. The main postal centres are represented.

LUANDA - "CORREIO CENTRAL - LOANDA"

- "REGISTRADO COREIO DE LOANDA". Blue and black

MOSSAMADES - "CORREIO DE MOSSAMADES" (at the top)

BENGUELLA

AMBRIZ - "ANGOLA - CORREIO DO AMBRIZ" - Single circle blue

Two types of "G", squared and rounded.

NOVO REDONDO

EGIPTO (No example found).



Also, many of the interior townships (Concelhos) were represented, not all identified. "CORREIO DE"

ALTO DANDE

AMBACA

BARRA DO BANGO

BARRA DO DANDE

CACONDA

CALUMBO

CAMBAMBE

CALULO

CAPAMGOME

CASENGO

CATUMBELLA

DUQUE DE BRAGANCA

EGYPTO

JOSE DE ENCOJO

GOLUNGO ALTO

HUILA

ICOLO E BONGO

MALANGE

MASSANGANO

MUXIMA

NOVO REDONDO

PUNGO ANDONGO

QUILLENQUES

S JOSE DE ENGOE

ZENZA DO GOLUNGO



DIRECCAO DOS CORREIOS / PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA. (Standard imprint)



ii) Overseas Cancellation in Lisbon of Angolan postage. PROVINCIAS ULTRAMARINAS.

iii) Oval Registration. REGISTERED

LUANDA

CORREIO DE MOSSAMEDES

iv) Oval Official. CORREIOS/ANGOLA

OFFICIAL / CORREIO DE LOANDA

v) Special Oval. ANGOLA, found on Luis.

vi) Telegraph. ESTACAO TELEGRAPHICA / DE / CALUMGUEMBO. Found on crowns and Luis.

vii) ESTACAO POSTAL/FILIAL/CATUMBO. Found on 25r Luis.

viii) VILA LUSO. Special local cancellation. 1940s. Private Postal service of HUDSON & SONS and alsoCURS.....LTD. Listed later.

ix) Military, internal crown "CORREIO DO CONCELHO DE

AMBACA

CABINDA

HUILA

HUMPATA

ICOLO E BENGO

A general POSSESOES PORTUGUEZAS NA AFRICE OCCIDENTAL



Image Paulo Sequeira

DOUBLE CIRCLE DATED CANCEL [7]. This canceller was introduced about 1883. The upper circle contains the legend ESTACAO POSTAL with the lower part of the circle containing the post office name. 8 have been identified. The cancel is rare. Found on Crowns and Luis, but with later usages up to 1920.

AMBRIZETTE

BENGUELLA

BUMBO

CABINDA

CACONDA

DOMBE GRANDE

EGYPTO

HUMPATA

LANDANA

LUNDA (Luanda)

NOQUI

QUILEMBO

ST ANTONIO



PRINTED RATEMARKS. Introduced in 1890 because there was no 2.5 reis stamp. There are 2 types, a bold and fine JORNAES 2,5 REIS. Encircled with DIRECCAO DOS CORREIOS / PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA oval cancel.

DOUBLE CIRCLE WIDE ENCLOSED DATE [8]. This canceller was introduced along with the new Carlos issues in 1892 but as the Carlos issue was delayed it is found cancelling Luis issues.

i) Angola cancelled in Lisbon. CORREIO/LISBOA. (Introduced in 1880)

ii) CORREIO, over the following Post offices,

LOANDA

LUBANGO

MOSSAMEDES

OFFICIAL/MOSSAMEDES

MUCULLA

QUISSANGA



UNBROKEN DOUBLE CIRCULAR NARROW DATED CANCEL [9]. Main usage in the mid 1890s. It was introduced in 1892 and became the main cancel used throughout Angola. Top circle contains the legend PORTUGAL PROV-DE ANGOLA, and the post office in the bottom of the circle is introduced with CORRO DE. Some cancellers were still in use up to 1929. The following have been identified.

AMBRIZ
 BENGUELA
 BIHE
 CABINDA
 CACONDA
 CALUMBO
 CAMBAMBE
 CAZENGO
 CASSULALA
 CATUMBALLA
 CUZENGO
 CUBANGO (Cudango)
 CUNGA
 DUQUE DE BRAGANCA
 EGIPTO
 GAMBOS
 GOLUNGO ALTO
 HUMAPATA
 HUMBE
 LANDANA
 MALANGE
 MASSANGANO
 MOSSAMEDES
 MUCULLA
 MUXIMA
 NOQUI
 NOVO REDONDO
 PUNGO ANDONGO
 QUICEMBO
 QUIZZANGA
 ST ANT DO ZAIRE
 S. PEDRO DO CHIBIA
 S. SALVADOR DO CONGO
 TALLAMUGONGO



SINGLE CIRCLE ENCLOSED DATE [10]. Introduced at much the same time as the above canceller. Contains the legend - PORTUGAL/PROV. DE/ANGOLA/CORRO DE..... Normally struck in black but Luanda is in violet, blue and red. Cancel used for some time (Ambrizette to 1940).

