

# Philately South Africa: Stamping with Adél

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Stamp collecting, also known as philately, has been a cherished hobby for over a century. Each stamp holds a piece of history art and culture.

# **Stamping Spotlight:**

Daphne McMillan showing
Illustrated Airgraphs from WWII

Remembering Harvey Pirie

# From my Desk:

Angola Military Aerogrammes

Items of interest: Souvenir Sheet

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## From the Editor

I am pleased to announce that I will be embarking on a journey to share my online experiences, as well as my personal collection, with friends, fellow collectors, and esteemed philatelists. I warmly invite you to contribute by sharing your own collections here as well. While I may occasionally author articles, my primary focus will be to share the most recent Zoom presentations and items that have come across my desk. Hyperlinks will be provided for you to access the full recordings, documents, or websites.

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# **Internationals**

EXHIBITION	DATE	PATRON AGE	LINK
EuroPhilEx Birmingham 2025	7-11 May 2025	FEPA	EuroPhilEx2025
Gauteng Regional Exhibition 2025	8-11 May 2025	AFVP	Afrikaans100
Great American Stamp Show Illinois	14-17 August 2025	APS	<u>GASS 2025</u>
National Stamp Show 2025 Paarl	3-6 Sep 2025	PFSA	<u>PFSA</u>
NORDIA 2025 Sweden	12-14 Sep 2025	FEPA	<u>Nordia 2025</u>
PHILAKOREA 2025	17-21 Sep 2025	FIP	<u>Korea 2025</u>
BOSTON 2026	23-30 May 2026	FEPA	<u>Boston 2026</u>

# Virtual

EXHIBITION	DATE	PATRONA GE	LINK
SAVPEX 2025	June 2025	PFSA	<u>PFSA</u>
AUSVIPEX	Start 27 Nov 2025	APF	Ausvipex 2025

## Remembered by chance

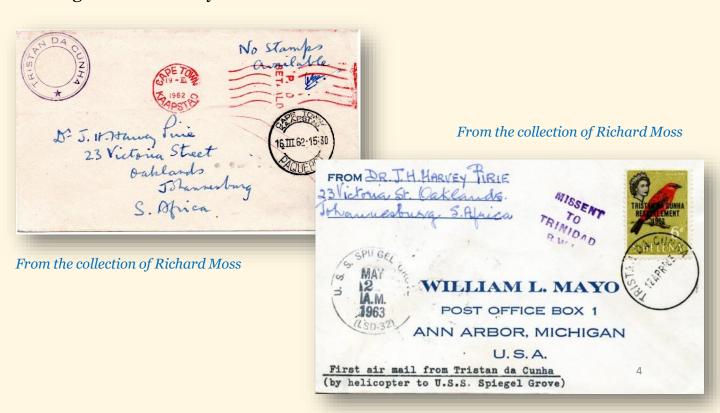
Dr. James Hunter Harvey Pirie FRSE FRCPE (10 December 1878 – 27 September 1965) was a renowned South African philatelist. One of the federation's prestigious awards is named after him, and it has been awarded since his death in 1965.

The Award may be made annually to a philatelist resident anywhere in the world whose contribution to Southern African philately complies with either of the following:

- The publication of an outstanding work on the philately of South Africa within a period of three (3) years of the date of award, or
- Publication in any philatelic journal of the result of outstanding original research on any aspect of Southern African philately within the same period as in (a) above.

It has been almost 60 years since the passing of Dr. J. H. H. Pirie, and I continue to come across his name while going about my daily life.

The first time I encountered his name was during a talk on Tristan da Cunha, where the speaker displayed two letters that bore Harvey Pirie's name. After the talk, I mentioned that he was a prominent South African philatelist and asked the locals if they could provide more information, but that did not happen, leaving me to doubt my recollection.



After the meeting, I turned to Google and discovered that Dr. Pirie was indeed a distinguished philatelist, but he was also much more than that. He was a British medical doctor, philatelist, orchid grower, and bacteriologist of the 20th century. Pirie named the bacterial genus Listeria in honour of Joseph Lister, and the Pirie Peninsula was named after him. Cape Mabel was named after his wife. In his published works, he is recognized as J. H. H. Pirie.

