

3-D postmark update: use on postal card in 1993

The ink had barely dried on my July 26 Postmark Pursuit column showcasing a 3-D cancel when I received a note from reader Andrew Boyajian of New Jersey.

"Here is an earlier example

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of a 3-D cancellation," Boyajian states. This 3-D postmark, shown on the United States 19¢ Flag postal card illustrated nearby (Scott UX153), was used April 22, 1993.

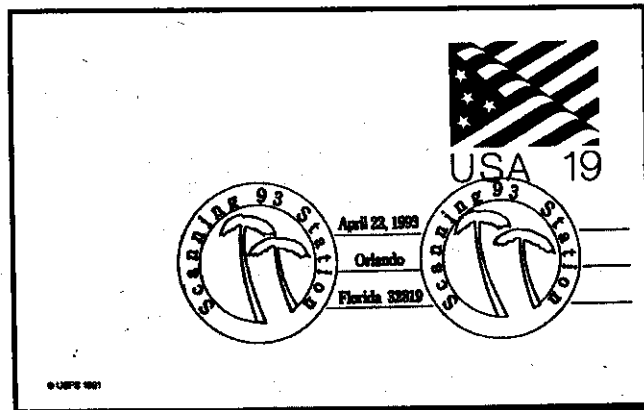
As such, it was used more than 11 years before the 3-D

cancel featured in the July 26 Postmark Pursuit. That cancel was used July 10 at the 30th annual convention of the National Stereoscopic Association.

The 3-D effect can be observed by using a simple stereoscopic viewer. Look through the viewer and adjust the distance between the viewer and the cancel until the two images merge into one.

Before Boyajian's revelation hit my desk, the National Stereoscopic Association cancel was believed to be the first of its kind in the United States.

Can you provide evidence of a 3-D postmark that pre-dates the one shown here? If so, send documentation (preferably an actual cover bearing the cancel) to the address at



This 19¢ Flag postal card bears a 3-D cancel that was used in 1993, more than a decade before the July 10 3-D postmark illustrated in the July 26 Postmark Pursuit column. the end of this column.