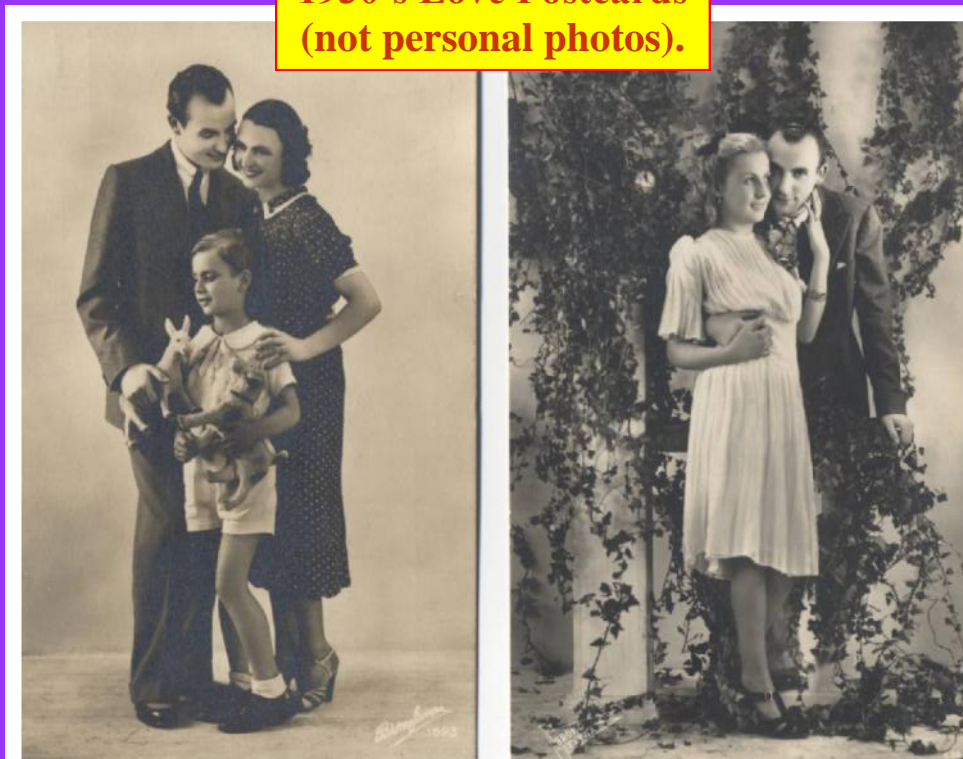
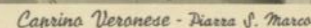
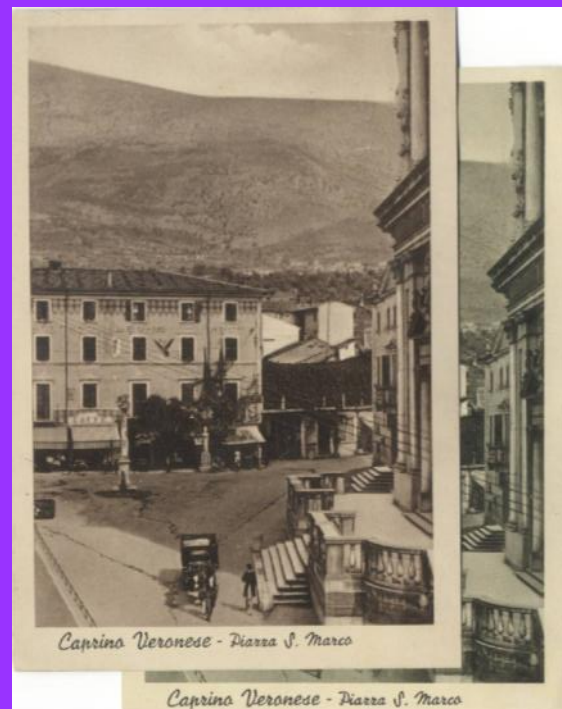
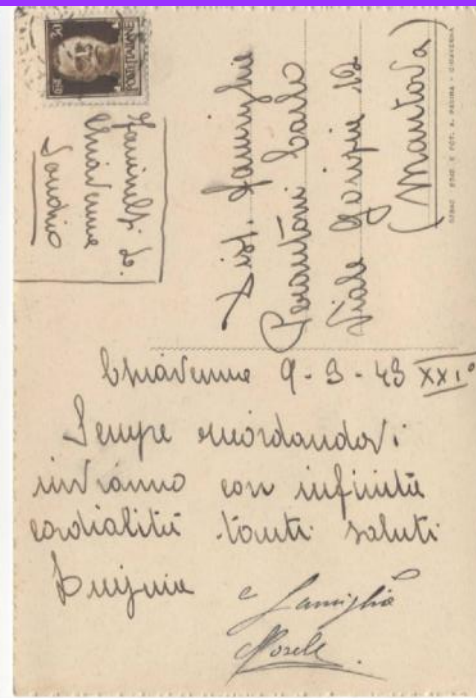
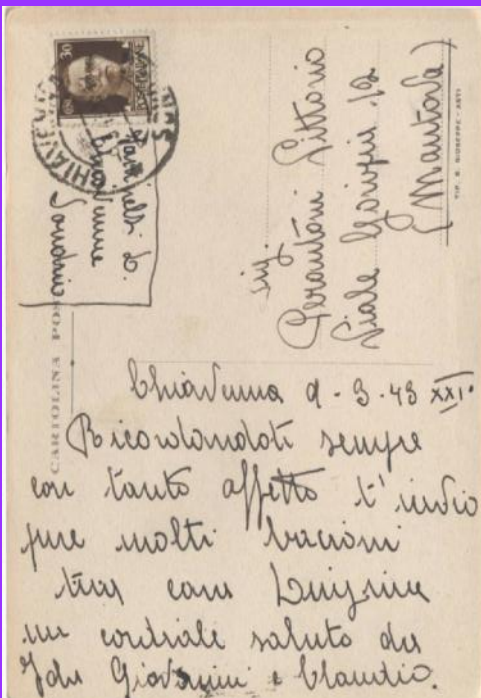
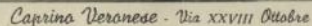


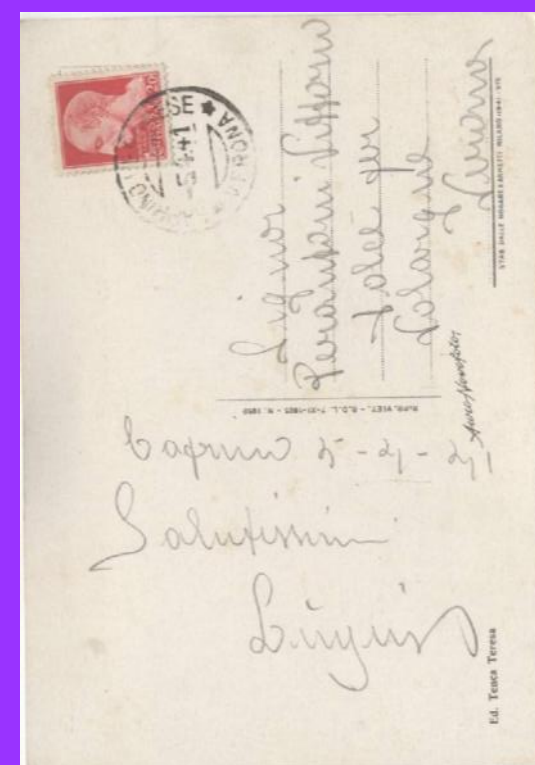


**Caprino Veronese, a town in the west Valpolicella region, where Victor found and courted his future bride Luigina Zaninelli.**