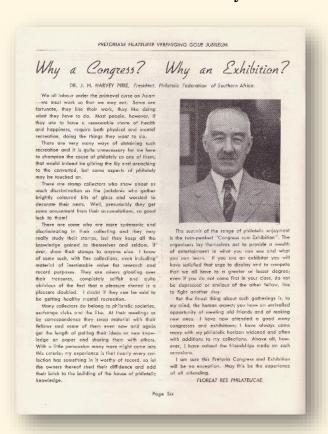


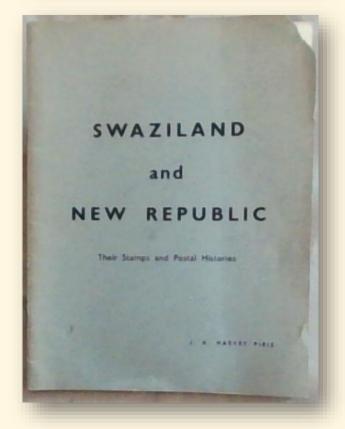
Pirie (right) with fellow naturalists aboard the Scotia during the Scottish National Antarctic Expedition

Pirie was commissioned into the Royal Field Artillery as a second lieutenant on 28 March 1900, but he resigned from the military later that same year. He earned his first medical degree from Glasgow University, graduating with an MB ChB in 1902. From 1902 until 1904, he participated in the Scottish National Antarctic Expedition on the ex-whaling ship Scotia, under William Speirs Bruce, where Pirie served as both surgeon and geologist. This expedition involved spending most of 1903 at a makeshift base on the South Orkney Islands. He later pursued postgraduate studies at the University of Edinburgh and was awarded a doctorate (MD) in 1907 for his thesis titled "On the Smaller Polygonal Cells of the Grey Matter of the Spinal Cord." He subsequently worked in private medical practice in Scotland. In 1913, he joined the Colonial Medical Service in Kenya as a bacteriologist and became deputy director of the South African Institute for Medical Research (SAIMR) in Johannesburg from 1926 until 1941. Pirie worked at SAIMR for many years, and in tribute to him, the main lecture theatre at SAIMR's headquarters in Johannesburg was named the Harvey Pirie Lecture Theatre.

My second encounter with his name came when I attended my local society's meeting and was gifted a booklet from the 1948 Pretoria Exhibition. This was also the year he signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of South Africa. Pirie also served as the editor of The SA Philatelist for over 30 years.







The third time I came across his name was during the December holidays, when I decided to organize my study and inventory my reference books. I stumbled upon this book:

#### **References:**

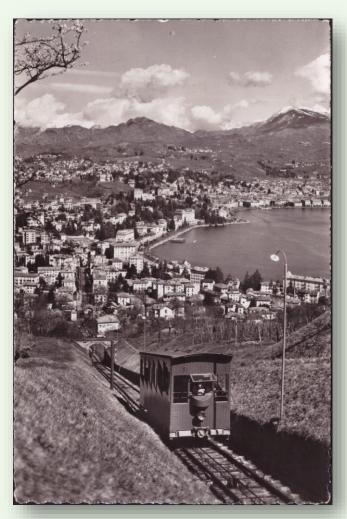
1) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvey\_Pirie

# **Last months ZOOM Experiences**

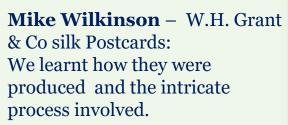
Many of you are aware that I frequently participate in numerous Zoom meetings, attending them to gain valuable insights from industry experts. While some sessions may be more engaging than others, I can confidently assure you that each meeting offers an opportunity to acquire new and meaningful knowledge.

#### CIVIL SERVICE PS

This meeting is hosted by Margaret Emerson and we had a few speakers for the evening. The two displays that stood out was the following:



John Gillespie – Funicular Railway Postcards: Lugano-Paradiso con la Funicolare del Monte S. Salvatore. I learnt how they worked and where they were all situated and how they evolved over time as well.





#### NEWPORT PS

It is not often that I am the presenter for the evening, I prefer hosting to be honest. Herewith is the link and password to watch the recording:

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/Fo4cPL9n11s8uKhrG-

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# **Adél Bulpitt** – Family Military history of P.W. Purchase who died during the battle at Cassino in 1944





#### STOCKPORT PS

This is one of my favourite society meetings and I love the fact that it is held late afternoon. These are from the two meetings last month.

