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HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION
Sub-Com for MONUMENTS,
Fine Arts and Archives.

File # 20084/2/D

Damage to Normal School - PISA

Date	To
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CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM JAN. 1945
TO JULY 1945
CATALOGUE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 20084/2/D/AFAA

2 July 45

SUBJECT : Claim for damage to the Normal School, PISA.

TO : United States Claims Service
Regional Office VI
Largo dei Lombardi, 21
ROME.

- 1 Attached documents (detailed in para 2) deal with repairs to the Normal School at Pisa damaged by a fire caused by negligence on the part of Officers of the 86th Fighter Group, XII Air Force.
- 2 These documents are:-
 - a) The endorsement, of the Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region, Allied Commission, dated 6 Mar 45, (Incl 1), on the basis report (below sub-para c) of the Monuments and Fine Arts Officer, Toscana Region.
 - b) Statement (3 Mar 45) concerning payment-due, this statement (Incl 2) made by the afore-mentioned AFAA Officer. This covers:-
 - (i) Statement (7 Feb 45) by Italian Superintendent: in Italian (Incl 3), in English (Incl 4).
 - (ii) Estimate (in amount of Lire 350,000)- (Incl 5)*. See below, sub-para d and para 4.
 - c) Original report (12 Jan 45) of AFAA Officer (Incl 6).
 - d) Letter (6 June 45) of AFAA Officer (Incl 7) covering actual bill (Incl 8)* from contractor in Pisa, dated 27 Apr 45 and in amount of Lire 185,224.
- 3 These papers are sent to you for investigation and judgment of the claim.
- 4 The bill of 27 Apr 45 (Incl 8) is in substitution of the earlier estimate (Incl 5). The former was produced at the request of this Sub-Commission for a more accurately detailed accounting.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

L. S. Bonham
G.P. UNIONE Brig, L. 601
VP QA Section

8 Incls
as stated in para 2.

* No copy retained here.

B. H. Parker, S/M
CC AFAA V/L

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Copy to:
AFAA Office, FLORENCE.

2/31/WFA 9.6 dated 3 Mar. 45.

1st Ind.

RE: TOSCANA REGION, A.M.G.
TO: HQ. AC.

6 Mar. 45.

RCK/ttg.

1. ^{For} Authorization of payment of the indebtedness mentioned in basic communication; or, if deemed appropriate, for forwarding to the CG 12th Air Force for necessary action.


ROBT. C. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, FA. US Army
Regional Commissioner.Incls.
RX 3.

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Incl 1

HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Monuments and Fine Arts Section

File Ref:

RVIII/31/MFAA/9.6

Date:

3 Mar 45

SUBJECT: Payment for Damage to Normal School, Pisa.
TO: Regional Commissioner, AMG Toscana Region.

1. Reference is made to letter this office, File No. as above, dated 12 Jan 45, reporting on damage to Normal School at Pisa, a Protected Monument, caused by negligence on the part of the officers of the 86th Fighter Group, XII Air Force.

2. In par. 1.f above letter, undersigned reported verbal promise by Adjutant 86th Fighter Group that the expenditures for repair of building after fire would be borne by Group Officers', 86th Fighter Group.

3. It has been reported to this office by Superintendent of Monuments, Pisa, that when the enclosed project for repair of the damages, amounting to 250, 000 lire, and already largely completed, was presented at the Normal School, that the 86th Fighter Group had already departed, and had left word that the work, ordered personally by the Group Commander, Col. Junius Bates from the Superintendent, should be paid for by AMG.

4. The job was larger than had been at first expected, as six large beams and a considerable section of the ceiling were sapped by gasoline and fire, and had to be replaced. The floor had to be redone and the fireplace removed.

5. It is therefore requested that steps be taken through Commanding General XII Air Force to retrieve this sum.

Frederick Hart
FREDERICK HART
1st Lt., AC,
MFAA Officer

Copy to:

Sir, MFAA S/O
Education Officer, Toscana Region
PC, Pisa
File

Encls: 1 Project
1 letter (with translation)

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Incl 2

COPY

R. Soprintendenza
Ai Monumenti e Gallerie
per le Province di
PISA, APUANIA, LIVORNO e LUCCA

Pisa 7 Febbraio 1945

Oggetto

Pisa: Scuola Normale Salone
degli Stessi

Prot. 101/41 Posiz. G. 35

Allegati 1 perizia

Colonello Junio Bates
86th Fighter Group
Comando aviazione presso la
Scuola Normale Superiore di

P I S A

Si rimette l'allegata perizia dei lavori in corso al pavimento della Sala degli Stessi ed al soffitto della Sala della Biblioteca della Scuola Normale Superiore secondo le richieste formulate verbalmente da codesto Comando. Si informa che i lavori sono già ad un notevole stato di avanzamento.