## 1930's Love Postcards (not personal photos).







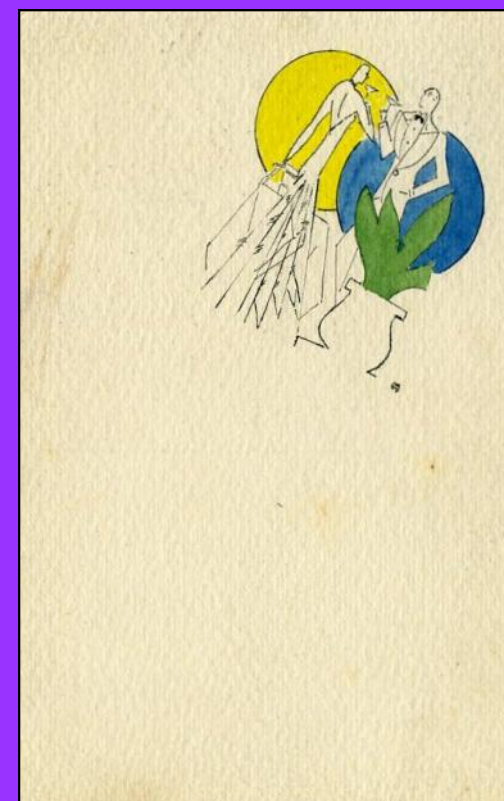
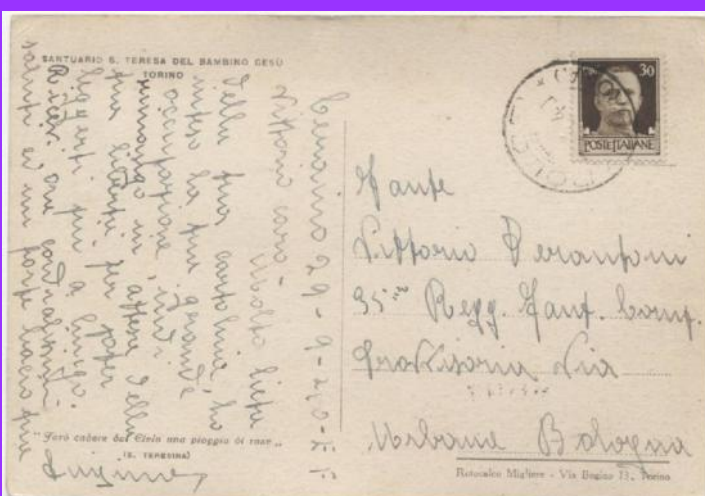
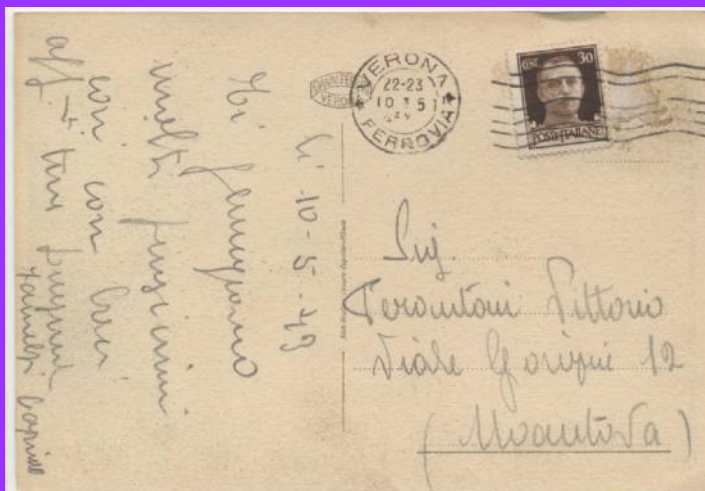
Caprina Veronese - Piazza Vittoria e Piazza XX Settembre



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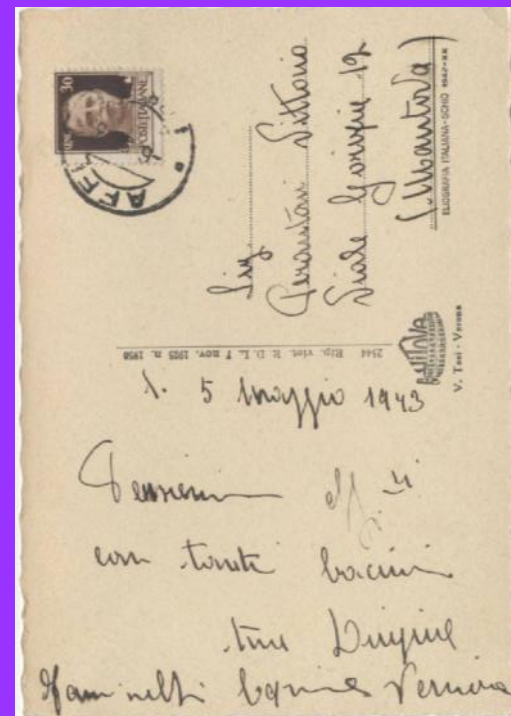
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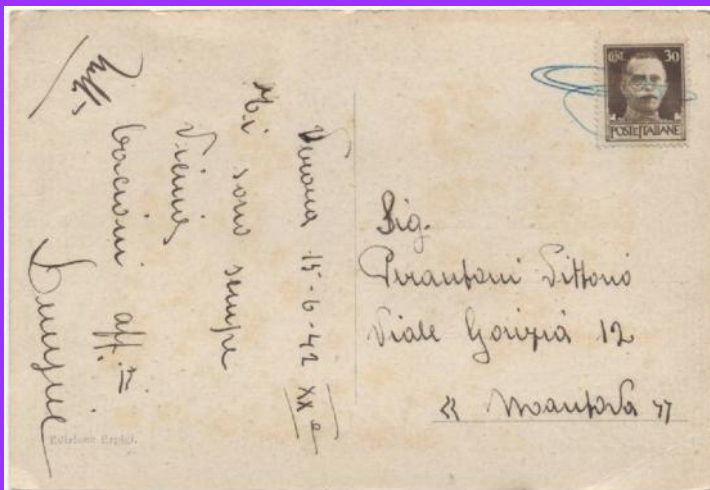




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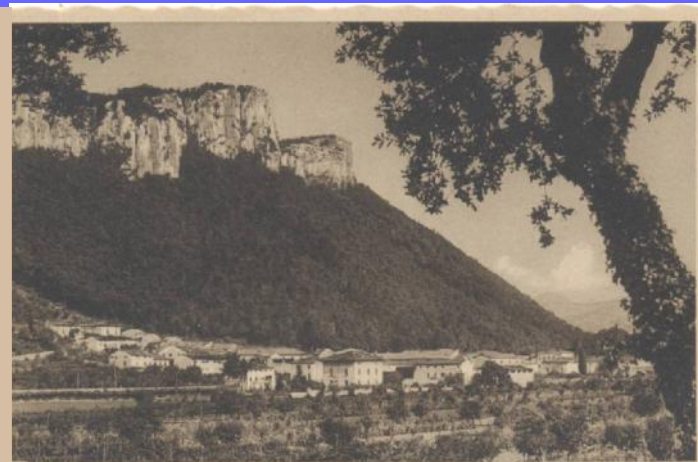