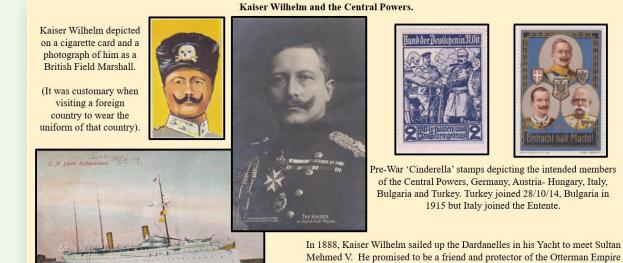
**Stephen Parkin** –1968 Philatelic Congress of Great Britain: The 1968 Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, held in Manchester, was the 50th such congress and featured a sheetlet depicting a block of 2d blue stamps.



**Jamie Smith** – German involvement in the Middle East during WWI: He tells the intricate story of the Germans that was very well illustrated

and to do the same for the Muslim faith. By this promise he hoped to control the Middle East, the Suez Canal eventually India. This after making sure that

Germans and Austrian-Hungarians were Honorary Muslims.



Kaiser Wilhelm depicted on a cigarette card in German Uniform and as a British Field Marshal on a Post Card, also the Royal Yacht – S.M Hohenzollern.

#### KING'S LYNN PS

These meetings are hosted by Winston Williams and they are very well attended, well worth the visit.

**Charles Lloyd** – Imperial Airways Africa Service. This was very interesting to see, and I learnt a lot about routes and rates

# The Africa Service London to Cape Town, completed January 1932



At this date, the route had been completed – linking 8 colonies / dominions in Africa using 25 ports-of-call

1<sup>st</sup> Regular Flight from London 20<sup>th</sup> January 1932

1<sup>st</sup> Regular Flight from Cape Town 27<sup>th</sup> January 1932

#### What sparked my interest in this airmail service?

HP42 G-AAXF "HELENA" at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia in 1933



My father emigrated to Southern Rhodesia in 1931 to join the mounted (rural) section of the British South Africa Police. I was born & brought up there.

In the 1950s, I found photographs of this impressive plane in a box of family photos and asked about it.

The photograph was bought by my father, Trooper F E Lloyd BSAP, who was stationed in Matabeleland at the time. "Helena" visited S. Rhodesia in January 1933. He was not a "plane spotter" but, like many, was impressed by it.



#### **CAMBRIDGE PS**

These meetings are hosted by Graham Wylde and Peter Morton, The President is Rufus Barnes (My Favourite Person). You always learn from their meetings.

Paul Redhead – Nigerian Forgeries.

This was very interesting to see, and I learnt a lot. Herewith the link to his presentation: <u>Nigerian Forgeries</u>















#### Features of the forgery

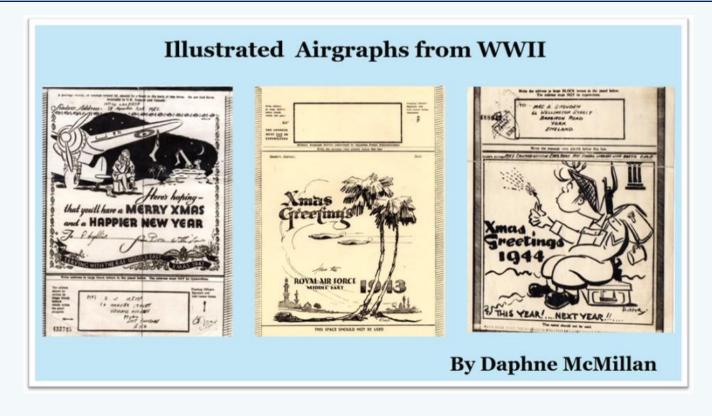
- · A general lack of definition
- Uneven perforations
- · Lots of white on the forehead
- TA of POSTAGE joined at foot
- The corner ornaments are not all the same
- The chin is somewhat receding
- The cancel is a typical Spiro invention rather than the expected B31



#### Stafford-Smith and Co

Henry Stafford Smith published 'The Illustrated Album and Catalogue of British, Colonial, and Foreign Postage Stamps' in around 1886, so was evidently a dealer of some note. The small envelope below contained '30 varieties. All warranted genuine', for a sum of 6d (around £3.10 in 2021). Let's hope the contents were more genuine that the stamp he chose to illustrate his wares!

