

PERFINS OF THE COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS

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The Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, one of the largest banks in France, was founded on June 11, 1889. They are affiliated with the French American Banking Corporation in New York (Perfin FA/BC).


Apart from a few hundred branches in France, they had offices in Algeria, Tunisia, Monaco and Madagascar. In the last-mentioned country, there were three branches, at Tananarive, Diego Suarez and Majunga. In Port Said (Egypt) the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris had a branch, and the Perfin C.N. can be found on the stamps of the French postoffice in Port Said.



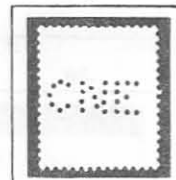

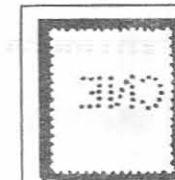
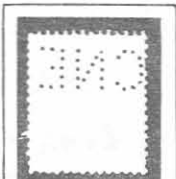


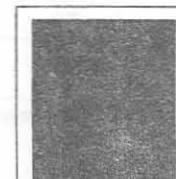
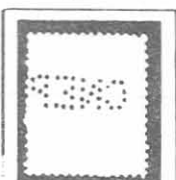
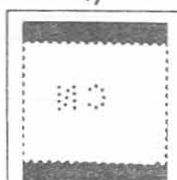


In Egypt, two Perfins C.N. were used, and in Tangiers (Morocco) the Perfin C.N. has been found on stamps of the German Offices in Morocco.

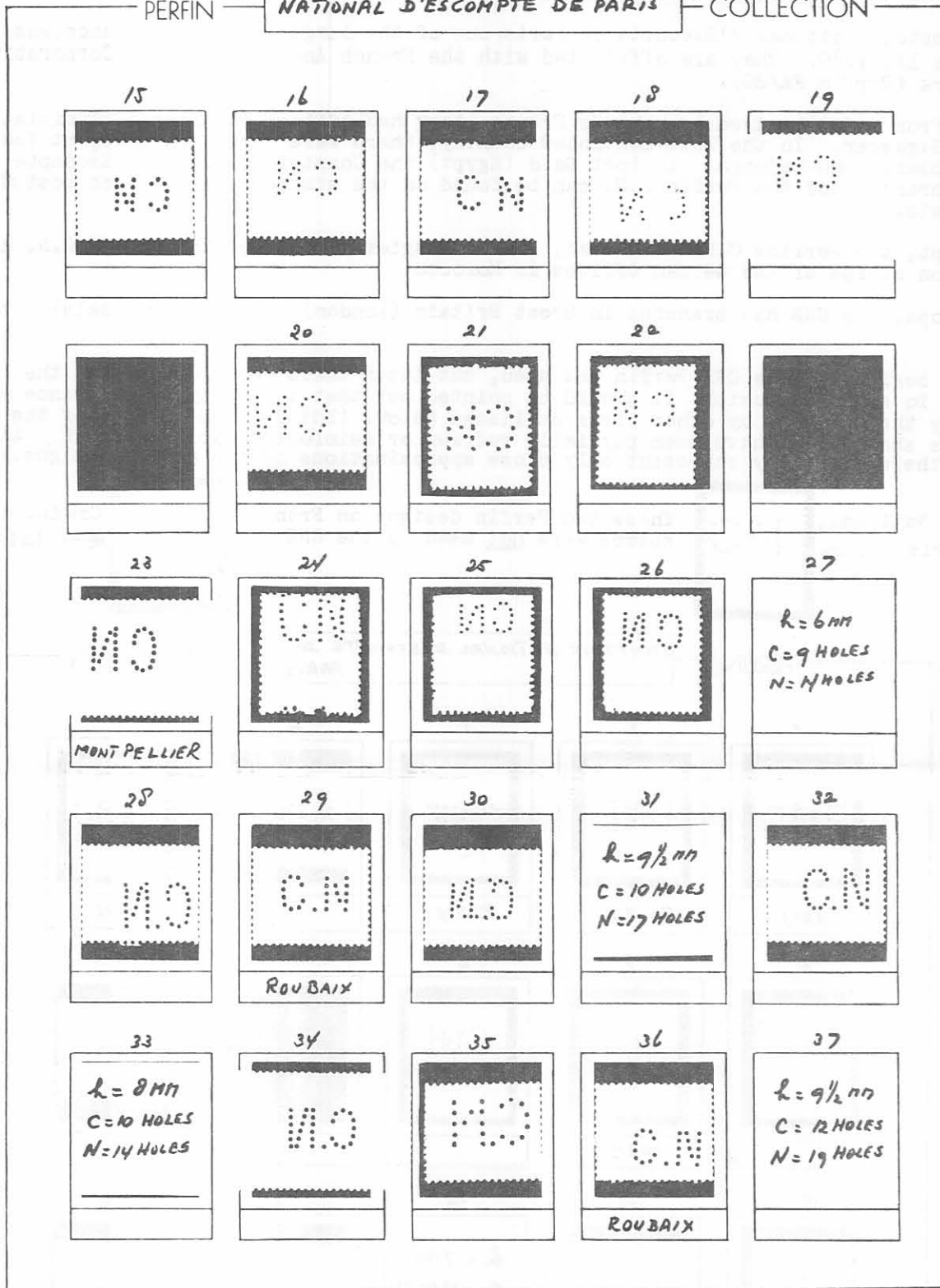
In Europe, the CNE has branches in Great Britain (London), Belgium (Brussels), and in Spain.

