

# ANGOLA

## Postal Markings



# POSTAL MARKINGS OF ANGOLA and CONGO

CANCELLATIONS AND POSTAL MARKS. The actual shape of each canceller follows the style illustrations found at the end of this article. Style form numbered in brackets... [ ].

## The Classic Era

Early cancellation marks included script markings, town marks, dated impressions, rate marks (50, 75, etc), with script cancellations used on the first stamp issue in 1870.

CIRCULAR MUTE [1]. Following the introduction of the first Crown issues in Angola in the middle of 1870, Town Marks continued in use and then came a common mute canceler used at most post offices. Eight bar cancelers known in black and blue.



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

NUMERICAL OBLITERATOR. Rare. 84.

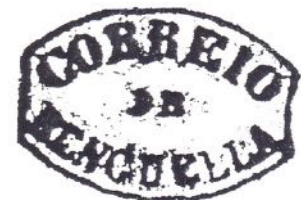
TOWN MARKS. Used prior to the introduction of postage stamps. These have been found cancelling postage stamps although such usage is rare.

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.

- C. Double circle, sanserif, 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).



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.

- i) Town Markings - Double circle and single oval. Numerous. The main postal centers are represented.

LUANDA

MOSSAMADES

BENGUELLA

AMBRIZ

NOVO REDONDO

EGIPTO (No example found).



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

ALTO DANDE

AMBACA

BARRA DO BANGO

BARRA DO DANDE

CALUMBO

CAMBAMBE

CAPAMGOME

CASENGO

CATUMBELLA

DUQUE DE BRAGANCA

JOSE DE ENCOJO

GOLUNGO ALTO

HUILA

ICOLO E BONGO

MALANGE

MASSANGANO

MUXIMA

PUNGO ANDONGO



QUILLENQUES

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

iv) Oval Official. CORREIOS/ANGOLA

v) Special Oval. ANGOLA, found on Luis.

vi) Telegraph. ESTACAO TELEGRAPHICA / DE / CALUMGUEMBO. Found on 25r Luis.

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

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

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

CABINDA

DOMBE GRANDE

EGYPTO

HUMPATA

LANDANA

LUNDA (Luanda)

QUILEMBO



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

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  
CUBANGO (Cudango)  
GOLUNGO ALTO  
HUMAPATA  
HUMBE  
LANDANA  
MALANGE  
MOSSAMEDES  
MUCULLA  
MUXIMA  
NOQUI  
NOVO REDONDO  
PUNGO ANDONGO  
QUIZZANGA  
ST ANT DO ZAIRE  
S. PEDRO DO CHIBIA  
S. SALVADOR DO CONGO



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

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 cancellers were in use even up to the 50s.

i) PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA.  
ALTO DANDE

AMBACA  
AMBULANCIA DE LOANDA  
AMBRIZ  
BAILUNDO  
BARRA DO DANDE  
BIHE  
CACONDA  
CATUMBELLA  
CUBANGO  
DOMBE GRANDE  
DONDO  
DUQUE DE BRAGANCA  
GAMOS  
GOLUNGO ALTO  
HUMPATA  
LOANDA  
LOBITO  
LUBANGO  
MALANGE  
MOSSAMEDES  
MUSSUCO  
MUXIMA  
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  
MUSSERA  
MUSSULO  
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.

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  
CAMAXILLO  
CATETE  
DELLA TANDO  
HUAMBO  
LIBOLO  
LOANDA  
LOREMO  
LUCALLA  
LUCHAZE  
LUMBALLE  
MALANGE  
MOXICO  
NOQUI



PUNGO ANDONGO  
QUELLA  
QUISSOL  
SAMBO  
SAURIMO  
VILLA HENRIQUEQE CARVALHO

DOUBLE CIRCLE LARGE. [9]. PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA. Special for making:

R. Regestered.

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 VELHA

CAMBONDO

CACUACO

MAQUELLA DO ZOMBO

N'GABELLA

PORTO ALEXANDRE

ST. ANT. DO ZAIRE

(SANTO ANTo .....)

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 QIFUNGO

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

LOTITO

LUBANGO

TYPE 2. Legend ANGOLA

CHINGUAR

MALANGE

NOVO REDONDO

V. SALAZAR



TYPE 3. Legend CORREIOS e TELEGRAFOS  
SILVA PORTO

TYPE 4. Legend PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA  
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. and .....HUDSON & 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 cancels 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.