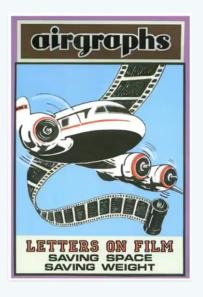




Daphne delivered an outstanding presentation, showcasing some of her most treasured airgraphs from her extensive collection, meticulously curated over many years. She provided insightful explanations on their origins, practical applications, and the various types that emerged over time. As an experienced and engaging speaker, Daphne offers valuable and enriching presentations that are well worth attending. You can access the recording via the following link:

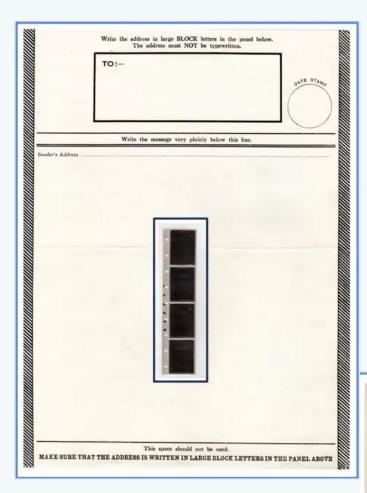
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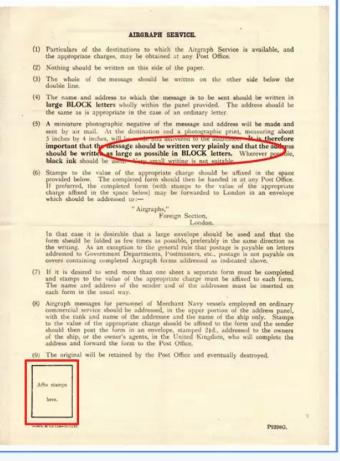
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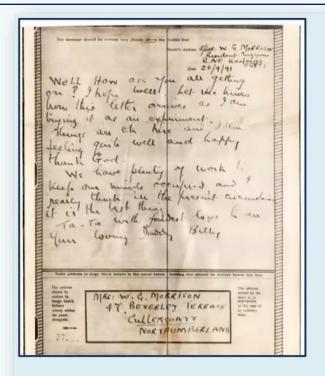


'RECORDAK' machine for microfilming documents was invented in 1928 by George L. MacCarthy. Established in British banking and commerce in1934. Originator Charles Case envisaged airgraphs as away to save 99% of costs on trans-Atlantic post. "Airgraphs Ltd." formed by Eastman Kodak, Imperial Airways and Pan-American Airways. System demonstrated in England in 1938/39 but shelved on outbreak of war

The fall of France and the entry of Italy into the war created long delays in mail to the Middle East and India. Post office approached Kodak in late autumn1940, and a service was established. First airgraphs received from the Middle East on May 13th, 1941.RECORDAK machines and peripherals could be flown out, but the printing plant was large and heavy, so had to go by sea.









"I hope you will let me know when this letter arrives as I am trying an experiment." (First acceptance at Cairo for GB, 17/4/41)





Processed then postmarked in England 19 days later



Birmingham Head Post Office maintained contact with employees in the services, producing Christmas airgraphs in 1942, 1943, and 1944.



1944 design showing the archway and clock in a decorated border.

Designer: Mr R. F. Griffiths Organiser: Mr Vincent J. Pinnegar



1943 inward airgraph to Mr Pinnegar from a Signaller in the M.E.F.



Francis J Field received material from contacts around the world.

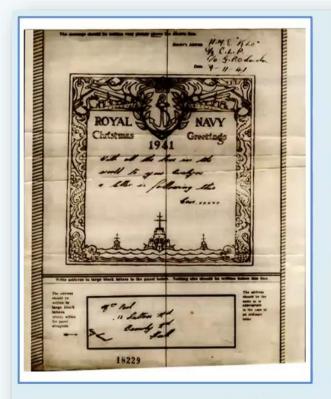
Driver S.G Cropp who served in MEF and later CMF created many designs using military insignia.