ALTO DANDE
 AMBACA
 AMBRIZETTE
 LOANDA



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HAND STAMPS. "PAGO" indicating true payment of postage due to a shortage of low value stamps in 1894.

OCTAGONAL DATED CANCEL [11]. This octagonal cancel was introduced at the turn of the Century and was the first cancel to use the CONGO title. It is normally struck in black, but also some are in violet and blue. Some of these cancels were in use even up to the 50s.

i) PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA.

ALTO DANDE
 AMBACA
 AMBULANCIA DE LOANDA
 AMBRIZ.
 BAHIA DOS TIGRES

BAILUNDO
 BARRA DO DANDE
 BENGUELLA.
 BIHE
 BOM JESUS
 CACONDA
 CALUMBO
 CATUMBELA
 CAZENGO
 CUBANGO
 CUNGA
 DOMBE GRANDE
 DONDO
 DUQUE DE BRAGANCA
 EGYPTO
 GAMBOS
 GOLUNGO ALTO
 HUMPATA
 ICOLO E BENGO
 LOANDA
 LOBITO
 LUBANGO
 LUNDA
 MALANGE
 MOSSAMEDES
 MUSSUCO
 MUXIMA
 N'DALLATANDO
 NOVO REDONDO
 PUNGO ANDONGO
 QUANHAMA.
 QUILENGUES
 S. PEDRO DA CHIBIA



ii) PROVINCIA D' ANGOLA.

BENGUELLA. Large and small print.

iii) CONGO PURTUGUEZ.

AMBRIZETTE
 CABINDA
 LANDANA
 N' CUTO
 MAQUELA DO ZOMBO
 MASSABI
 MUCULLA
 MUSSERRA
 MUSSUCO
 NOQUI
 QUISSANGA
 SANTO ANTONIO DO ZAIRE
 SAO SALVADOR

iv) ANGOLA REGISTERED Cancel. This is the first time a "R" Registration cancel is used. The Cancels are not all the same size with LOBITO being the smallest. They are struck in black, with some in blue.

AMBACA
 AMBRIZ
 BENGUELLA

LOANDA
LOBITO
MOSSAMEDES
NOVO REDONDO
QUANHAMA

v) CONGO REGISTERED Cancel.
CORREIO DE CABINDA



DOUBLE CIRCLE WITH OPEN DATE. [12]

The date appears in the center of the cancel and comes in three distinct styles - Traditional Portuguese, Roman numerals with the hour of posting and Roman numerals with no hour of posting.

- i) PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA. Usage around 1910-20. This cancel has the date appearing between two five pointed stars.
- ii) PROVINCIA D' ANGOLA. Usage around 1920-40. This later form does not use the five pointed stars.

Date Styles.

Date abbreviated to three letters.

Date in Roman numerals.

Date in Roman numerals but without an hour of posting.

AMBACA
AMBRIZ
BIHE
BUCO-ZAU
CAMIXILLO
COMOMBO
CANHOCA
CATETE
CUANGO - top CONGO PORTUGUEZ
CUILO - top CONGO PORTUGUEZ
DELLA TANDO
HUAMBO
LIBOLO
LOANDA
LOREMO
LUCALLA
LUCHAZE
LUMBALLE
MALANGE
MOXICO
NOQUI
PUNGO ANDONGO
QUELLA
QUISSOL
SAMBO
SAURIMO
VILLA HENRIQUEQE CARVALHO



Roman Numerals



DOUBLE CIRCLE LARGE [8] Early 1900
LANDANA / CONGO



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DOUBLE CIRCLE LARGE. [9]. PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA. Special for making:
R. Registered.
V. Vales. Money Orders.
E. Encomendas. Parcel Post.

LOANDA. R, V, E
LUBANGO R ?
MOSSAMEDES. R
NOVA LISBOA. V

UNIQUE DOUBLE CIRCLE. ESTACAO POSTAL [13] During the 20's and 30's.
HANHA



DOUBLE CIRCLE ENCLOSED DATED. PROVINCIA D' ANGOLA [8] around the 1920's.

AMBACA
BARRA DO BENGO
BARRA DO DANDE
BENGUELLA
CAMBONDO
CACUACO
MAQUELLA DO ZOMBO
N'GABELLA
PORTO ALEXANDRE
QUIZENGA, month date in Roman nuerals
ST. ANT. DO ZAIRE
(SANTO ANTO)



Image Paulo Sequeira

DOUBLE CIRCLE NUMERICAL CANCELLER [13]. An emergency canceller used in the event of an accident to the existing canceller, or to place one into service at a new post office.

i) Diameter of 26mm with legend of PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA and CORREIO. Issued from 1913 and in use in some Post Offices up until the late 30's. Number with date underneath.

