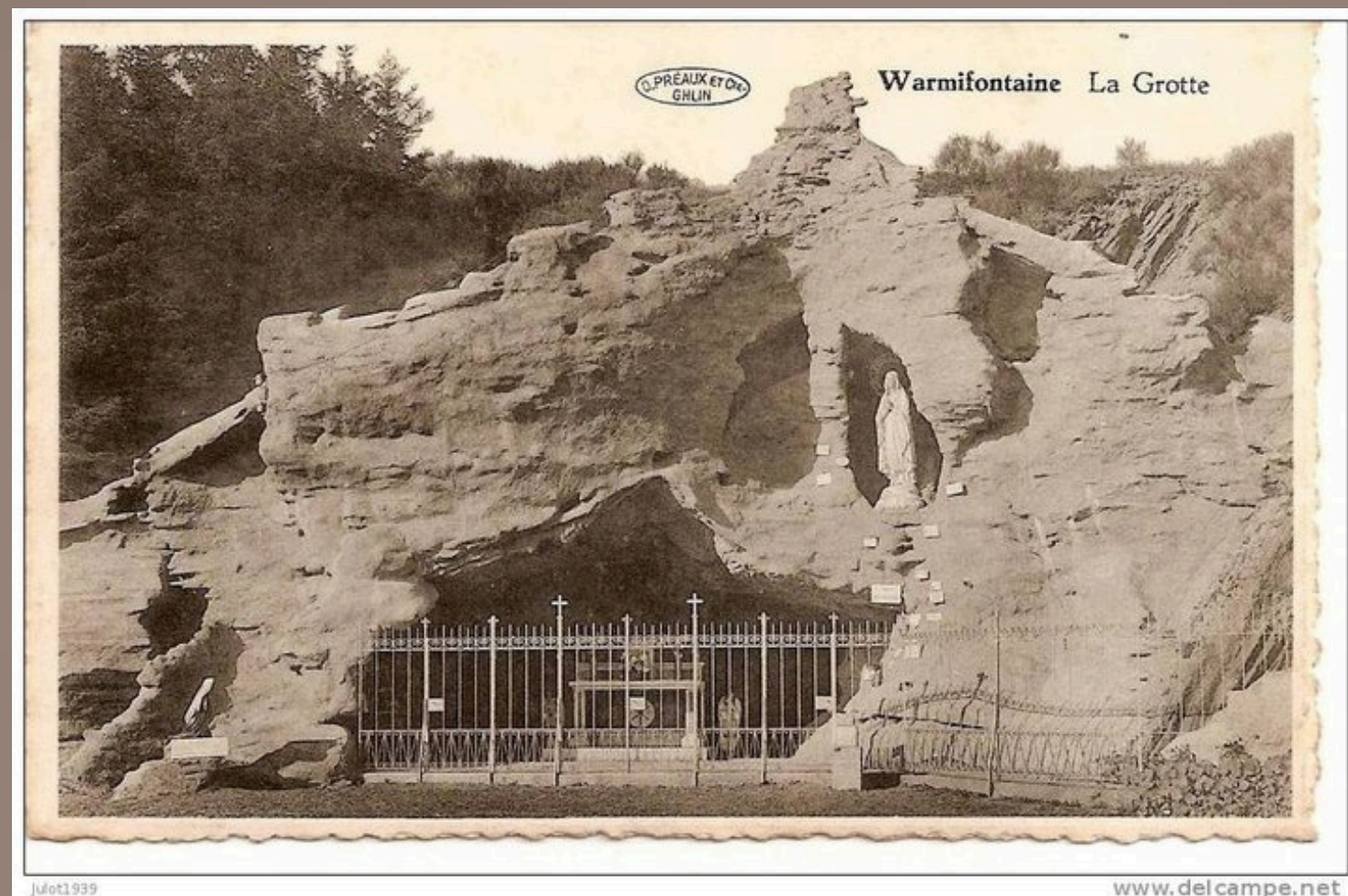


Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto

The Warmifontaine grotto was built in 1931 by the inhabitants of the village, particularly by workers from the slate quarry. To provide a shelter for the Virgin Mary, Abbé Fernand Hallet decided in 1930 to create a grotto designed as a replica of the one in Lourdes. The hill near the church was perfectly suited for its construction.



What a task to accomplish! The villagers spontaneously volunteered their help. The Marian site was inaugurated on September 26, 1931. Since then, a commemorative pilgrimage has taken place every year in September.



On the night of January 11, 1993, the grotto collapsed, to the great dismay of all parishioners. However, like their predecessors, they did not give up and took turns over two years to rebuild the grotto. It was inaugurated again on September 2, 1995.



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