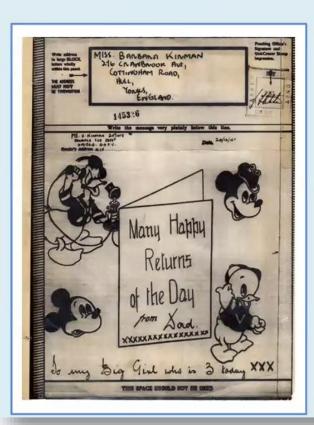


HMS KLO was a Norwegian Whaler, built in 1937 at Sandefjord. She was taken over by the Admiralty in 1940 and served in the Mediterranean.



Naval type from member of RNVR

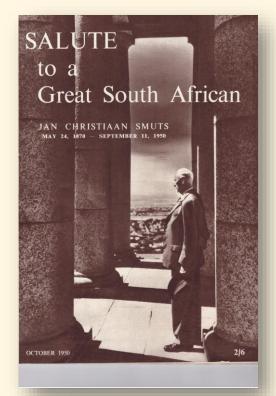
# The Kirman Series



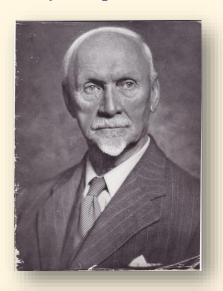
This series of airgraphs from Pte. H Kirman to his little girl Barbara begins on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1941 with a greeting on her third Birthday, and continues until November 1943. During all this time he states his address as RASC, MEF

# **My Latest Acquisitions**

We have 3 local auctions per month in the Gauteng area where I live. It is run by Kenny Napier ant Clinton Goslin. These auctions are well attended and they have a healthy amount of international buyers as well. This is what I recently bought from them:



This 65p book is dedicated to General Jan Christiaan Smuts. I can be patriotic and nostalgic at times and buy non-philatelic material

