

PERFORATED POSTAL STATIONERY

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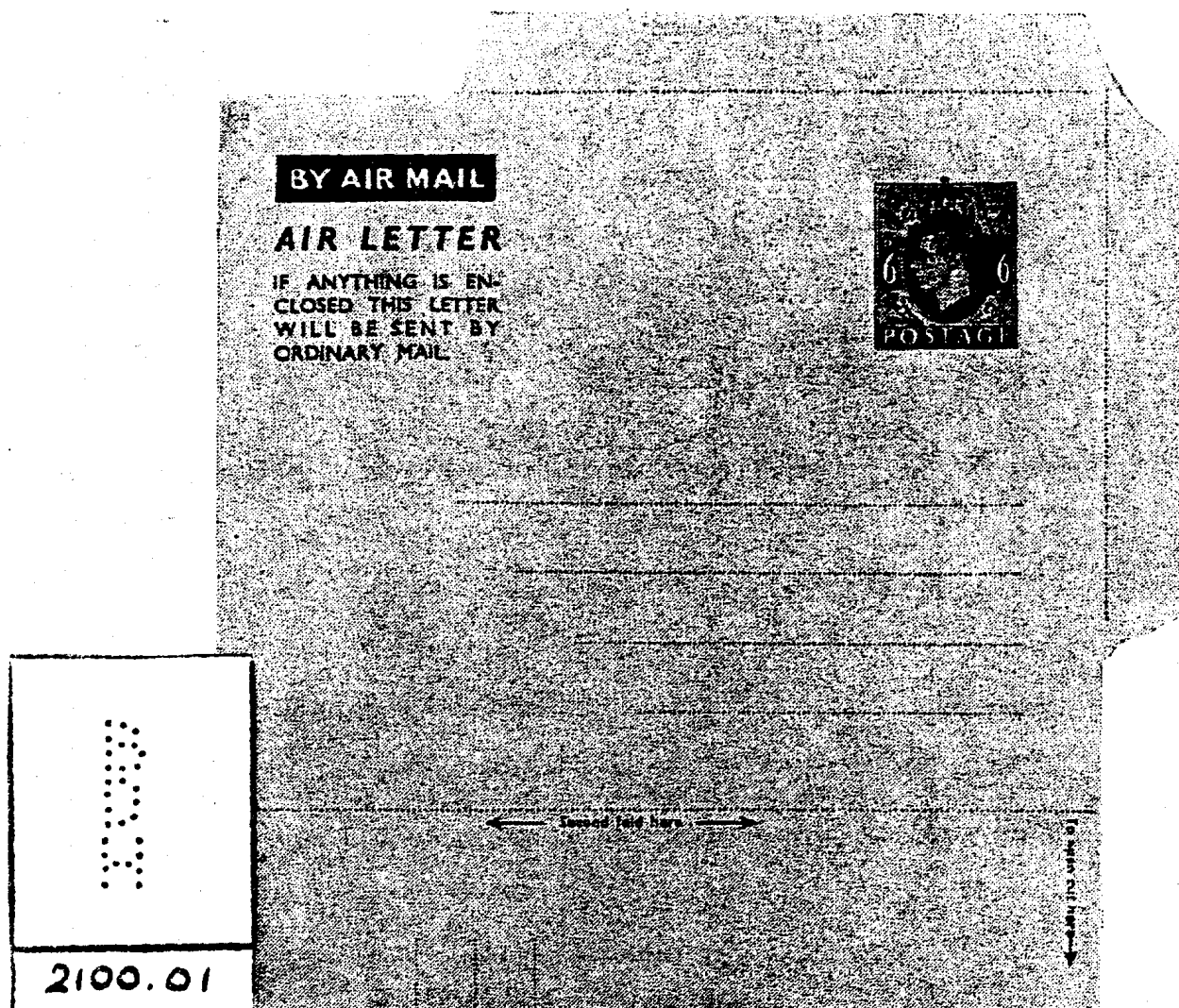
AIR LETTERS AND TELEGRAPH FORMS

This fifth, and last, article on Perforated Postal Stationery is a small one. I know of only three different perfin dies on Air Letters and two on Telegraph Forms. I have one Air Letter and one Telegraph Form;-one of each (different dies to mine) were reported in The Cinderella Philatelist of October 1965 and 1966 in articles by A.K. Huggins; the third Air Letter die was reported by one of our members in the 1970 's when I first began this survey.