- 1 CUAMOTO
- 2 QUIFUNGO
- 3 CAPELONGO
- 4 CASSINGA
- 5 ESTACAO DA ILHA
- 6 LUNGUE BUNGO
- 7 CACHINGUES, CHITEMBO
- 8 CANHOCA, MISSAO DE DONDE, CHINGUAR
- 9 BEMBE
- 10 VILA ARRIGA
- 11 AMBACA
- 12 CUIMA
- 13 MAQUELA DO ZOMBO
- 14 MUCULA
- 15 CABIRI
- 16 BIMBE
- 17 DALA TANDO
- 18 GANDA
- 19 UIGE
- 20 HUMBE



ii) Legend CORREIOS rather than CORREIO. Issued some years later.

- 21 FORTE ROCADAS, NOVA LISBOA
- 22 CATETE
- 23 LELA
- 24 CHILONGO
- 25 CHILESSO, VOUGA/LOBITO
- 26 CIDADE ALTA, CACULO CAENDA, QUILEMBO
- 27 QUICUMBE

- 28 ANDULO
- 29 NOVA LISBOA, GAMBA
- 30 CAFUNGE

iii) Diameter of 31mm. Cancellers of a later issue. Some cancels seem to have a box around the date. Dates run from around 1920 to late 30's. Again a rare cancel.

- 31 MUXIMA
- 32 CAZOMBO
- 33
- 34 SENZE DO ITOMBE
- 35 ELINDE, CUMA, CHINGUAR, ICOLO E BENGO, MISSAO DO DONDO
- 36
- 37
- 38
- 39 PORTO AMBOIM

HEXAGONAL DATED CANCEL. [14]

Legend, CORREIOS ANGOLA. First release of this shape 1914. Three element date separated by hyphens with the hour last. This caused many mistakes with the hour sometimes becoming the date, or just left unchanged. All are struck in black. LUANDA has two different sizes of the "L".

- BENGUELA. Two styles. ••
- CABINDA
- LOANDA 2-digit year
- LOANDA 4-digit year
- LUBANGO
- MALANGE
- MOSSAMEDES



DOUBLE CIRCLE SERVICE CANCEL [13]. This cancel was introduced in 1917 and continued in use up to the late 30's. It was issued to a number of post offices as a special cancel for postal services. The legend was CORREIOS DE ANGOLA with the name of the post office underneath. The service marks were as follows:-

V. Vales - Money Orders.

R. Registered.

E. Encomendas - Parcel Post.

- MUSSOLO Without a letter.
- NOVA LISBOA Without a letter.
- NOVO REDONDO Without a letter and R
- AMBRIZ R
- CABINDA R E
- CAXITO R
- DALA TANDO R E V
- LOANDA R E Black and purple
- LUBANGO R E
- MALANJE R E V
- MOSSAMEDES R E V
- NOVA LISBOA V
- NOVO REDONDO R E V



MISCELLANEOUS CANCELLERS. 1918-1939

a). RAILWAY HANDSTAMPS [15]. Octagonal cancellers used at Railway Post Offices (Ambulancia Ferroviaria) on the Benguela line.

b) SANTO ANTo. do ZAIRE. [8] but a much larger version with legend CORRO e TELo.
SANTO ANTo do ZAIRE

c) Hexagonal [14] but with the date box in the middle of the canceller rather than at the bottom. Legend CORREIOS ANGOLA. 1919-1921

CIDADA ALTA (A post office in Luanda)
BENGUELLA



d) SILVA PORTO (BIE) / CENTRAL. [14] but much smaller than usual. Legend CORREIOS E TELEGRAFOS placed in an arch over the top, PORTUGAL / COLONIA DE ANGOLA. Then the usual rectangular date box but in the middle of the canceller. Usage 1925-1948.

SILVA PORTO

e) POSTAL ORDER SERVICE, [15] V cancellers used for postal cancellation, but with different sizes and legends.

TYPE 1. Legend CORREIOS ANGOLA

Single circle, boxed date.

LOTITO

LUBANGO

TYPE 2. Legend ANGOLA

Single circle, boxed date.

CHINGUAR

MALANGE

M.DOZOMBO

NOVO REDONDO

V. SALAZAR

TYPE 3. Legend CORREIOS e TELEGRAFOS

Single circle, boxed date

SILVA PORTO

TYPE 4. Legend PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA

Single circle, boxed date

BENGUELLA



f) TELEGRAPH [8] cancellers used for postal cancellation in the usual size with legend ESTACAO RADIO-TELEGRAFICA. 1936-1948.

CAMACUPA

HUAMBO

LOBITO

LUBANGO

MAQUELA

MOSSAMEDES

SAN RIMO



g) REGISTERED specials. Of different sizes and with "R" for registered. These are very unusual in usage and are rare.

a) ESTACAO NOQUI with legend CORREIOS ANGOLA

NOQUI

b) S ANTONIO DO ZAIRE with legend CORREIOS e TELEGRAFOS / ANGOLA.

