

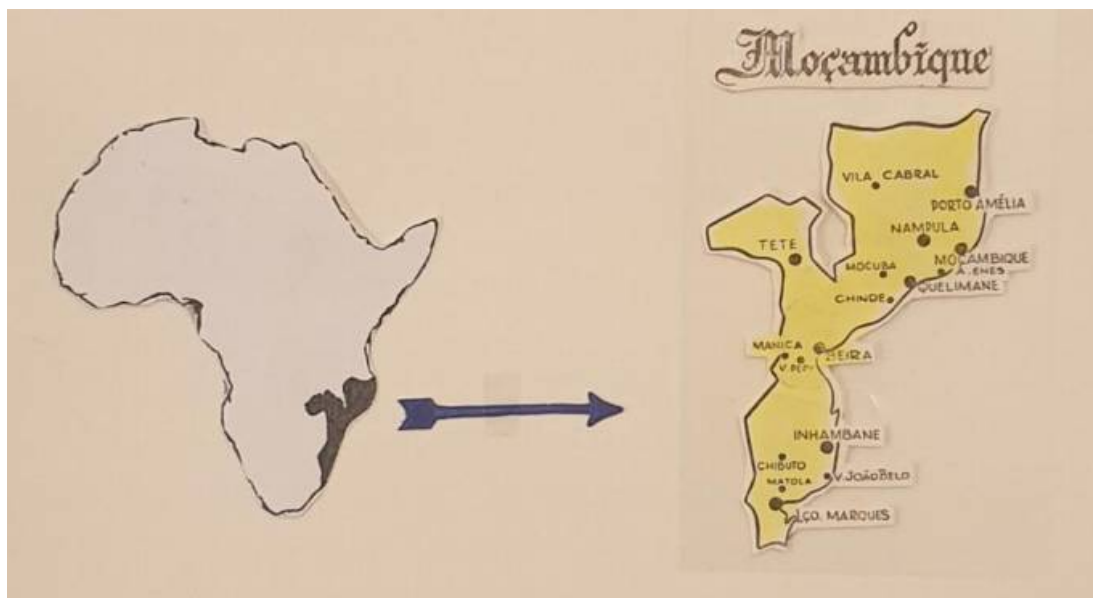
## MOÇAMBIQUE COMPANY AIRMAILS

AT THE START OF THE PIONEER FLIGHTS IN 1929, MOÇAMBIQUE WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO AREAS. THE LARGEST WAS ADMINISTERED DIRECTLY BY PORTUGAL, WITH ITS CAPITAL CITY OF LOURENÇO MARQUES. THE OTHER AREA WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE CONCESSION OF THE MOÇAMBIQUE COMPANY WITH ITS CAPITAL BEIRA, WHICH WAS GRANTED A CHARTER FOR 50 YEARS, ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1891, TO ADMINISTER THE TERRITORY OF MANICA AND SOFALA BETWEEN THE ZAMBEZI AND SAVE RIVERS.

ITS POST OFFICE ISSUED POSTAGE STAMPS, POSTAGE DUE, REVENUE STAMPS AND POSTAL STATIONERY. MOÇAMBIQUE COMPANY WAS THE FIRST TO ISSUE AIRMAIL STAMPS. AFTER THE EXPIRY OF THE CHARTER, THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPANY'S TERRITORY WAS TAKEN OVER BY MOÇAMBIQUE.

A STUDY OF THE AIRMAILS THEREFORE INVOLVES THE TWO SEPARATE POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS OF MOÇAMBIQUE AND THE MOÇAMBIQUE COMPANY, BOTH OF WHICH INDEPENDENTLY ISSUED AIRMAIL STAMPS AND PROVIDED AIRMAIL SERVICES.

THE EXHIBIT ILLUSTRATES THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOÇAMBIQUE COMPANY AIRMAILS FROM 1929-1936.



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## FIRST PIONEER AIRMAIL SERVICE 1929

ON AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> 1929, THE LOURENÇO MARQUES AERO CLUB SENT THEIR 'DH MOTH' ON A SPECIAL FLIGHT TO INHAMBANE (250 MILES NORTH UP THE COAST) WITH MAIL. NO ADDITIONAL AIR FEE OR LABELS WERE REQUIRED. THE LETTERS WERE FRANKED AT THE RATE OF 50 CENTAVOS. TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION A PICTORAL CACHET WAS FABRICATED BY MINERVA CENTRAL IN LOURENÇO MARQUES, DEPICTING AN AEROPLANE 'VIA AÉREA' INSCRIBED 'CORREIOS DE MOÇAMBIQUE'. THE CACHET WAS APLIED IN PURPLE AT LOURENÇO MARQUES AND IN RED AT INHAMBANE FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT, WHICH WAS UNDERTAKEN ON AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>. THE NUMBER OF LETTERS CARRIED IS UNKNOWN BUT VERY FEW HAVE SURVIVED. 'PORTU - INFO' VOL. 37 # 144.



