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A postmark or a cancellation is a mark of defacement made to a stamp to prevent its reuse.

A variety of postmarks have been applied by the postal systems of the world, from handstruck ones, to machine cancellations and piercing or punching with holes. Collecting and studying postmarks is a serious branch of philately, and cancellations made to stamps can sometimes be more interesting (and valuable) than the stamps themselves.

The introduction of pictorial postmarks have enhanced the aesthetics (and collectability) of cancellations.

This work illustrates some of the handstruck marks and machine impressions intended to cancel postage stamps that show amphibians.
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