

**Postcards
from**

Frank Alvord Perret

Di Tom Gidwitz

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Frank Perret did a lot for the progress of volcanology through his technical innovations and volcanological observations. These can be mainly found in four great books written by Perret and published by the Carnegie Institution of Washington :

- 1924 The Vesuvius eruption of 1906 : study of a volcanic cycle
- 1935 The eruption of Mt Pelee 1929-1932 (second printing in 1937)
- 1939 The volcano-seismic crises at Montserrat 1933-1937
- 1950 Volcanological Observations

For a complete overview of Frank Perret's achievements, here is a link to Tom Gidwitz's website <http://tomgidwitz.com/>

In his website, Tom Gidwitz present a picture of an envelope sent by Perret to Alessandro Malladra. The envelope from Tom Gidwitz's website.

As Tom Gidwitz explains on his website (I quote): "Perret sent this letter in late June 1919 to volcanologist Alessandro Malladra, Director of the Vesuvius Volcano Observatory from 1927 to 1935. Evidently the envelope contained photographs that Perret had taken on June 2 at Stromboli, where an eruption on May 22 showered 60-ton boulders on the island's village of Ginostira, killing four people."

On his website, Tom Gidwitz shows only the envelope but not the photographs that the envelope originally contained when Frank Perret sent it.



By coincidence, I recently received these postcards in my mail. Well, I must admit not really a coincidence: being an old book and volcano lover, I recently bought a used book written by Frank Perret and found the postcards in it. So here they are, written by Perret's hand:



Postcard 1 (back) :



Postcard 2 (front) :



Postcard 2 (back) :



Postcard 2 (front) :

Postcard 3 (back) :



Postcard 3 (front) :

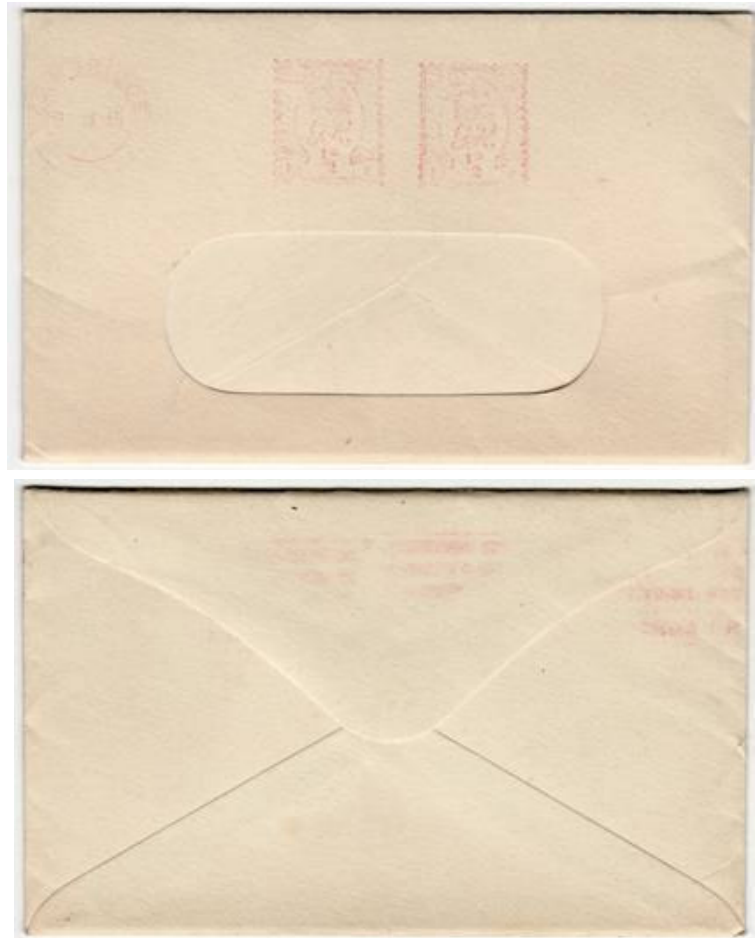
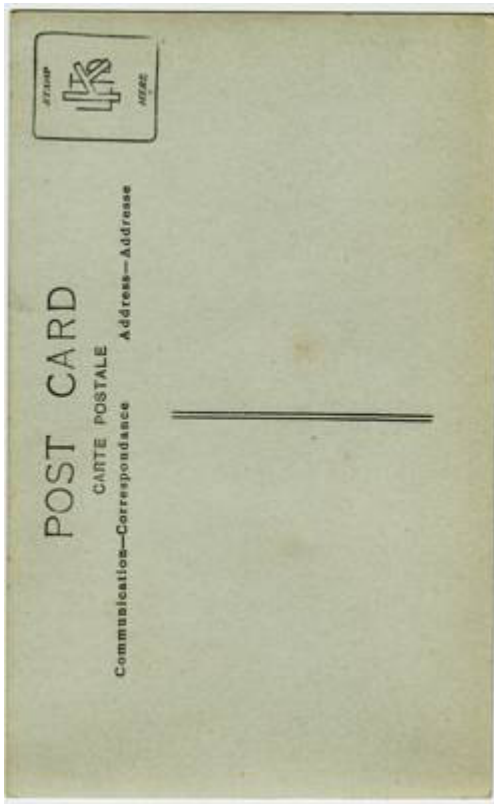


Postcard 4 (back) :



Postcard 4 (front) :





And the envelope in which the postcards were (date : April 1945).

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