ANTONIO DO ZAIRE

h) SERVICIO POSTAL Used at HOQUE-ANGOLA up to the 60s. A rare cancel.

HOQUE

i) SERVICIO POSTAL With the date in Arabic numerals and with a usage from 1933-1936.

LOANDA

PORTUGALI ANGOLA

j) Rectangular [18]. A special cancel used at DUNDO in 1935 and 1936. Dundo was a major office of Companhia Diamantel de Angola which operated a private postal service in the region. Another cancel of similar shape but with a company name in a third box over the date - DIAMANG - and used into the 40s. This was certainly a private mark for a private postal service.

DUNDO

DUNDO DIAMANG



k) The VILA LUZO oval mark was a similar private cancel and can be found in two company names -CORS..... LTD. andHUDSON & SONS.
VILA LUZO

l) Special PROVINCIA D' ANGOLA and only one Post office used the cancel. Usage was between 1930-1942.
CAALA

m) Shape [9] with legend CORREIOS E TELEGRAFOS DE ANGOLA used at only two post offices from 1938.
DUNDO
PORTUGALIA

n) Line date stamp used when no cancel was available.

NUMERICAL CANCELLERS. Value number in oval, without date. It is probable that these cancellers were used in Post Offices which were too small to have their own cancel and which were linked to the Luanda and Benguela railway lines. As the offices grew, they received their own name cancel. All such numerical cancellers on cover are for these small post offices. So they were probably railway post offices too small to even have a railway handstamp. The number indicated the Railway Post Office temporarily using that particular stamp. The cancellers had all been recalled by the 50's and were located in the Angola Post and Telegraph Museum until stolen at independence.

- 50
- 100
- 150
- 200
- 250
- 300
- 350
- 400 ??
- 450 ??
- 500 ??



The Modern Era

DOUBLE CIRCLE ENCLOSED DATE LARGE. [8 large] Legend CORREIOS E TELEGRAFOS / ANGOLA (the ANGOLA is above the date box). This model canceller was distributed to most of the main Angolan Post Offices in 1939. It was the intention of the CTTA to standardize all the cancellers. As it turned out, this cancel only lasted till 1947 when it was progressively replaced by the standard modern cancel [8] used through to independence. Some Post Offices used the cancel up into the 60's. The date line normally had the year in full but some had only the last two digits.

- AMBRIZETTE
- BAIA DOS TIGRES
- BELA VISTA
- BENGUELA
- BENGUELA 1 SECCAO
- BENGUELA 2 SECCAO
- BUNGO
- CABINDA
- CAMABATELA
- CAMACUPA
- CANGANDALA
- CAPELONGO
- CATUMBELA
- CHIBAIA
- CHINGUAR
- DAMBA
- DONDO
- FORTE ROCADAS
- GABELA
- GANDA



HUMPATA
LANDANA
LOBITO
LOBITO 1 SECCAO
LOBITO 2 SECCAO
LOBITO ENCOMENDAS
LUANDA
LUANDA 1 SECCAO
LUANDA 2 SECCAO
LUANDA BG
MALANGE
MAQUELA DO ZOMBO
MOSSAMEDES
NOVA GAIA
NOVA LISBOA
NOVO REDONDO
NOVA SINTRA
PORTO ALEXANDRE
PORTO AMBOIM
QUIBALA
SA DA BANDEIRA
SANTO ANTONIO DO ZAIRE
SANZA POMBO
SILVA PORTO
SILVA GARE
UIGE
VILA GAGO COUTINHO
V. HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO
V. TEIXEIRA DE SILVA
V. TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA
VILA ARRIAGA
VILA LUSO
VILA LUZO
VILA NOVA
VILA ROBERT WILLIAMS (Two sizes)
VOUGA

DOUBLE CIRCLE ENCLOSED DATE - SPECIAL [8]. Two cancellers which did limited service in the 40's. Both were found in the CTTA museum and showed heavy usage, but hardly any stamps can be found cancelled with them. They may not have been used to actually cancel stamps. Legend SERVICIO POSTAL - VALES, ie., for money orders, and SERVICIO POSTAL - REGISTOS, ie. for registration service. Their shape became the adopted shape of cancellers up until independence.

LUANDA - ANGOLA

NARROW DOUBLE CIRCLE ENCLOSED DATE - REGISTERED. [9]. This cancel is very rare. It serves as the last usage of this shape. It did service around the 40's, although it is not known in which Post offices it was used. Legend COLONIA DE ANGOLA.