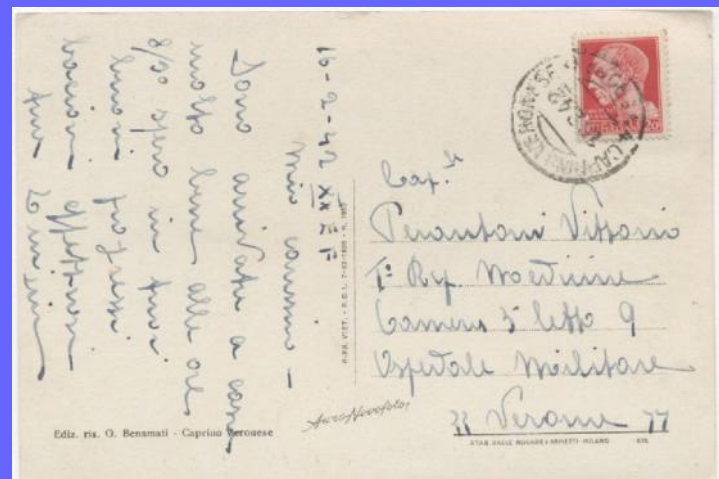
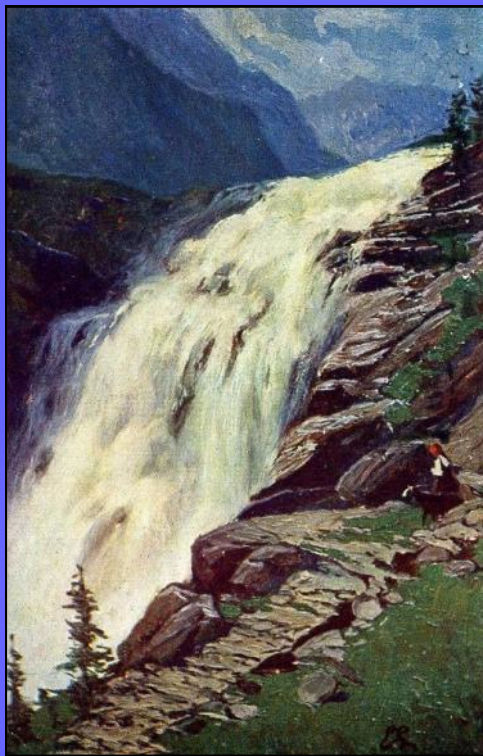
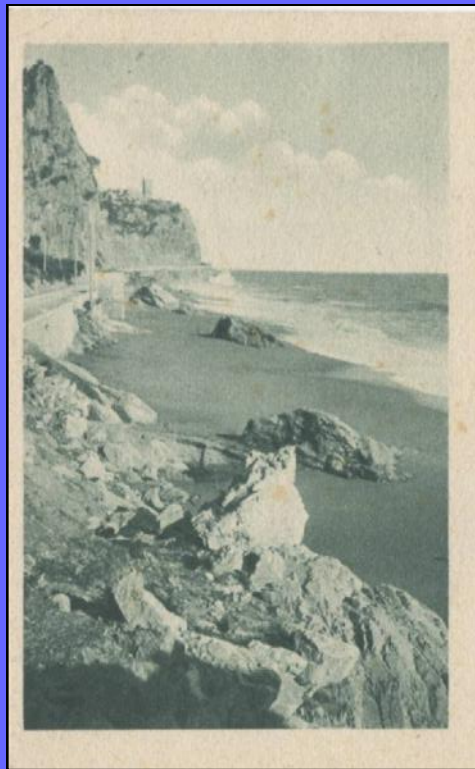
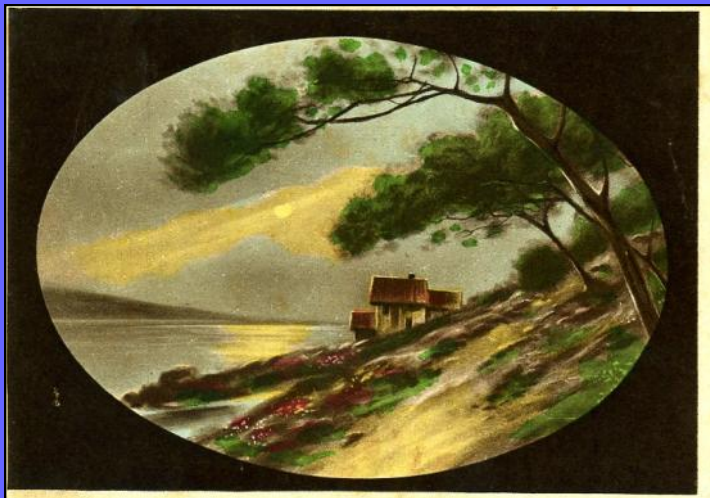