AMBRISETTE  
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 CANVALE  
 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 AEOROPORTO  
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  
LUVO  
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  
NAMAQUUNDE  
NAVA CADUNDO  
NEGAGE\* R  
N'HAREA R  
NOVA CHAVES  
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N. LISBOA R E  
N. LISBOA URB  
N. LXA-URB.AVIAO  
NOVA LISBOA\* E

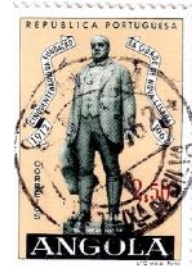
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OTCHINJAU		
P. ALEXANDRE		
P. AMBOIM		
PROTO ALEXANDRE	R	
PEREIRA D'ECA		
PORTO AMBOIM		
PORTUGALIA		
QUELA		
QUIBALA	R	
QUIBAXE	R	
QUICULUNGO		
QUILENGUES		
QUIMBELA		
QUINZAU		
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QUITEXE		
ROBERT WILLIAMS	R	
S. A. DO ZAIRE		
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  
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TOMBOCO  
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URB. LOBITO V  
V.H. CARVALHO  
V. MACEDO DE CAVALEIROS  
V. MARIANO MACHADO  
V G. CAPELO V  
V. G. MACHADO V  
V GENERAL MACHADOR  
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  
MOCAMEDES V  
PORTO ALEXANDRE V  
SA DA BANDEIRAV  
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 cancelations. 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\$00 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 - AVIAO  
 LUSO - AVIAO  
 MOCAMEDES - AVIAO  
 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



## PAQUEBOT

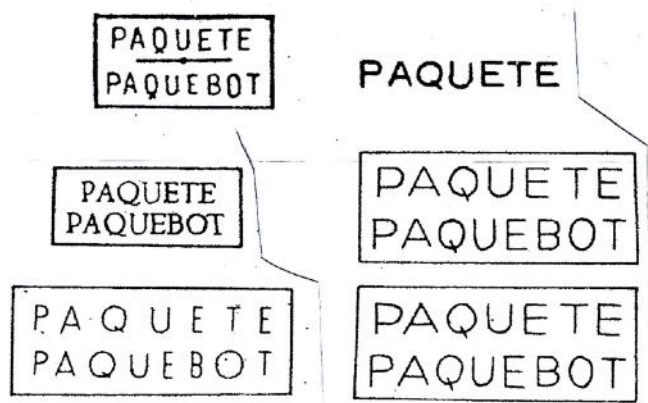


Illustration taken from Cockrill

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 Navecacao

- 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 Lorencu Marques



Correio (blank)  
Companhia Colonial de Navegacio  
Vapor Sena  
Joao Belo (two types)  
Loanda  
Colonial  
Mouzinho  
Guine  
Ganda  
Infante D. Henrique  
Uige  
Patria  
N/I Infante dom Henrique  
Qaquete Patria  
Comissario Uige  
Vapor Lourenco Marques  
Sociedade Geral Commercio Industria E Transportes  
Vapor Pinhel  
N/M Cartaxo  
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N/M Africa Ocidental



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## Postal Markings - Cancellation Shapes

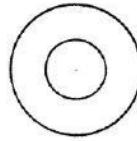
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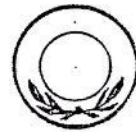
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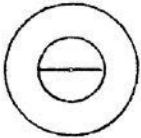
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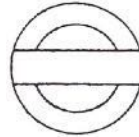
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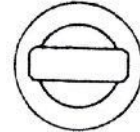
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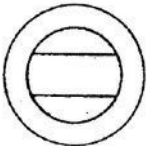
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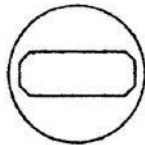
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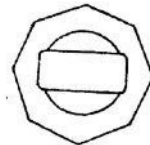
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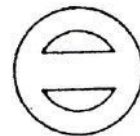
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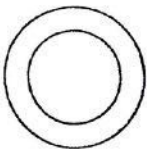
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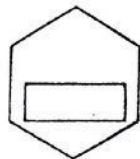
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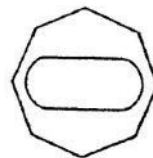
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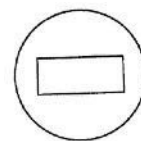
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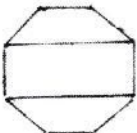
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