VILA HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO (Unsure)

DOUBLE CIRCLE ENCLOSED DATE [8]. Designed with two four pointed stars as ornaments. Cancel was used from 1947 and is presently in use in Angola. The legend C.T.T. - ANGOLA stands for Correios Telegrafos Telefonos, Telefonos being used for the first time. In the early examples the date was formed with a shortened month and the full year. Some examples show the 19 missing and replaced with a mute square. The later dates show the month in numerals and the year with only the final two numerals. An * indicates post offices using the two forms. More than one canceller is often used at the same post office and differences can be noted. Eg. DUNDO come in an early small caps and a later large caps. This canceller was also

used with the center mark "R" for registered, "V" (Vales) Money orders, and E (Encomendas) parcels. The date is usually in numerals.

AEROPORTO-LUANDA only with Registered mark. R

ALDEIA VICOSA

ALTO CATUMBELA

AMBRIZ

AMBRIZETE R V

ANDULO* V

BABERA

BELA VISTA*

BEMBE

BENGUELA* R

BENGUELA REG

BENGUELA AVIAO

BESSA MONTEIRO

BAIA FARJA

BOAS AGUAS

BOCOIO

BOLONGONGO

BUCO-ZAU

BUNGO

CABINDA* R E

CACOLO

CACONDA R

CACUACO

CACUSO

CAHAMA

CAIMBAMBO

CALAI-BAIXO CUBANGO

CALULO R

CALUQUEMBE

CALUSO only with Registered mark. R

CAMABATELA E

CAMBAMBE

CAMBONDO

CANGAMBA

CANGOLA

CANGUMBE

CANHOCA

CAPELONGO

CARMONA R E

CARACULO

CATETE

CATUMBELA

CAXITO

CAZOMBO

CELA

CHIANGE

CHIBEMBA

CHIBIA

CHINGUAR R V

CHIPETA

COL.toV.leLODGE

CONDA



CUANGAR
 CUBAL R V
 CUCHI
 CUEMBA
 CUIMA
 CUITO CANAVALÉ
 CUMA
 CUTATO
 DAMBA
 DOMBE GRANDE
 DONDO R V
 DONGO
 DUNDO
 DUQUE DE BRAGANCA
 D. DE BRAGANCA only with registered mark. R
 E.C.P. BENGUELA
 E.C.P. LUANDA
 EBO
 ESTACAO DO LOBITO E
 Ge MARa LUANDA
 GABELA R V
 GABONDO
 Ge MAR LUANDA only with registered mark. R
 GALANGUE
 GENERAL MACHANDO
 GOLUNGO ALTO R
 HATILA
 H. CARVALHO R
 HOALATANDO
 HUILA
 HUMPATA
 I.E.S. PORTO
 JAMBA
 JAU
 LANDANA
 LOBITO* R E
 LOBITO REG
 LOBITO URBANA R
 LONGA
 LONGONJO
 L.V.ALICE
 L/AEROPORTO
 LdaAEROPORTO
 Lda G.MARITIMA
 LUANDA AEROPORTO
 LUANDA BRITO GODINS*
 LUANDA C1a S
 LUANDA C2a S
 LUANDA C3a S
 LUANDA CENTRAL
 LUANDA COMBATANES
 LUANDA FILDA (Used at Luanda International FAir.
 LUANDA G.M.
 LUANDA MAIANGA

LUANDA S.PAULO
 LUANDA-AEROPORTO R
 LUANDA-C E
 LUANDA-BG V
 LUANDA / BRITO GODINS R
 LUANDA CAMBATANES R
 LUANDA-CENTRAL R E V
 LUCALA
 LUCUNGA
 LUMEGE
 LUSO TELEG
 LUSO R E V
 LUVU
 MAIANGA
 MALANGE* R E
 MALANJE
 MAQUELA DO ZOMBO
 MATALA
 MATANGA
 MATOIO
 MAVINGA
 MOCA des 1a SEcao
 MOCA des 2a SEcao
 MOCA des 3a SEcao E
 MOCAMEDES*
 MOCAMEDES REG
 MOCAMEDES TAXA
 MOCOLA
 MONGUA
 MONTEVERDE
 MUCABA
 MUCABI
 MUCO only registered. R
 MUIE
 MUSSOLO
 MUXIMA
 NAMAQUNDE
 NAVA CADUNDO
 NEGAGE* R
 N'HAREA R
 NOVA CHAVES
 NOVA GAIA
 N. LISBOA R E
 N. LISBOA URB
 N. LXA-URB.AVIAO
 NOVA LISBOA* E
 NOVA LISBOA REG
 NOVA LISBOA C R E
 NOQUI
 NOVA LUCADO
 N. REDONDO
 NOVO REDONDO R
 ONCOCUA
 OTCHINJAU