FRONT PART OF COVER FROM BEIRA TO INHAMBANE, FRANKED WITH 1925 ISSUE 50 CENTAVOS. TIED WITH VIOLET CACHET.



COMBINATION COVER  
MOÇAMBIQUE COMPANY - SOUTHERN RHODESIA



COVER POSTED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1932 ON THE BEIRA TO UMTALI TRAVELLING POST OFFICE (AMBULANCIA) AND CANCELLED AT SALISBURY ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY. CARRIED BY THE NORTH BOUND SERVICE OF IMPERIAL AIRWAYS. FLOWN AS FAR AS KISUMU BY THE 'DHSS - DELHI', THEN TO WADI HALFA BY THE CALCUTTA FLYING BOAT 'KHAARTOUM' AND THEN TO CAIRO BY THE 'AW ARGOSY - ARUNDEL' WHERE IT ARRIVED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST. THE COVER WAS TRANSFERRED TO A STREAMER BOUND FOR HONG KONG AT PORT SAID ON 4 AUGUST. THE COVER HAS MIXED FRANKING: 1 \$ 40 ESCUDOS WAS THE POSTAGE RATE AS FAR AS SALISBURY. 1s & 2d WAS THE AIRMAIL RATE FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA TO ENGLAND.



REVERSE SIDE

ONE OF SIX KNOWN COMBINATION COVERS INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PORTUGUESE PHILATELY 'PORTU - INFO' VOL. 39 # 154

ETIQUETTE USED AS PROVISIONAL AIRPOST



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1933 OCTOBER 3RD. 'POR AVIAO' COVER FROM BEIRA TO OLDHAM, ENGLAND.  
FRANKED WITH 1\$40 ESCUDOS WITH BLUE AIR LABEL (FIRST MOÇAMBIQUE  
1932 SOBRETAXA DO CORREIO AEREO LABEL) 'PAR AVION - POR AVIÃO  
AFRANCHISSEMENT PERÇU' MANUSCRIPT RATE '1.39' WITH PENCIL 'Gr 7' BENEATH.

UNACCEPTED DESIGN FOR THE 1935 MOÇAMBIQUE COMPANY ISSUE

ORIGINAL HAND PAINTED ESSAY BY  
BRADBURY WILKINSON & Co Ltd



BRADBURY WILKINSON & CO LTD  
LONDON

BRADBURY WILKINSON & CO LTD WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT A DESIGN FOR  
THE 1935 AIRMAIL SERIES FOR THE MOÇAMBIQUE COMPANY. ALTHOUGH  
THEY SUBMITTED THIS DESIGN, THEY WERE NOT AWARDED THE CONTRACT  
WHICH INSTEAD WENT TO WATERBURY & SONS LTD.

FIRST AIRMAIL SERIES

ACCEPTED DESIGN

INAUGURATION OF THE BLANTYRE - BEIRA - SALISBURY AIR ROUTE : 5 OCTOBER 1935

RECESS : WATERLOW & SONS LTD.

PERF : 12 1/2



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PRINTER'S SPECIMEN  
S. T. REFERENCE No.  
OVERPRINTED  
'WATERLOW & SONS LTD.  
SPECIMEN'

OVERPRINTED  
'SPECIMEN'  
MEASURING 21 1/2 BY 2 1/2



FIRST AIRMAIL SERIES  
FILE COPY PROOFS



5 CENTAVOS  
TOP MARGIN BLOCK OF 30  
MANUSCRIPT MARGINAL MARKINGS  
'14.5.36' '500,000' 'FILE COPY 254 P28'  
EACH STAMP WITH SECURITY PUNCH

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5 CENTAVOS  
LOWER RIGHT MARGIN BLOCK  
OF 24  
PLATE NOS 38948 & 38958  
MANUSCRIPT MARGINAL MARKINGS  
'XI. 194881' 'VIGNETTE PLATE & LAY  
CORRECT' 'R 2.8.35 9.50'  
EACH STAMP WITH SECURITY PUNCH  
FLAW ON UPPER RIGHT STAMP  
CIRCLED IN RED



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FIRST AIRMAIL SERIES

PROGRESSIVE PROOFS

WATERLOW & SONS LTD.