In the beginning, the CNE Perfin was used, but later there was a change to the CN initial. To avoid confusion, it should be pointed out that two CN types of France were not used by the CNE, but by other firms as listed below. (Editor's note: some of the Perfin designs shown below have been partially redrawn or reinforced for clarity of illustration; therefore, they represent only close approximations of the actual designs.)

Credit National, Paris →  These two Perfin designs on French stamps were not used by the CNE

 ← Credit du Nord, Lille

PERFIN	COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS					COLLECTION			
1		2		3		4		5	
6		7		8		9			
10		11		12	$R = 7 \text{ mm}$ $C = 10 \text{ HOLES}$ $N = 14 \text{ HOLES}$	13		14	



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38 	39 	40 	41 	42
43 	44 	45 	46 L = 9 MM C = 12 HOLES N = 20 HOLES	47
48 	49 	50 	51 	52 L = 9 1/4 MM C = 13 HOLES N = 19 HOLES
53 L = 8 MM C = 11 HOLES N = 18 HOLES	54 	55 	56 	57
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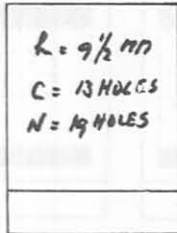
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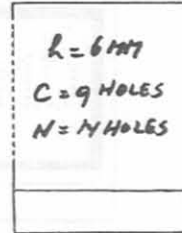
FRENCH POST-OFFICE IN EGYPT



MADAGASCAR



TANANARIVE
DIEGO SUAREZ
MAJONGA



EGYPT



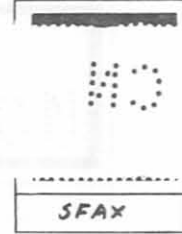
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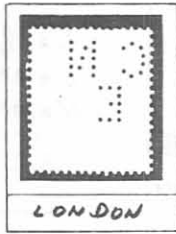
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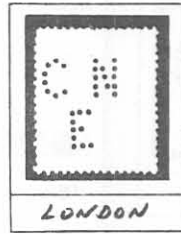
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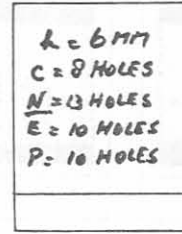
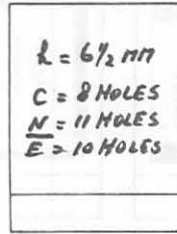
GREAT BRITAIN



LONDON



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BELGIUM



BRUSSELS



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