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 P. AMBOIM
 PROTO ALEXANDRE R
 PEREIRA D'ECA
 PORTO AMBOIM
 PORTUGALIA
 QUELA
 QUIBALA R
 QUIBAXE R
 QUICULUNGO
 QUILENGUES
 QUIMBELA
 QUINZAU
 QUIPUNGO
 QUITEXE
 ROBERT WILLIAMS R
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 S.A. ZAIRE
 S. PAULO
 S. PORTO R
 S. PORTO TAXACAO
 S. SALVADOR R V
 SA DA BANDEIRA* R
 SA DA BANDEIRA REG
 SALAZAR S.P. R
 SALAZAR AVAIO
 SALAZAR ENC
 SALAZAR TEL.
 SAMBA CAJU
 SANTA COMBA R
 SANTA CRUZ
 SANZA POMBO
 SAO SALVADOR
 Sta COMBA-GAR
 Sto A.DO ZAIRE
 Sto ANTONIO DO ZAIRE
 SERPA PINTO* R
 SILVA PORTO* R E V
 SONGO
 TCHINVIGUIRO
 TOMBOCO
 TOTO
 3a C.I.A.N. LUANDA (used at 3rd Conferencia Interafricana de Nutricao)
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 UIGE
 UIJE only with money order mark V
 URB. LOBITO V
 V.H. CARVALHO
 V. MACEDO DE CAVALEIROS
 V. MARIANO MACHADO
 V G. CAPELO V
 V. G. MACHADO V
 V GENERAL MACHADO R
 V. M. MCAHADO V

V.N. DO SELES
 V.R. WILLIAMS
 V. TEIXA DA SILVA*
 V M MACHADO
 V PEREIRA D'ECA
 VIANA
 VILA ARTUR DE PAIVA*
 VILA DE FOLGARES
 VILA FLOR
 VILA GENERAL MACHADO •
 VILA G. CAPELO
 VILA HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO
 VILA JOAO DE ALMEIDA
 VILA LUSO* V
 VILA LUZ
 VILLA LUZO
 VILA D. DE MATOS
 VILA NORTON DE MATOS
 VILA NOVA
 VILA OLEDO
 VILA PAIVA COUCEIRO
 VILA ROCADAS
 VILA SALAZAR R
 VILA TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA only with Registered. R
 VILA DE Sta COMBA
 VILA SERPA PINTO
 VOUGA
 ZENZA TOMBE

The following cancels use the same shape but are smaller (24mm). They were introduced for money orders and so have the central "V" mark. Their date is always in numerals and they were sometimes use to cancel postage.

AMBRIZ V
 CABINDA V
 H. CAVALHO V
 HUILA V
 MOCAMEDESV
 PORTO ALEXANDRE V
 SA DA BANDEIRA V
 URB LOBITO V
 V. TEIX DE SOUSA V
 V G. CAPELO V
 V. TEIX DE SILVA V



The following three cancellers were specials. CORREIOS-ANGOLA [8] LUANDA-CENTRAL

C. Correio
 PR. Poste Restante
 VD. Valor Declarado

MECHANICAL CANCELLERS. Used from 1949 through till the end of 1970. Circle with wavy lines or slogan.

FURTHER MISCELLANY.

- A. NARROW DOUBLE CIRCLE. C.T.T.-ANGOLA. [9]
LOBITO-C
LUANDA-C
- B. SINGLE CIRCLE. ANGOLA/C.T.T. or C.T.T./REGISTOS
LUANDA-C
- C. Philatelic mark. C.T.T DE ANGOLA.
LUANDA/FILATELIA
PORTUGAL-ANGOLA/CTTO/1o AD/LUANDA
(Numerous other special marks were used over the years)
- D. (New). [8]. CORREIOS E TELEGRAFOS. 29mm.
ANGOLA-VILA SALAZAR
- E. (New). Original. PROVINCIA D'ANGOLA/VOUGA. "100 BIE". 25mm.



Railway Markings

AMBULANCIAS. T.P.O. The cancellations of railway post offices.

