

Letters of Mother Elisa Roncallo to Major Corporal Carlo Frola

A plunge into the past of over 100 years, preceded by a phone call: "I am Luigi Frola, son of Carlo, I have letters written to my father at the front (1914-15) by Mother Elisa Roncallo ..."

On October 19, 2019, the day of the celebrations for the adopted Superior of Nizza, because she lived in Nizza for her entire life, the Hon. Vittorio Buccelli, mayor of Nizza M., played by Maurizio Martino, and Mother Elisa Roncallo, Daughter of Mary Help of Christians, played by Silvia Stanchi, together with Sr. Paola Cuccioli, head of the Salesian Historical Archive of Piedmont, went to the home of the centenary Luigi Frola, who offered the three the chance to view the two postcards and the photo that his father had jealously guarded and then given to his son, all kept in the family for over 100 years!

Carlo Frola, one of the founders of the Bank of Nizza, received at least two letters from Mother Elisa when he was a prisoner of war, No. 57010 in the Lager C in Josefstadt. Carlo also had two sisters who became Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, one of whom left as a missionary for Latin America when she was still a novice.

A warm welcome was given to the 3 'illustrious' guests by Mr. Luigi and his daughter, a welcome accompanied by the narration of many suggestive anecdotes, typical of years long gone by the first part of the twentieth century in Nizza.

A souvenir photo concluded the pleasant meeting.