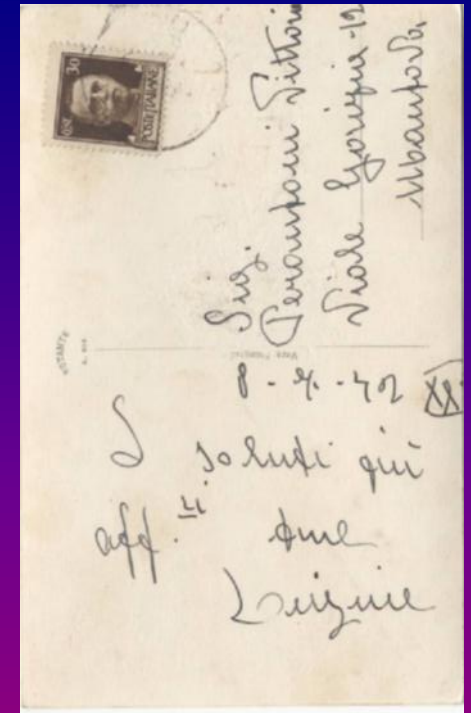
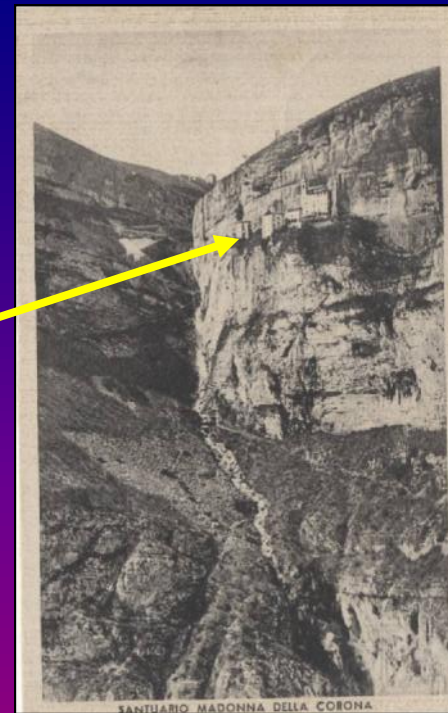
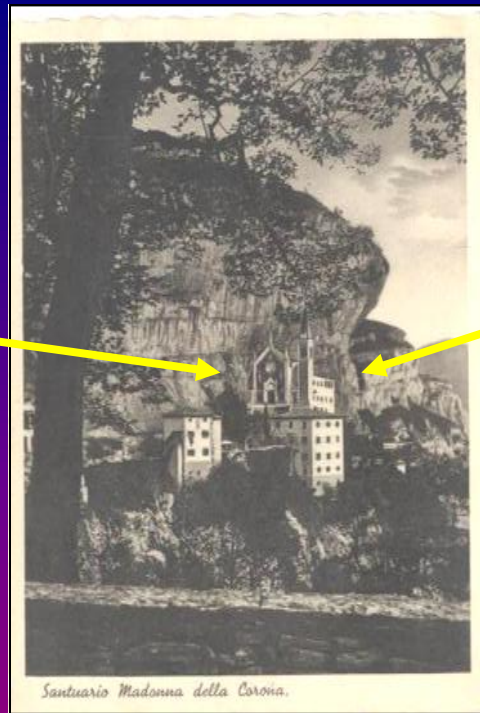
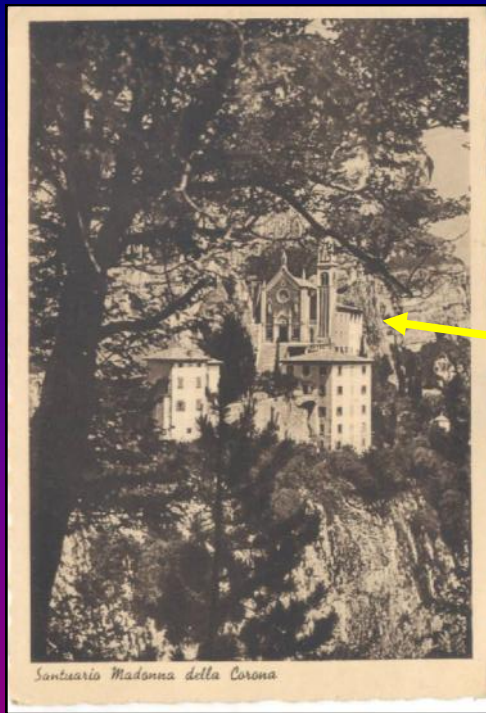
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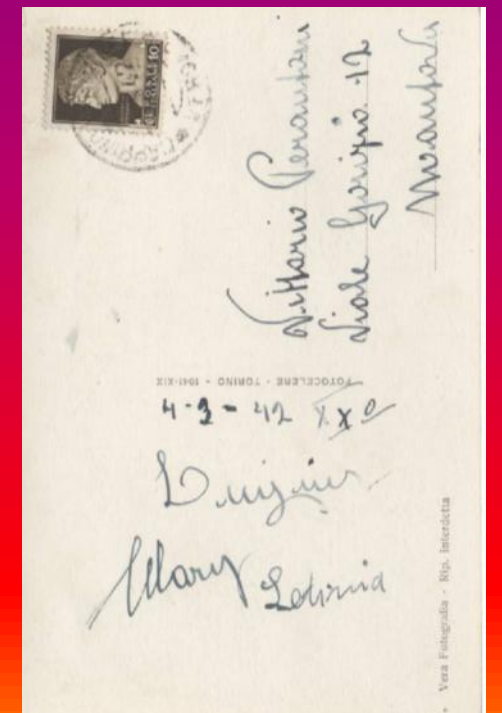
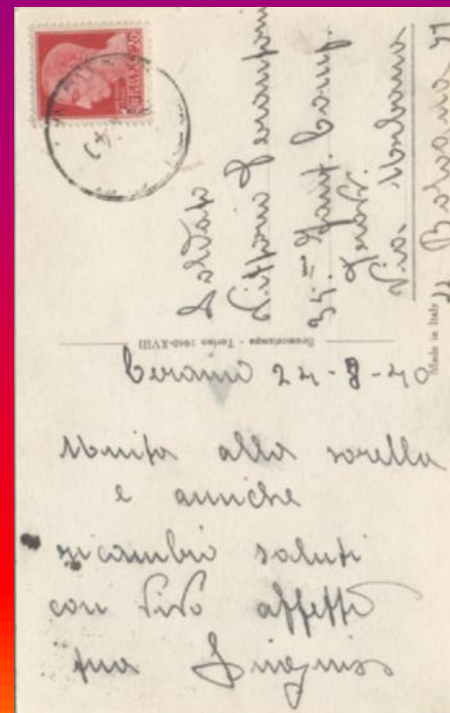
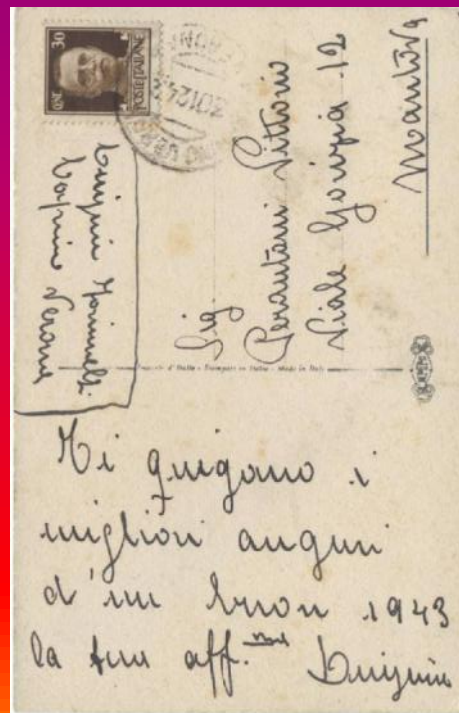
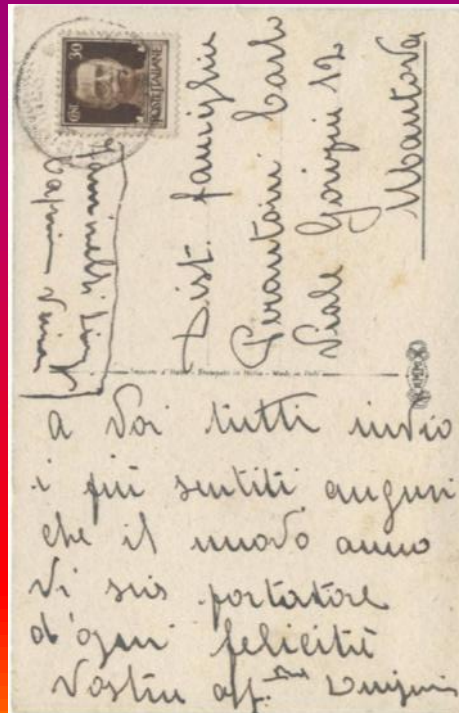
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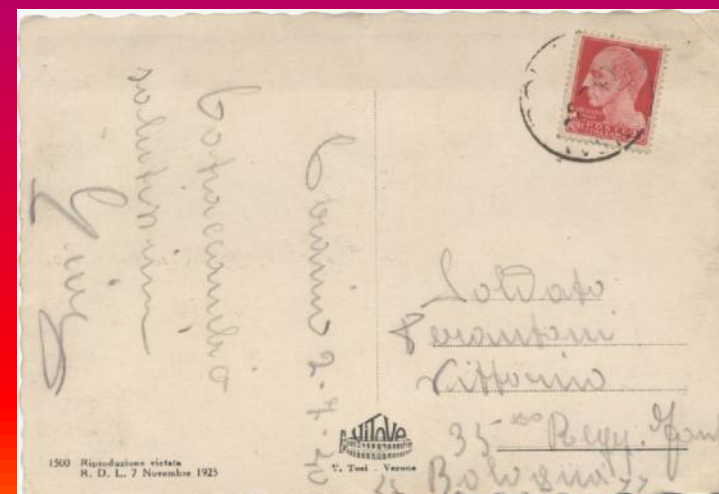
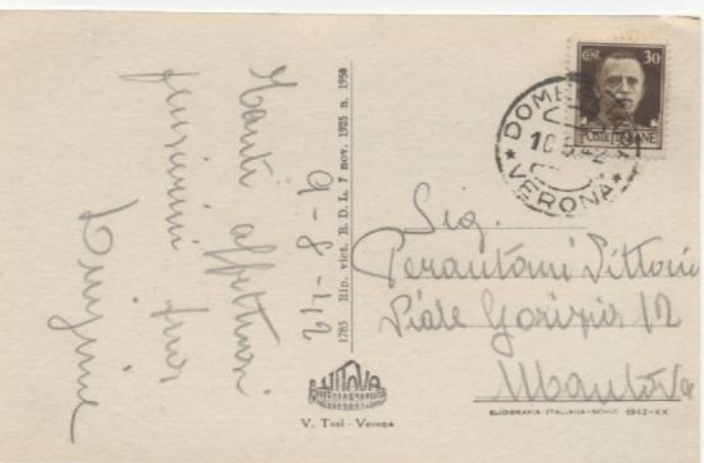
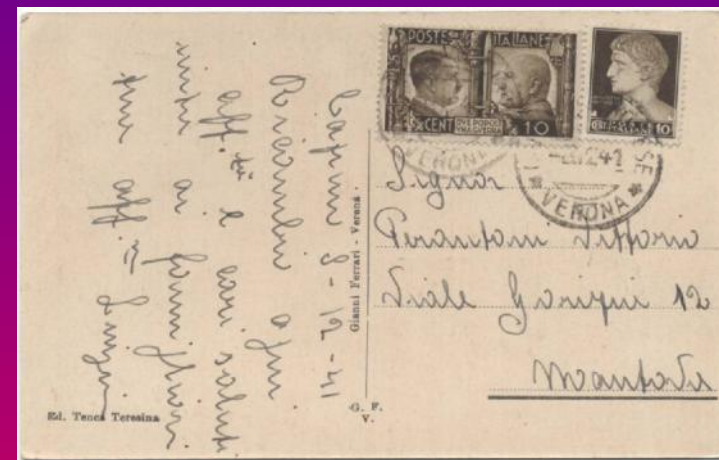
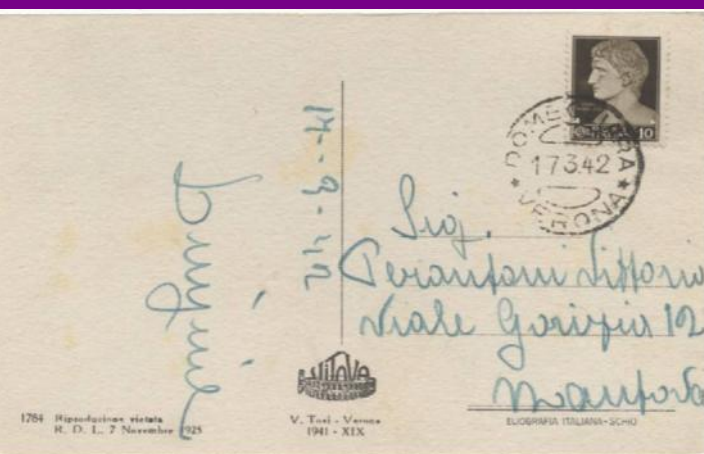
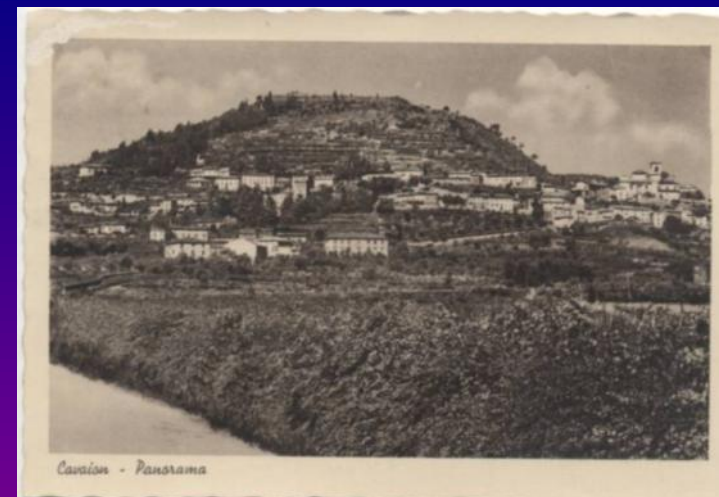
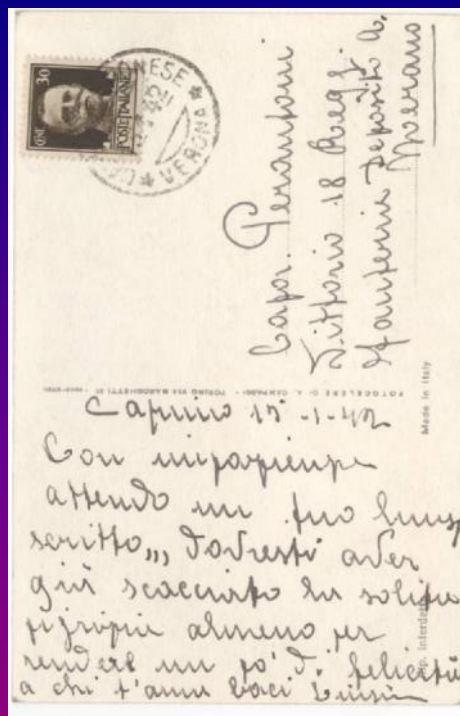