ENDORSED  
'CANCELLED'

PAIR OF VIGNETTS



TRIAL COLOUR 'SPECIMEN'



FRAMED  
IMPERFORATE  
PROOF



IMPERFORATE  
PROOF



PERFORATED  
PROOF



VARIETY  
IMPERFORATE BETWEEN

# FIRST AIRMAIL SERIES

'ARMSTRONG - WHITWORTH ATALANTA AIRLINER' OVER BEIRA



TRIAL COLOUR SPECIMEN



FRAMED  
IMPERFORATE  
PROOF



IMPERFORATE  
PROOF



PERFORATE  
PROOF



TETE - BECHE  
15 CENTAVOS



VARIETY  
IMPERFORATE BETWEEN

FIRST AIRMAIL SERIES



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WATERLOW IMPERFORATE 20 CENTAVOS PROOF  
MOUNTED ON SUNKEN CARD



FRAMED  
IMPERFORATE  
PROOF



IMPERFORATE  
PROOF



PERFORATE  
PROOF



ISSUED  
STAMP



FIRST AIRMAIL SERIES

TETE - BECHE  
50 CENTAVOS



VARIETY  
IMPERFORATE BETWEEN



THE LARGEST BLOCK KNOWN

## SECOND AIRMAIL SERIES

ORIGINAL HAND PAINTED ESSAY BY  
'WATERLOW & SONS LTD.'

ACCEPTED DESIGN FOR THE 1935 AIRMAIL RECTANGULAR ISSUE.  
1 ESCUDO BLACK PLANE ON BLUE BACKGROUND, LARGER  
DESIGN THAN ISSUED STAMP. MOUNTED ON 'WATERLOW &  
SONS LTD SPECIMEN' EMBOSSED ON SUNKEN CARD.



THE VIGNETTE AND FRAME WERE USED FOR THE ISSUED STAMP.  
THE BACKGROUND COLOUR WAS CHANGED TO BLACK. THE FRAME  
WAS SLIGHTLY ALTERED. THE COLOUR CHANGED TO A DARKER BLUE.

SECOND AIRMAIL SERIES

PROGRESSIVE PROOFS & SPECIMEN

RECESS : WATERLOW & SONS LTD.



FRAMED IMPERFORATE PROOFS WITH VALUE, ISSUED COLOURS AND SECURITY PUNCH HOLES.



IMPERFORATE PROOFS WITH VALUE, ISSUED COLOURS AND SECURITY PUNCH HOLES.



PERFORATED PROOFS WITH VALUE, ISSUED COLOURS AND SECURITY PUNCH HOLES.

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ISSUED STAMPS OVERPRINTED 'SPECIMEN'

SECOND AIRMAIL SERIES



FRAMED  
IMPERFORATE  
PROOF



IMPERFORATE  
PROOF



PERFORATED (e)  
PROOF



OVERPRINTED  
'SPECIMEN'



ISSUED  
STAMP



MANUSCRIPT ENDORSEMENTS 'PLATE & COLOUR OK SIGNED 23 . 11 . 4'  
PRINTERS GUIDE LINES - LOWER LEFT CORNER. SECURITY PUNCH HOLE.  
CIRCULAR MARKING DENOTING A SMALL FLAW.