AIR LETTERS

KGVI

Layout type A - Imprinted 6d purple.

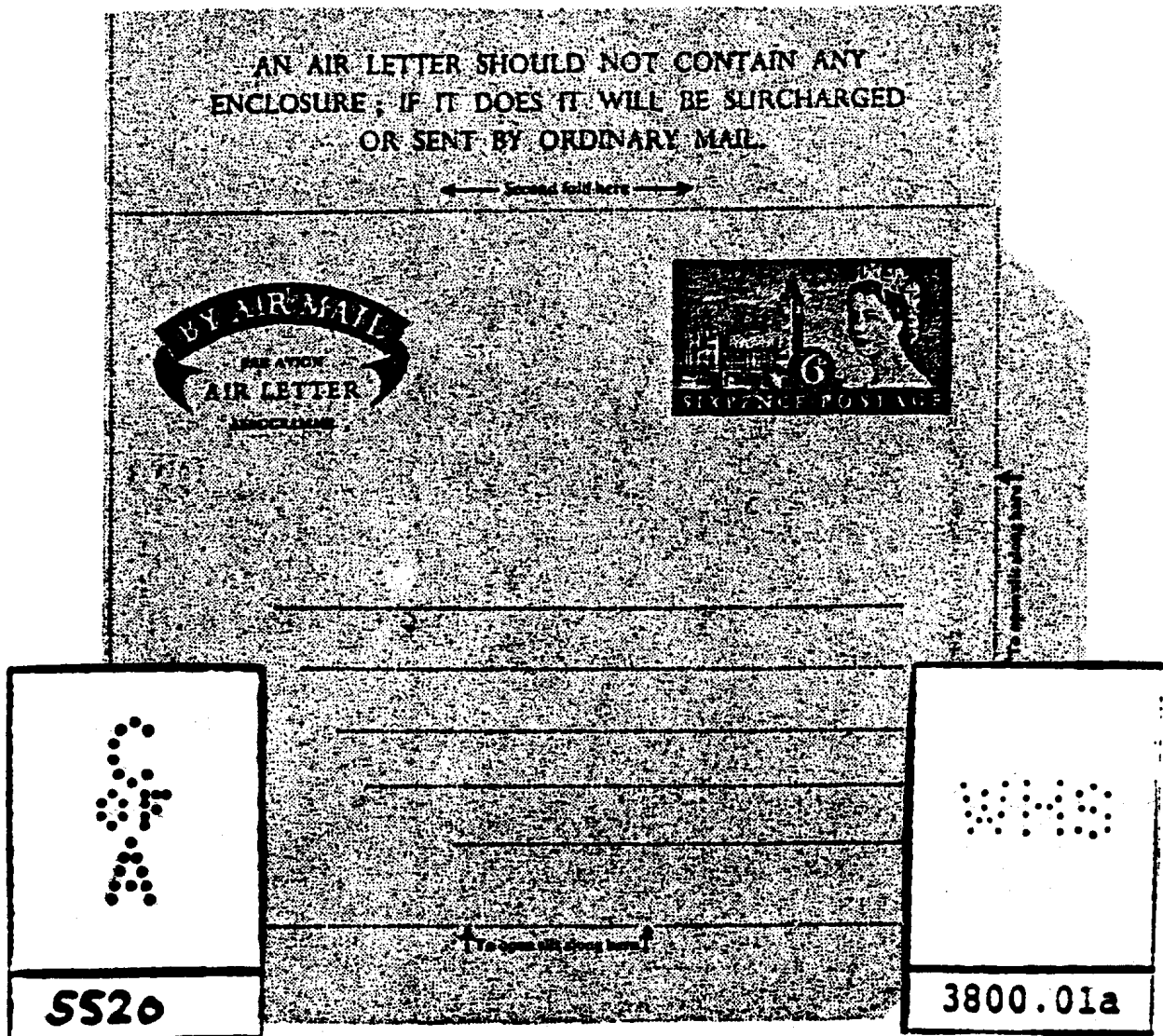


<u>CAT.NO.</u>	<u>PERFIN</u>	<u>IDENTIFIED USER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
B2100.01	B/D/H	The British Drug Houses Ltd, 16-34 Graham Street, City Road, N1.	18-11-53

AIR LETTERS

QEII

Layout type C – Imprinted 6d carmine



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CS520.01	C/OF/A	Commonwealth of Australia	?

This was the one reported in The Cinderella Philatelist and there were no details of stamp or date. By 1966, when this was reported, there had been quite a few different types of Air Letters issued. The 9d rate was not issued until 3 OCT 66 so this must have been a 6d Air Letter.

W3800.01a	WHS	W.H.Smith & Son Limited	5-12-61
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This die appears to be used on high value stamps only. I have this die on the 5/- and 10/- Castles and the £1 black Machin. This would indicate a single die machine which fits in with its use here on an Air Letter

TELEGRAPH FORMS

QV


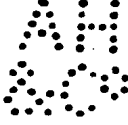
This first item was reported in Bulletin 272 (Oct'94) Pg.18. I reproduce the page in full. I have not had any further comments about these Telegraph Forms.

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/&C^o 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 full size.

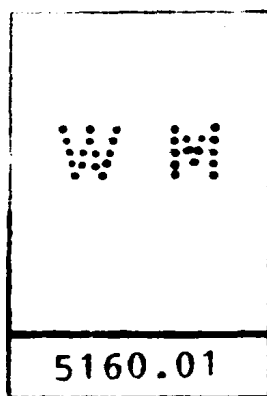
A. 1.		POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.		
Prefix	Code	(Inland Telegrams.)		
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Words.	Sent.	
		Charge.	At..... M.	
			To.....	
			By.....	
NOTICE.—This Telegram will be accepted for transmission subject to the Regulations made pursuant to the 2nd Section of the Telegraph Act, 1885, and to the Notice printed at the back hereof.				