1. Octagonal [11]. Usage from 1901 to 1904. PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA/
AMBULANCIA DE LOANDA
2. Double unbroken medium circles [9]. Usage 1908 to the 1930s.
PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA/AMBa Dda AMBACA II
3. Double unbroken medium circles. PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA LOANDA. [9].
AMBULANCIA I. Malange to Luanda, 1913-1921
AMBULANCIA II. Loanda to Malange, 1913-1921
4. AMBULANCIA III. Malange to Loanda, 1913-1914
AMBULANCIA IV. Loanda to Malange, 1913-1914
5. AMBULANCIA V. Malange to Loanda, 1920-2
AMBULANCIA VI. Loanda to Malange, 1920-21
6. Double unbroken narrow circle dated cancel. Usage 1914-1924. With small identifying star. [9].
PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA/
BENGUELLA - AMBULANCIA
7. MOSSAMEDES-AMBULANCIA
8. Octagonal. [15]. PROV.a D'ANGOLA. 1920's. Not common
AMB. I BENGUELLA
9. AMB. II BENGUELLA
10. Double circle with open date. Has large identifying star. [12]. PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA
BENGUELLA - AMBULANCIA
11. Telegraphic cancellations. Large double circle, dated [8].
CORREIOS E TELEGRAFOS/ANGOLA.
AMBULANCIA/LOANDA-MALANGE
- 11A AMBULANCIA/LOBITO-V.TEIXa DE SOUSA
12. AMB - 2 / LOANDA - MALANGE
13. AMB.-2/LOBITO T.S
14. Special large double circle during the 40's. [8]. AMBULANCIA/C.T.T/ANGOLA
LUANDA-CATETE
- 15 MOSSAMEDES-SA DA BANDEIRA
16. Special double circle used during the 50's. [8]. C.T.T ANGOLA
AMBULANCIA LOBITO-VILA TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA
17. AMBULANCIA LUANDA-MALANGE
18. Modern [8] shape for 60's to 70's. C.T.T ANGOLA.
AMB. B-LOBITO
19. AMB. P.tal MOC.des
20. AMBUL.a - B
21. C.F.L./AMBULANCIA-A



- 22. C.F.L./AMBULANCIA-B
- 23. LOB. - AMB
- 24. R/LOB. - AMB

RAILWAY HANDSTAMPS. Mail received at wayside railway stations on the Benguela Railway and the Caminho de Ferro de Mocamedes were cancelled with the railway stamp as there was no postage canceler available. These stations were too small to have their own Post office. It is possible that many of these marks were for railway parcels rather than post. This is suspected as very letter have been found with the marks on them.

i) Boxed station marks, 8 to 12mm high.

- A.FORMOSA
- B.ALTA
- CALOLO
- CACUACO
- CACUSO
- CAMBONDO
- CAMUNZE
- CANHOCA
- CAPELO
- CASSOALALA
- CATETE
- CATUMBELA
- CHIPETA
- DILOLO
- GOLUNGO ALTO (Two sizes)
- GUNDA
- ICOLO E BENGO
- LOBITO
- LOBITO - M
- LOMBE
- LOANDA
- LUANDA
- LUCALL
- MALANGE
- N.D.TANDO
- NOVA LISBOA
- QUIFANGONDO
- QUIZELE
- SALAZAR
- VIANA
- MAR.MACHADO
- G.MACHADO
- VILLA NOVA
- R.WILLIAMS
- VOUGA
- ZANGA
-GACOL
- LUINHA ???



ii) Unboxed Station marks

- CAMBUNZE
- CATETE
- FUNDA
- LUINHA
- MALANGE
- MATETE

QUINGENGE
.....TANDOM.....

- iii) Possible marks yet to be found
VILA ARRIAGA
V.PAIVA COUCEIRA
MATALA
DONGO
ARTUR DE PAIVA
SERPA PINTO

Air Mail Markings

AIR MAIL. The first service was flown in Angola in 1924 and up till 1937 no special cancel is used. Special etiquette stickers were placed on some letters from the early 30's till 1945 when they were replaced with printed surcharges. Special Air Mail stamps were available, but not necessarily used. In 1939 a special overprinting of the Airmail 5\$oo for the New York World Fair was done to 2000 stamps but never sold in post offices in Angola. During the war the grey labels were printed to cover the extra costs of airmail. These were applied by the post clerk, but were replaced with the new printing of the Ceres stamps in 1946.

- i] First specific air mail cancel. 1937. [16]. SERVICIO POSTAL AERO.
ANGOLA-LOANDA
PORTUGALIA-ANGOLA
- ii] Second specific air mail cancel. 1940's. [8]. SERVICIO POSTAL-AEREO
LUANDA-ANGOLA
- iii] Third specific air mail cancel. 1948 +. [8]. CTT-ANGOLA/CORREIO/AEREO
LUANDA - "C" 1aS
LUANDA - "C" 2aS



- iv] The modern canceller types.
 - A. [17]. 1950+. ANGOLA/CORREIO AEREO
BENGUELLA
LOBITO
LUANDA/CENTRAL
LUANDA/B/G
LUSO
M M BENGARZA ??
MOCCAMEDES
NOVA LISBOA
SA DA BANDEIRA
SILVA PORTO
VILA LUSO
 - B. [8]. 1953+. C.T.T ANGOLA
PORTUGALIA
VILA SALAZAR
 - C. [17]. 1959 +. ANGOLA/CORREIO AEREO
LUANDA BG
LUANDA - C
LUANDA - CENTRAL
MAQUELA DO ZOMBO
 - D. [8]. 1965 +. C.T.T. - ANGOLA
AVIAO - LOBITO
AVIAO LUBANGO
BENGUELA - AVI0
LUSO - AVIAO
MOCAMEDES - AVI0
N. LISBOA - AVIAO