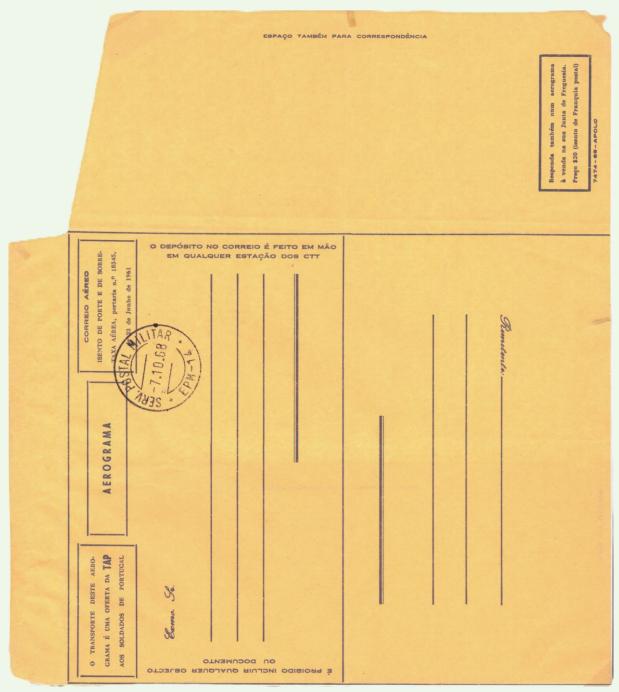




# From my Desk: Military Aerogrammes

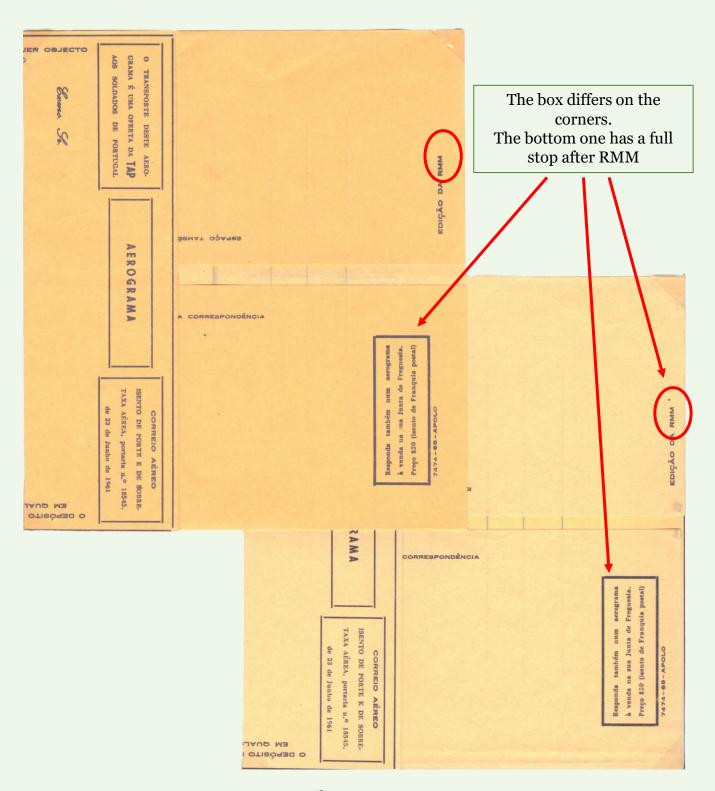
I am showing a few military Aerogrammes of Angola from the late 60's. There were a Few different printing in the same year according to the Kessler catalogue.

- Top Flap No Inscription
- Left Panel Edicao da Emm
- Right Panel Boxed: Responda tanbem num aerograma a venda . . . (3 lines)
- Bottom Right: 747-68-Apolo
- No Watermark
- Cancelled: SERV. POSTAL MILITAR EPM-14 (-7.10.68)



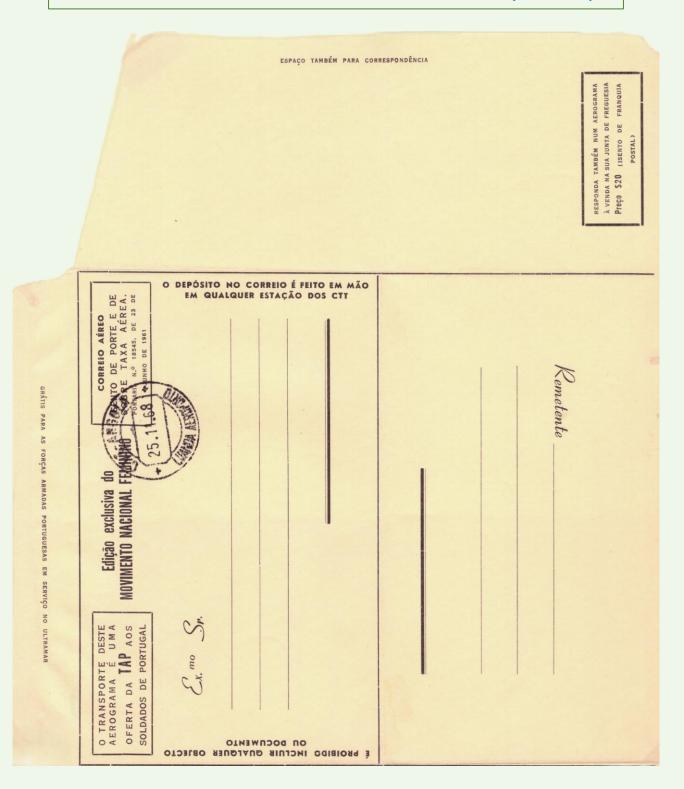
1968 Military Aerogramme

- Top Flap No Inscription
- Left Panel Edicao da Emm
- Right Panel Boxed: Responda tanbem num aerograma a venda ... (3 lines)
- Bottom Right: 747-68-Apolo
- No Watermark
- · Different coloured paper