12 words, 6D. Every additional word 1½D. Every word telegraphed is charged for, whether in addresses or text.	TO {	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">  </div>		
	FROM {	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 2820.01 </div>		
The Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the Space provided at the Back of the Form.				
(PRINTED BY MCCORQUODALE & CO. LIMITED.) 1,000,000—256. W. 25718				

In The Cinderella Philatelist the following was noted:-

<u>CAT.NO.</u>	<u>PERFIN</u>	<u>IDENTIFIED USER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
W5160.01?	WM	Wm.T.Malcolm & Co., EC3? Printed by McCorquodale S Co Ltd	?

I am basing my guess as to catalogue number and user on the fact that the hole count noted in The Cinderella Philatelist was 16,15 and this is the only 'WM' which matches these specifications.

According to Huggins in his "British Postal Stationery" these were first printed in 1902 and went through to 1911 imprinted with a 6d stamp.



If any member has the Air Letter "C/OF/A" or the Telegraph Form "WM" I would appreciate confirmation of use, with any other relevant information. Also any other dies not mentioned.

Finally, a plea to anyone with Perforated Postal Stationery Post Cards, Wrappers, Envelopes or Registered Envelopes not mentioned in these five articles, to put pen to paper and send me the details. There is no need to waste time with 'chit-chat' if you are a busy person; just record the item, die, catalogue number if known, date, user, type of stamp etc as set out in the research chapters. A photocopy would be very much appreciated if you can provide such a thing.

An up date of information sent in to me since I began this work last year will be published in a future Bulletin. Ultimately I would like to edit out all personal and non-relevant writing in all the articles and publish all the known facts about Perforated Postal Stationery in booklet form, distributed through the Society.