Luigina's favorite church "Madonna della Corona" at Spiazzi, near her hometown Caprino







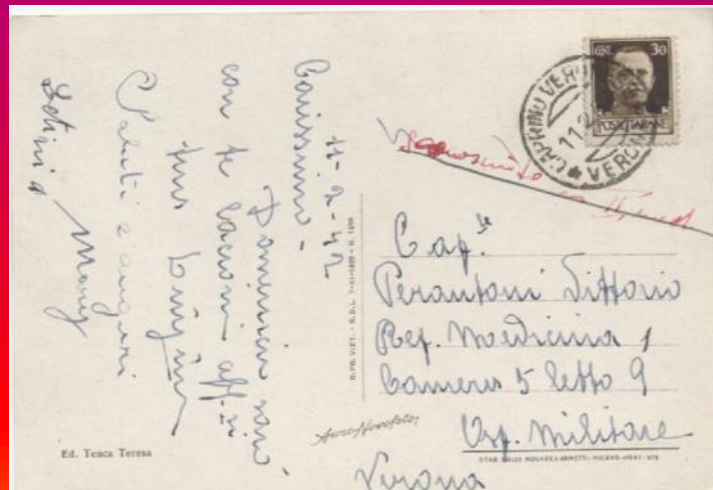
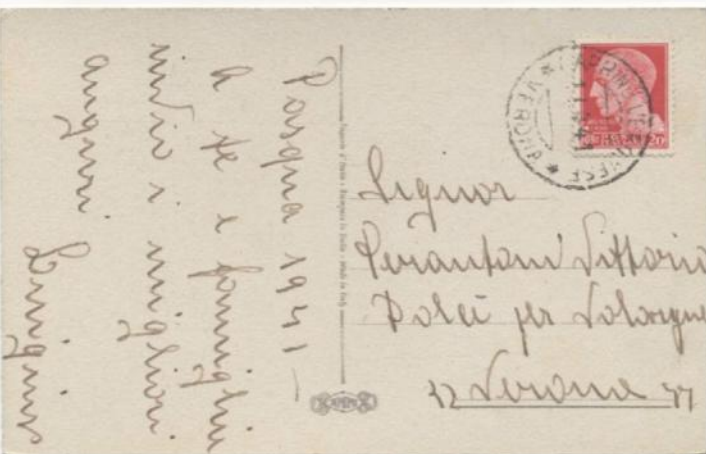
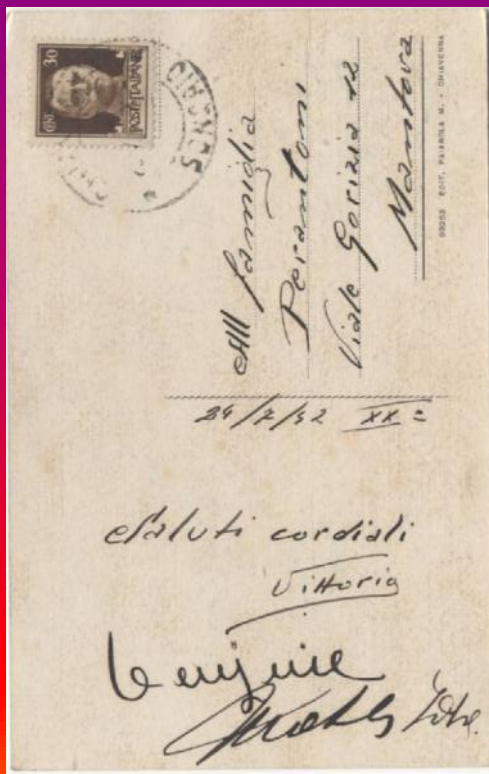
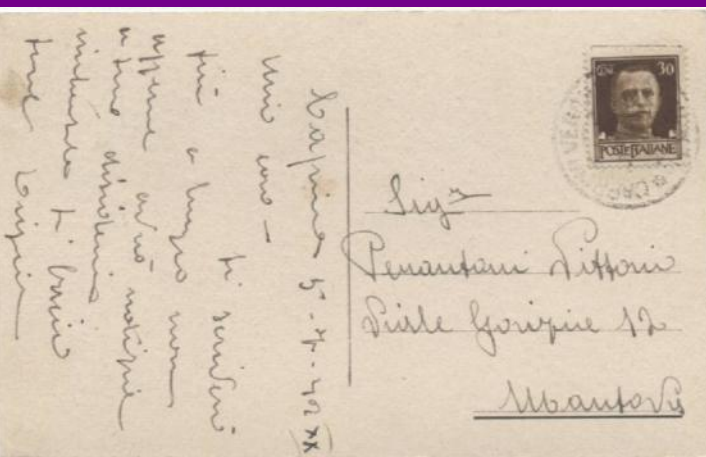