N. LXA.-URB.-AVIAO
S. PAULO - AVIAO
SALAZAR - AVIAO

General Postal Markings

i) FRANQUEDA. An early marking indicating that the full value of postage had been paid by the sender and that there was no further payment to be made by the recipient. Early.

ii) NULLO. Void. Used on classic stamps.

iii) PAGO. Paid. Used on classic stamps.

iv) Line date stamp. Refer example of Ceres cover. Rare and used in a very small Post Agency.

v) DEVOLVIDO AO REMETENTE. Return to sender. Carlos and later.

vi) Rate Marks. 1853 postal charges were 40, 80, 120 for letter to Portugal while incoming mail was 50, 100, 150 reis. Prior to the issue of stamps these rate numbers were applied to the letter. Some are found cancelling stamps.

v) Dated postmark of Luanda. Used up to mid-1854. Very rare. Green.

vi) Oval Numerical Cancellations. In the late 1800s there was a continual shortage of postage stamps and therefore Numerical Cancelers were used to indicate that postage was paid in full. Such was applied to cover full postage or added to a stamp to meet the proper postage required and used at the same time to cancel the stamp. Cancelers used in Benguela were, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 500. Forgeries exist as some of these cancelers were stolen from the Angolan Postal Museum at Independence.

vii) Small circled "T". This is a postage due mark used from the Classic period.

viii) Registration marks of the Classic period. Circled, REEXPEDIDA, REGISTRADA. Plain, RECUSADO.

ix) NAO RECLAMADO. Unclaimed mail.

x) FALLECEU. Wrong address.

xi) DESCONHECIDO. Unknown at this address.

xii) MUDOU de RESIDENCIA. Changed address.

xiii) HAND STAMP. "PAGO". In 1894 there was a shortage of low value stamps and therefore the value was written in hand with one of the above date stamps. Later the stamp "PAGO" (Paid) was applied in black, blue or red ink. The Ambriz "PAGO" was slightly smaller than that of Luanda.

xiv) REGISTRATION labels in the 1890's began to replace the "R" in circle of the classic period.

xv) Boxed REEXPEDIDO.



Maritime Markings

PAQUET. Mail on the high seas

i) Straight line or boxed PAQUEBOT

1. Lobito from 1953
2. Luanda from 1957

ii) Double line and boxed PAQUETE/PAQUEBOT

3. Lobito from 1914 and Luanda from 1957
4. Lobito from 1957
5. Lobito from 1968
6. Luanda from 1966

iii) [8] PAQUEBOT

iv) [8] CTT ANGOLA

GARE-MARITIMA
Lda G. MARITIMA

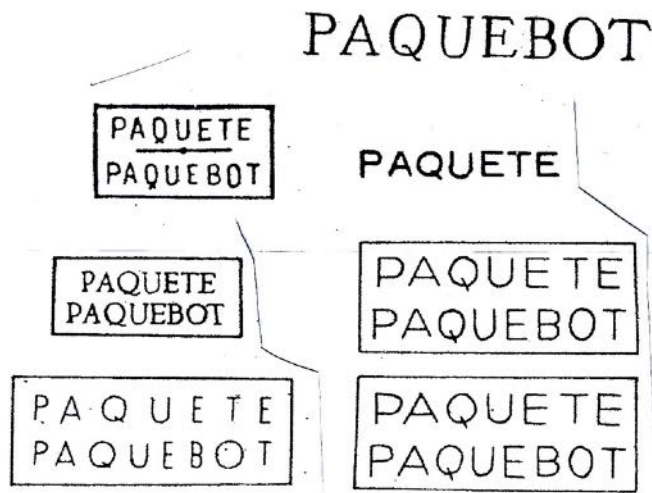


Illustration taken from Cockrill

v) Ships marks. Cancellations made at sea. These marks are many and varied. The best source for ship cancellations is "Portuguese Shipping Companies, Paquebot & Ship Cancellations", by Professor Richard Greenwood, Dr. Romano Camara & Philip Cockrill, as listed below.

Emresa Nacional de Navecao

- Paquete Africa
- Vapor Malange
- Lusitania

CTM Compania Portuguesa. Ponta Delgada

Companhia Nacional de Navegacao

- Vapor Luabo
- Angola (3 types)
- Lisboa
- Niassa (3types)
- Lourenco Marques (three types)
- India
- N?M Pungue
- Vapor Lorenzo Marques



Correio (blank)
Companhia Colonial de Navegacão
Vapor Sena
João Belo (two types)
Loanda
Colonial
Mouzinho
Guiné
Ganda
Infante D. Henrique
Uíge
Patria
N/I Infante dom Henrique
Qaquete Patria
Comissario Uíge
Vapor Lourenço Marques
Sociedade Geral Comercio Industria E Transportes
Vapor Pinhel
N/M Cartaxo
Vapor Mirandella
N/M Alexandre Silva
N/M Monchique
N/M Africa Ocidental