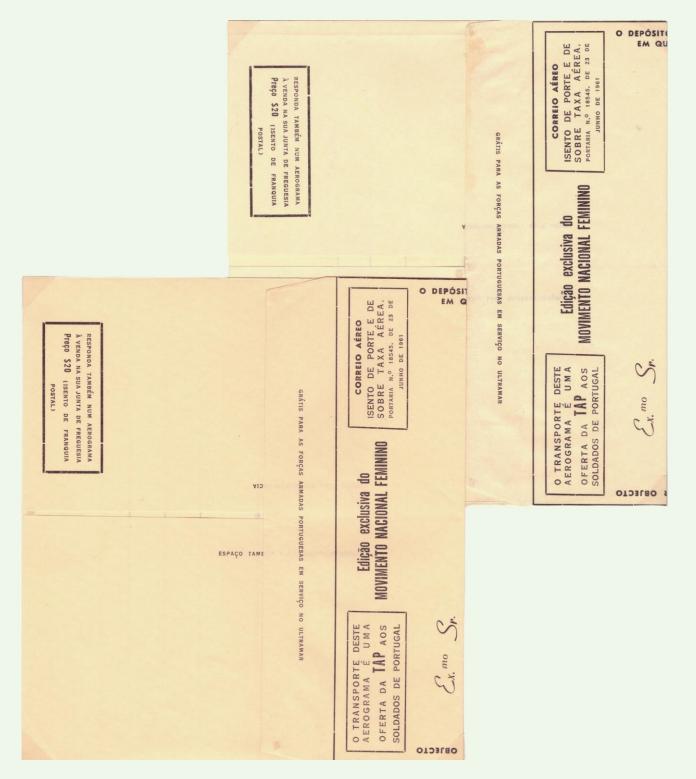


1968 Military Aerogrammes

- Top Flap Gratis Para as Forcas . . . & indented folding line
- · Middle Panel 'National Women's Movement'
- Left Panel Espana Tambem Para ...
- Right Panel Boxed: Responda tanbem num aerograma a venda ... (4 lines)
- Bottom Right: No number
- No Watermark
- Cancelled: C.T.T. ANGOLA LUANDA AEROPORTO (25.11.68)

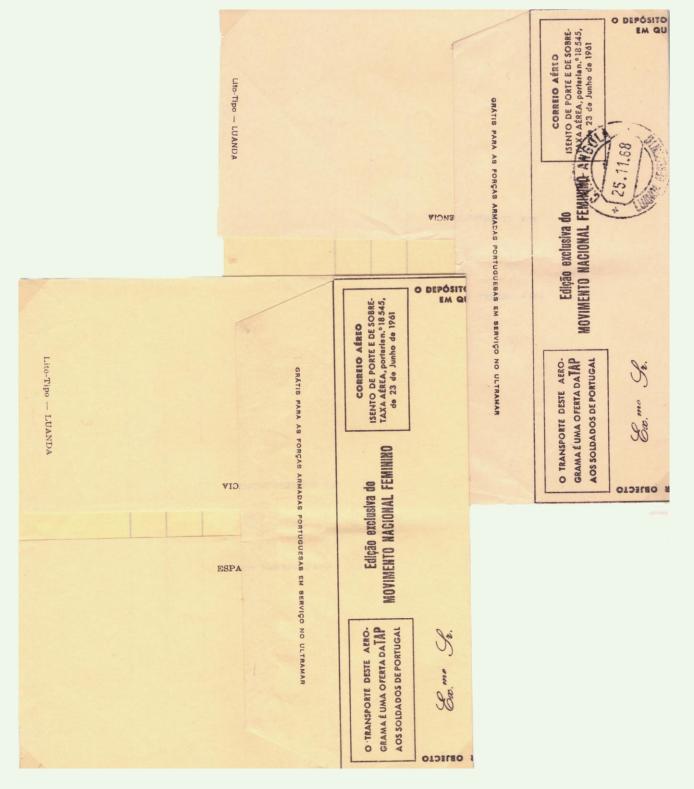


- Top Flap Gratis Para as Forcas . . . With or w/o folding line
- Middle Panel 'National Women's Movement'
- Left Panel Espaco Tambem . . . (43mm)
- Right Panel Boxed: Responda tanbem num aerograma a venda ... (4 lines)
- Bottom Right: No number
- No Watermark