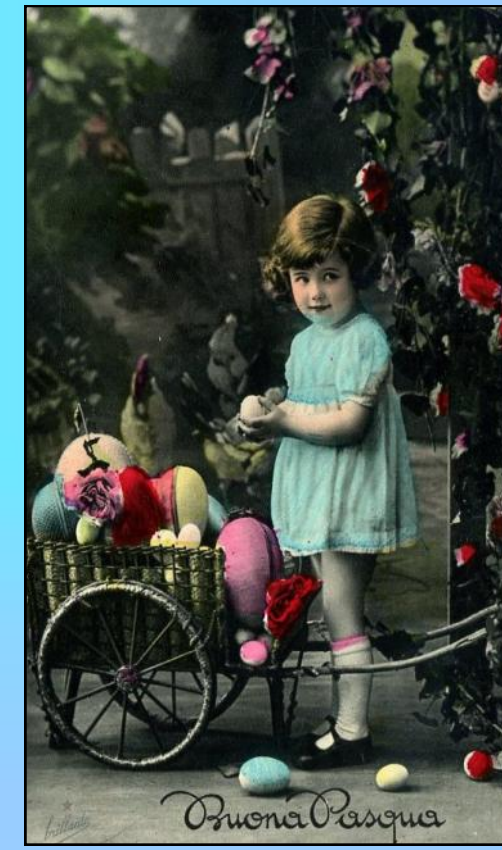
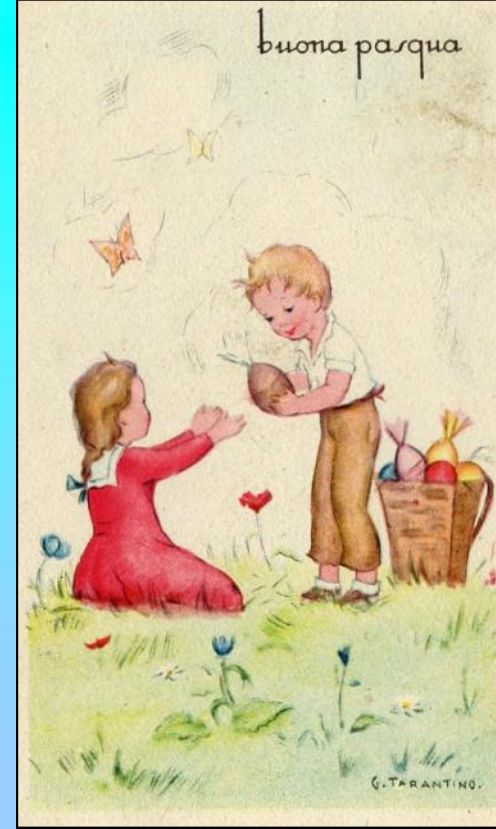
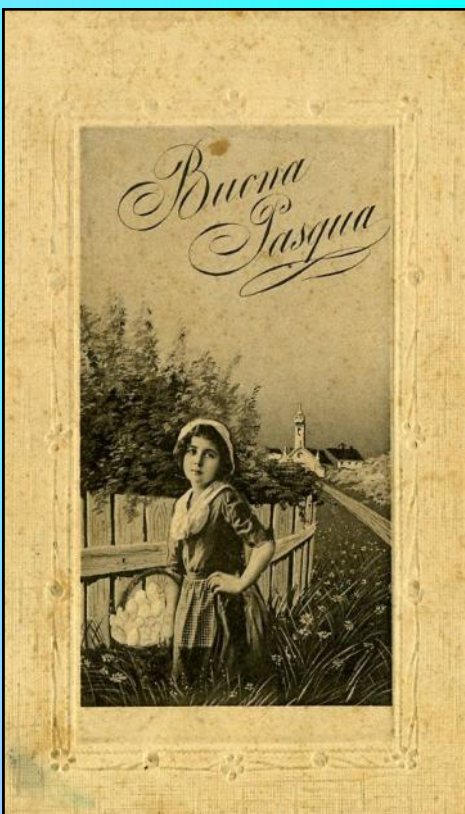
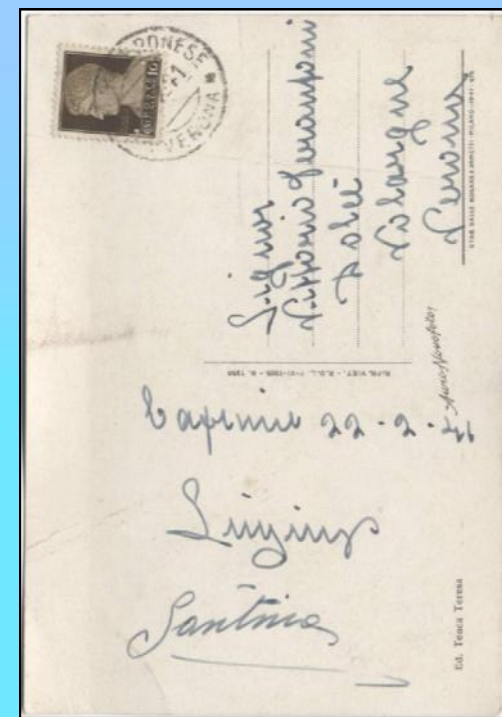
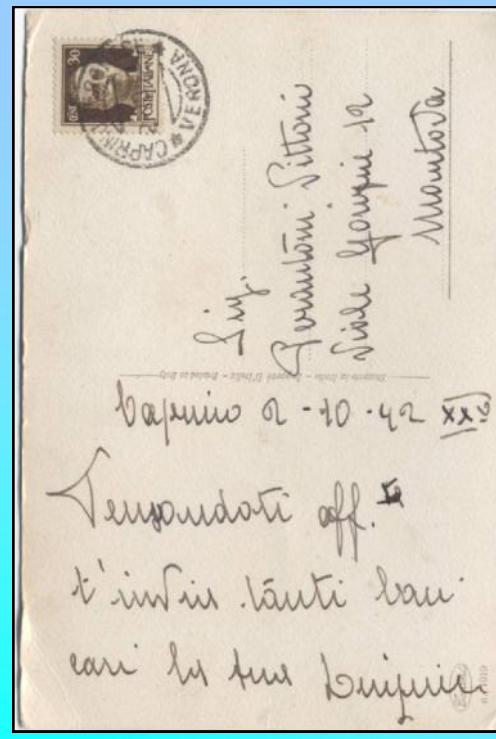
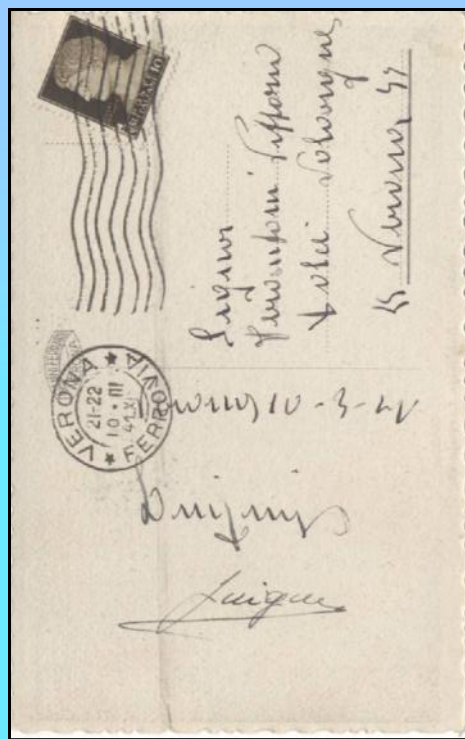
CHIAVENNA - Panorama