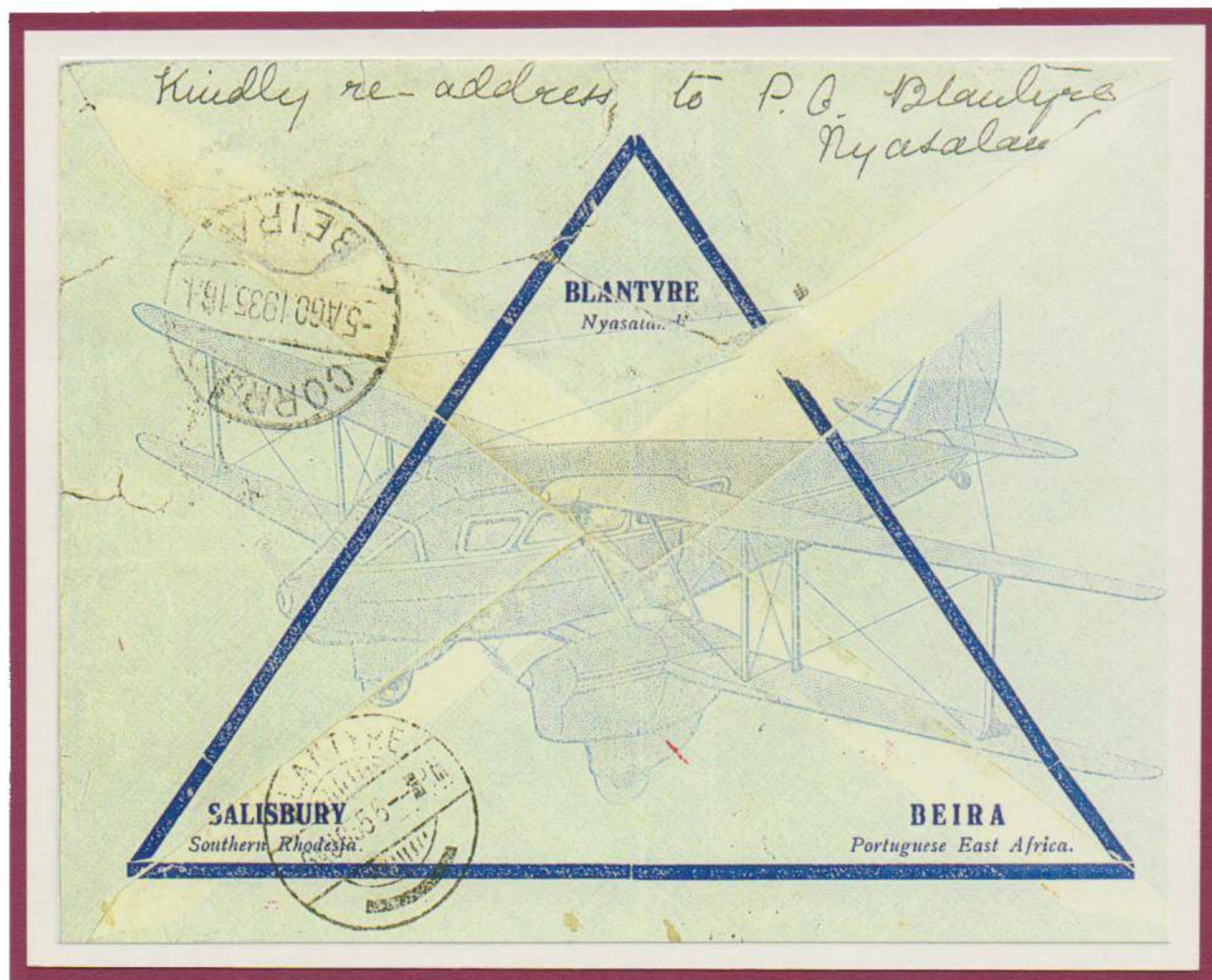


VARIETY  
IMPERFORATE BETWEEN

EX : WATERLOW & SONS LTD. ARCHIVES

FIRST FLIGHT COVER 1935

FIRST FLIGHT : REGULAR AIR MAIL SERVICE NYASALAND - MOÇAMBIQUE



COVER ADDRESSED TO BEIRA, ORIGINATING IN BLANTYRE, FRANKED WITH 4 NYASALAND 1d. POSTMARKED 5 AUG 35. BEIRA ARRIVAL SAME DAY. REDIRECTED TO BLANTYRE, 85 CENTAVOS & 1 ESCUDO MOÇAMBIQUE COMPANY STAMPS AFFIXED. WITH CORREIO / BEIRA CANCELLATION DATED 6 AGO 35. BLANTYRE ARRIVAL SAME DAY.

REVERSE SIDE

**AFFRANCHISSEMENT INSUFFISANT POUR AVION  
(INSUFFICIENT FRANKING FOR AIR MAIL SERVICE)**

BOTH COVERS ADDRESSED TO SCOTLAND, UNDERFRANKED FOR AIR MAIL SERVICE. AIR MAIL LABEL CANCELLED WITH RED MARKING, UNFRAMED DOUBLE LINE 'AFFRANCHISSEMENT INSUFFISANT' {68 X 3 mm} 'POUR AVION' {19.5 X 3 mm} CACHET APPLIED. BOTH COVERS WERE SENT VIA SURFACE MAIL.



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1935 NOVEMBER 12TH. FRANKED WITH 50 CENTAVOS, DOUBLE 2 ESCUDOS. MANUSCRIPT WEIGHT '7 gr' INSCRIBED.



1936 SEPTEMBER 15TH. FRANKED WITH DOUBLE 5 CENTAVOS, TRIPPLE 15 CENTAVOS, DOUBLE 85 CENTAVOS, 5 ESCUDOS.