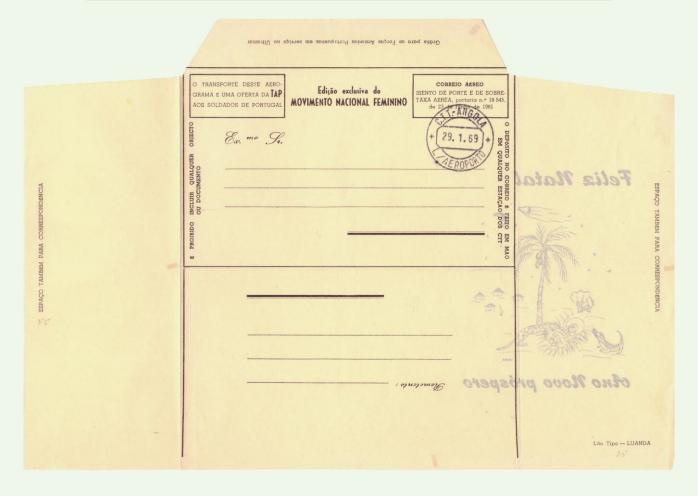
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- Top Flap Gratis Para as Forcas . . . With or w/o folding line
- Middle Panel 'National Women's Movement'
- Left Panel Espaco Tambem . . . (43mm)
- Right Panel Printers Imprint 'Lito-Tipo LUANDA'
- No Watermark
- Cancelled: C.T.T. ANGOLA LUANDA AEROPORTO (25.11.68)



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# **Local Club Meetings**

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#### WITWATERSRAND PS – WOODMEAD



#### **Ted Roberts**– Persona Non Grata: King Farouk



#### WITWATERSRAND PS – WOODMEAD

**Herbie Schaffler**– Extracts from his grandfather's diary during the siege of Ladysmith

#### The Siege of Ladysmith

The Natal Carbineers, established in 1855, were a prominent colonial unit in South Africa, known for their service in the Zulu War and the Anglo-Boer War, with officers like Major Taunton, Major Addison, and Major Macfarlane serving during the siege of Ladysmith



**Natal Carbineer Officers** 



William Ladds

# The Diary



# Siary of the Boen. War. 1899. The ext H Sadds No. 3 Squadron Natal Carbineers

October. Sunday Left Nott Ro 10 am reaching lady smith 5 30 km where every thing was in a jumbalation horses I saddles allover the place we get away after hanging about for two hours we are now camped in the Show ground I have benevithal food all day until so tought we are sleeping in personacle for prize pigs ellon and Marched out today 12 miles on the old HS. road I camped for the night no quard was put on the horses 1 6 broke love fore lost, we are supposed to have left for three days but I think we have come to stay. Tue. I'd . Saddled up 4 am. I lating the wring road marched to the foot of berg , I as no one came after us we returned to Bosters St having done 36 miles the boers lost a grand chance of wring us all out.

## **Items of Interest**

There was an Aerophilately International in San Marino in 1947. Below is a souvenir sheet from the event, I would like to get more info if possible, the internet was not very helpful on this one.



#### **Book Mark**

It was my birthday this month and received this bookmark from New Zealand



#### **Collectable E-mail Auction**

This is a new initiative by our local auctioneer **Clinton Goslin** who in the last 2 years of collecting and trading has been focused on Paying it Forward. He has three storage areas of material which he is currently Liquidating. Placement of Product is his speciality, and he has a few speciality areas including the Rhodesia's and all Southern Africa revenue and related material. Part of his vision to maximise our fine hobby is to make information freely available to assist new collectors and old alike.

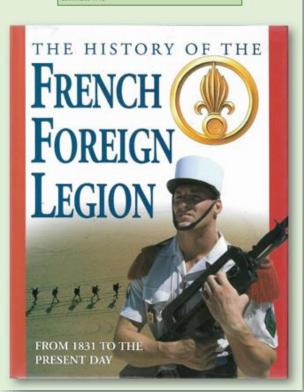
Clinton Goslin 083 272 9367, atlasauctioneers@lantic.net











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# **EuroPhilEx Birmingham 2025**

European Philatelic Exhibition 7-11 May 2025



Jamie Smith - Manchester The book signing is on 14 May **2025** at the **Bredbury Library** in Stockport. Please attend if you can, he would appreciate it.



RSC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

2025 Rhodesian Study Circle Conference Thursday 22 – Sunday 25 May, 2025 Holiday Inn, Kenilworth, Warwick



NATIONAL STAMP SHOW 2025

3 to 6 September 2025

Hosted by the Paarlse Filateliste Vereniging Venue: Paarl Golf Club. Boschenmeer Golf Estate. Paarl