Chiavenna - Vicolo Molinara









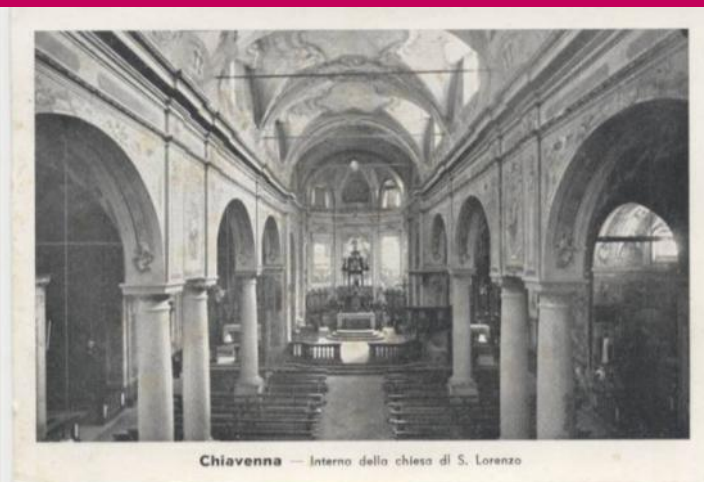
# Luigina and Victor in 1941



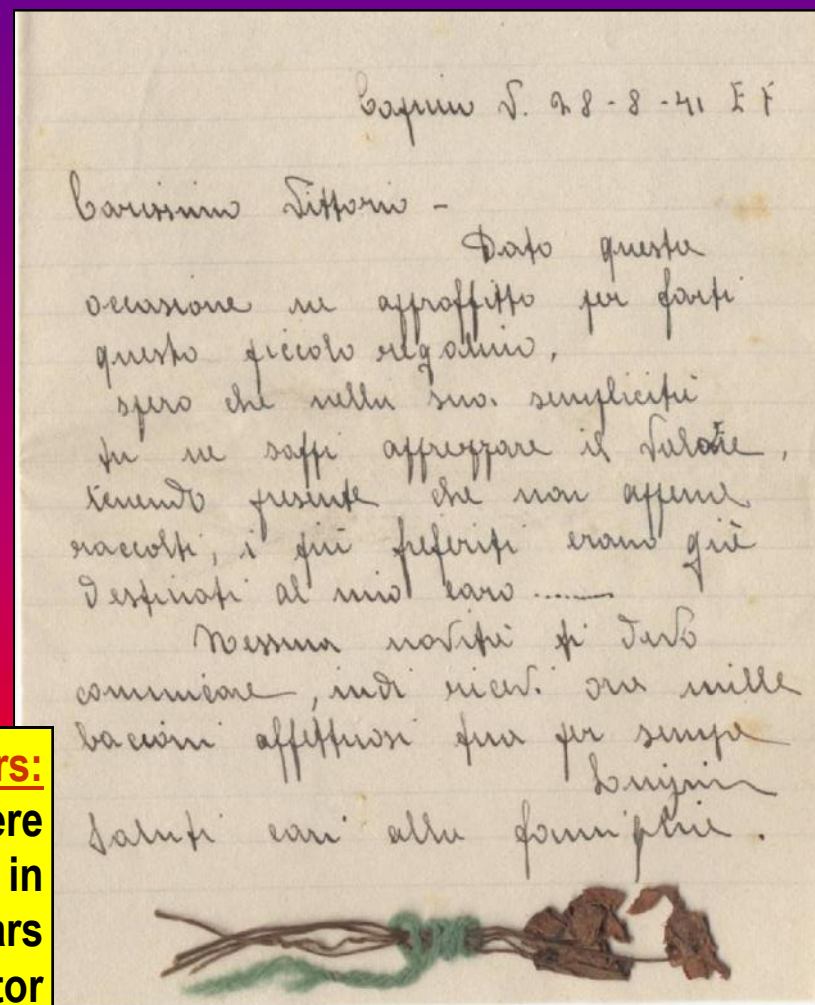
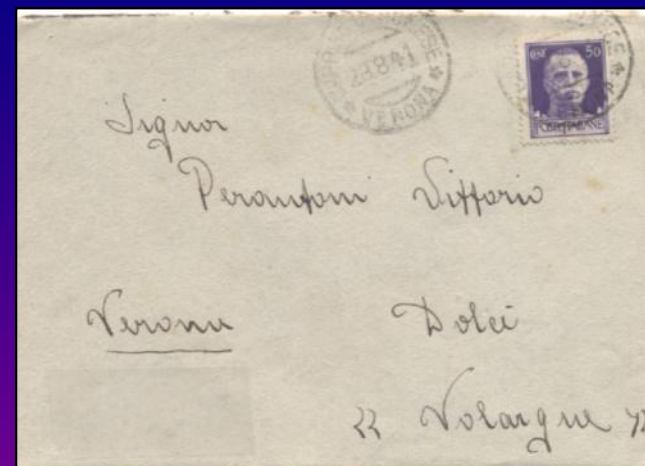
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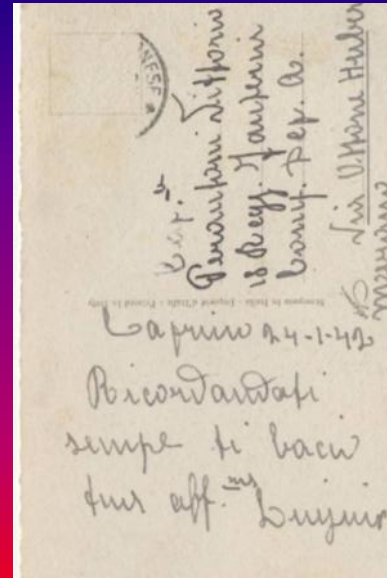
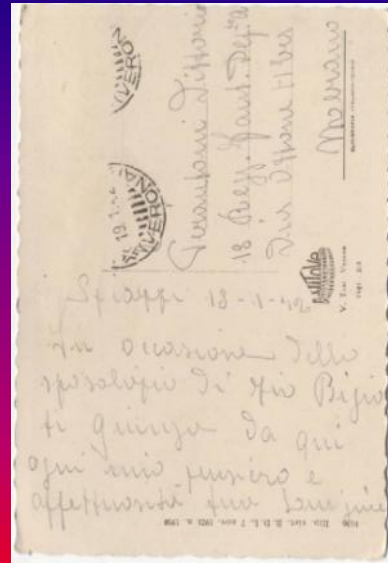
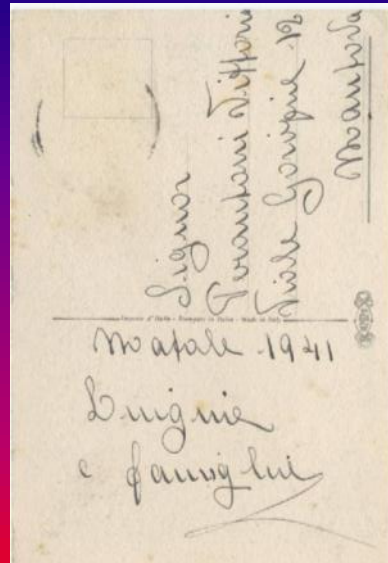
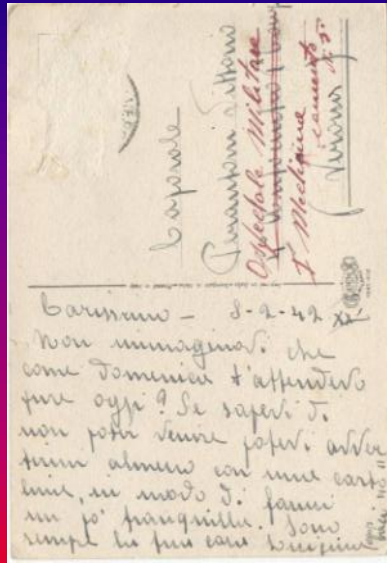
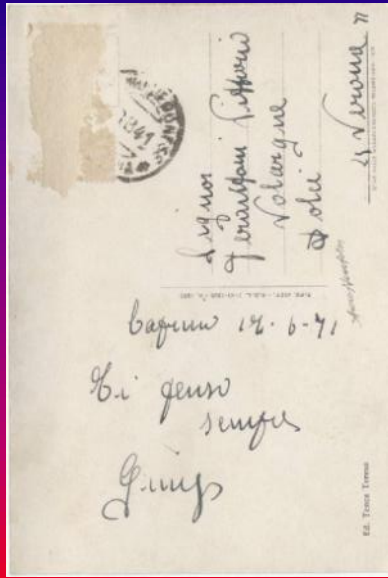


