

TELEGRAPH WITH PERFIN THROUGH 'INTEGRAL' FISCAL STAMP-Arthur Smith

The articles headed "When Is A Perfin Not A Perfin" in our Society Bulletins during the past year have been of much interest. The telegrams with a punch through stamp and form (Bulletins 268-71) reminded me of a rather unusual item in my own collection.


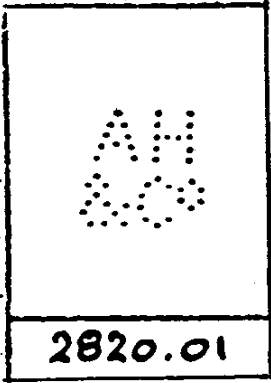
This is a mint QV Post Office Telegraph form with an embossed 6d stamp in the top right hand corner. The perfin through the stamp is A2820.01 AH/&Co 10,12/12,8,6 4½mm (IIIa). The identity in Tomkins is A. Handyside & Co. Ltd., Derby but there is nothing on this item to indicate the user.

My thoughts, or queries, are as follows:-

- 1) Was the telegraph perfined on Post Office authority?
- 2) Was the telegraph perfined by A. Handyside & Co. Ltd.?
- 3) Was the telegraph perfined by McCorquodale & Co. Ltd., who printed the form?

Whatever the answer, it would appear that anyone could perfin a document or stamp if they obtained a perfin die-stamp.

The illustration of the Telegraph form is reduced in size, but the perfin die is shown full size.

<p>A. 1. Prefix Code</p>	<p>POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS. (Inland Telegrams.)</p>	
<p>Office of Origin and Service Instructions.</p>	<p>Words. Sent.</p> <p>At M.</p>	
	<p>Charge. To</p> <p>By</p>	
<p>NOTICE.—This Telegram will be accepted for transmission subject to the Regulations made pursuant to the 2nd Section of the Telegraph Act, 1885, and to the Notice printed at the back hereof.</p>		
<p>12 words, 6^d. Every additional word 1/2^d. Every word telegraphed is charged for, whether in addresses or text.</p>	<p>TO {</p>	
	<p>FROM {</p>	<p>2820.01</p>
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