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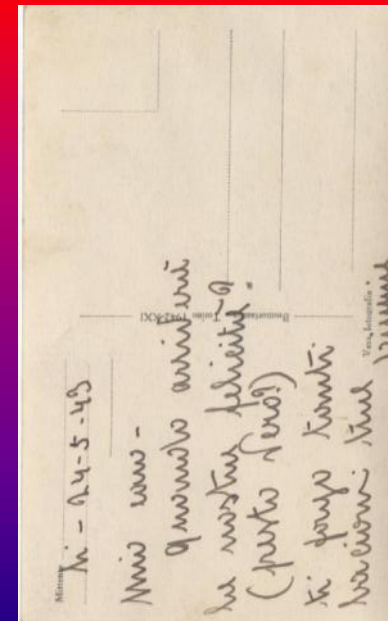
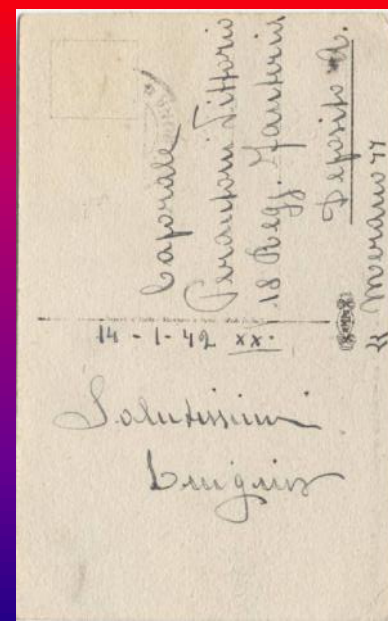
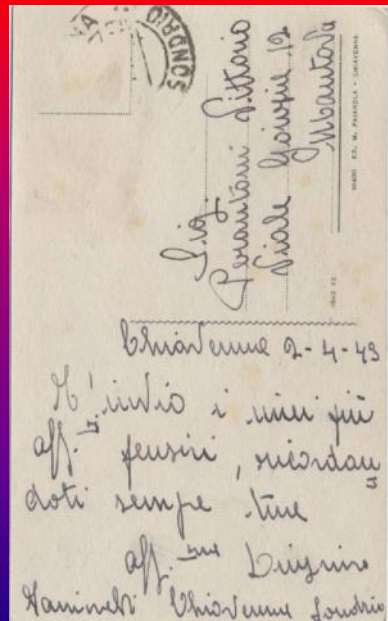
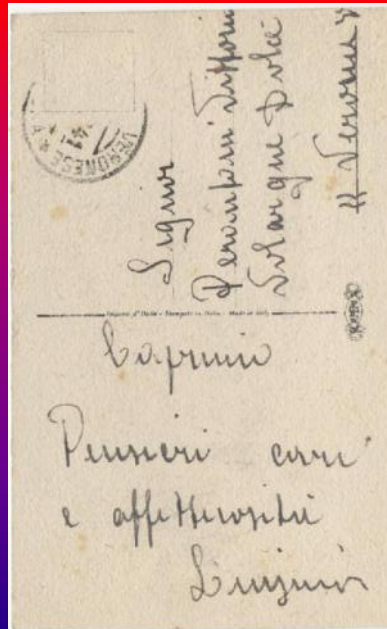
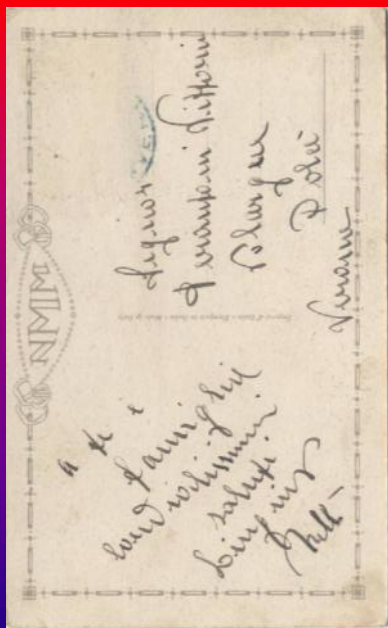


**The power of flowers:**  
These dry violets were picked and mailed in August 1941. Two years later Luigina and Victor were married in Caprino.



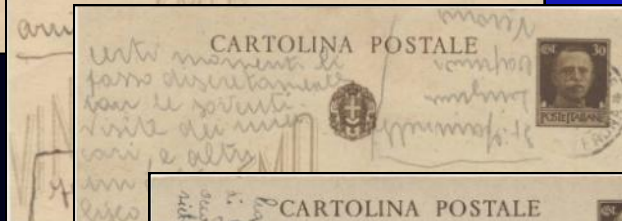
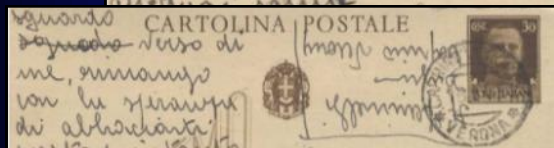
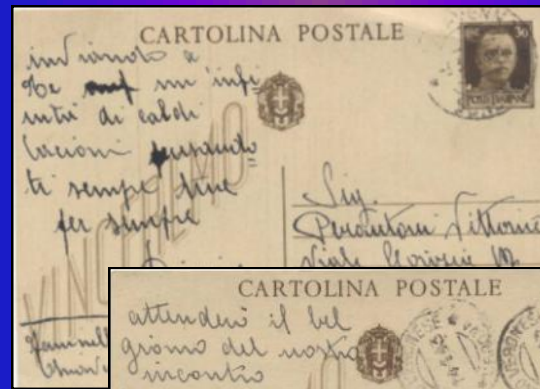


**The girl with the most postcards wins !**

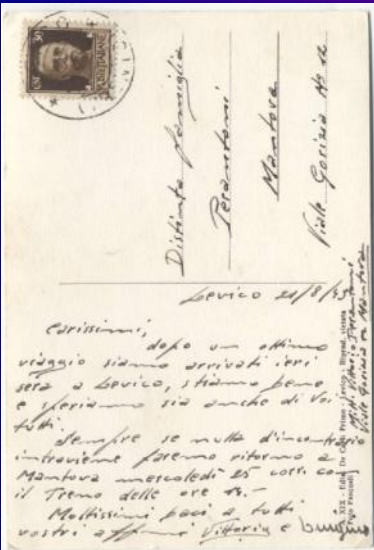




...And the girl with the most postcards won !  
Luigina and Victor were married 19 August 1943.



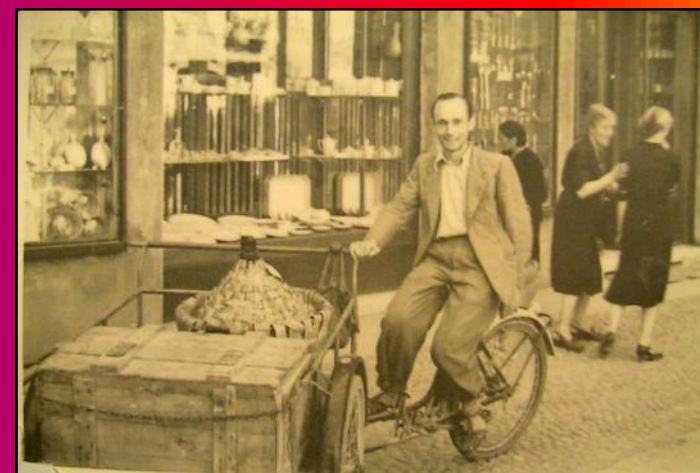




**Viaggio di Nozze  
(Honeymoon)**



Luigina and Victor were married 19 August 1943. The ongoing allied invasion of Sicily was successfully completed two days earlier (Aug 17) and the imminent invasion of the mainland was expected, and it happened at Salerno only 2 weeks after their wedding. It was not a happy time for a newlywed couple. After their honeymoon Victor and Luisa purchased the Café & Bottiglieria al Ponte Rosso (Mantua) where they served customers and sold bottles of wines and spirits. Due to the heightened state of war, motor vehicles and petrol were unobtainable and even bicycles required special permits. The photo on right shows Victor transporting wholesale wine jugs from which he filled 1-liter bottles for retail sale at the Café. The allies engaged the Germans to combat in southern Italy, causing them to retreat as the Allies advanced northward. In early 1944 the Wehrmacht occupied Victor and Luisa's Café and used it as a field hospital for wounded German soldiers.



The Wehrmacht's field hospital (in Victor's Café) lasted about three months, and then retreated further north. During their occupation the German soldiers stole all food, tobacco, coffee, sweet wines and spirits, but smashed all the bottles of Lambrusco and other non-sweet dinner wines disagreeable to their typical German palate. Victor and Luisa kept the Café until their departures to Australia in 1950 and 1951.