IL SOPRAINTENDENTE
(Arch. Ing. Piero Sanpaolosi)

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Incl 3

TRANSLATION

Pisa 7 February '41.

Royal Superintendency
of Monuments and Galleries
for the Provinces of
Pisa, Apuania, Livorno and Lucca.

Subject

Pisa: Normal School Hall of the Arms

File N° 101/41 G.35

Enclosed: 1 Project

Colonel Junius Bates
86th Fighter Group
Aviation Command at the
Superior Normal School of
P I S A

Enclosed is the project for the work under way on the floor of the Hall of Arms and the ceiling of the Library of the Superior Normal School according to the verbal requests of your Command. We inform you that the work is already well advanced.

THE SUPERINTENDENT
(Arch.Ing. Piero Sanpaolesi)

s/ P. Sanpaolesi

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION
Monuments and Fine Arts Section

12 Jan 45

Ref: RVIII/31/MFAA/9.6

Subject: Damage to Normal School, Pisa

TO : Regional Commissioner, AMG Toscana Region.

1. On seeing letter by Rector of University of Pisa, protesting damage caused by American officers to building of Normal School, Pisa (listed as Palazzo della Carovana, Lists of Protected Monuments, p. 26) MFAA Officer, undertook investigation visited Pisa 10 Jan 45, and renders the following report:

a. Requisition N° 501, dated 3 Oct 44, was approved by G-4, Fifth Army for 62nd Fighter Wing; Unit now in residence is 86th Fighter Group.

b. Above unit has used as Officer's Club a room on upper floor of building, directly above the Library. In addition to the central heating operating throughout the building, a fireplace had been installed, apparently to give a more homelike atmosphere to the club. This fireplace had a hearth made of hollow tiles, which soaked up the gasoline used to ignite the logs.

c. A certain amount of gasoline had seeped through the tiles into the ceiling beams below, and on 30 Dec 44 the librarian noticed that smoldering was taking place inside the ceiling. A section of the floor was promptly removed, and fire was extinguished without damage to the decorated ceiling below or to the valuable library. One inner beam had been partially consumed.

d. Superintendent of Monuments, Pisa, had already been invited to undertake necessary repairs, and the ceiling, to which no damage is visible, had already been shored when undersigned arrived.

e. Undersigned talked adjutant and Club Officer of 86th Fighter Group, who assured him that an investigation was taking place in order to fix the responsibility for the negligence.

f. Adjutant promised undersigned that Superintendent would be free to remove fireplace entirely, to make all necessary repairs, and that the operation would be paid for out of Group Officer's fund.

2. This office is interested only in the protection of the outer facade of the building, (of great architectural importance), and of the Library. Measures outlined above should suffice. Interior contains little or nothing of artistic importance, and ordinary common sense should prevent future accidents.

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/s/ Frederick Hartt

:t/ FREDERICK HARTT
1st Lt., AC
MFAA Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Monuments and Fine Arts Section

VIII/31/MFAA/11.2

6 June 45

Subject: Bill for repairs to Normal School, Pisa.

To : Director, MFAA Subcommission, H. ALLIED Commission.

1. According to our recent telephone conversation, transmit herewith itemized bill* for L. 185,224 for repairs to Normal School, Pisa, the Palazzo Carovani, due to negligence of the 86th Fighter Squadron.

2. Reference to respective correspondence cannot be made as files of that date have already been shipped to Archives.

/s/ Frederick Hartt

/t/ FREDERICK HARTT
1st Lt., AD,
MFAA Officer

Copy to:

RF, Toscana
DC Pisa
Dir, Education S/O
File

* Impresa Ing. Veltri L. & Pacini E.
Studio Tecnico

Via S. Maria 17 p.p.

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Fattura N. 130

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489081, ext. 442 & 254; 478480)

20084/2/4/MFAA

24 March 1945

Subject: Scuola Normale Superiore, PISA.

To : HQ, TOSCANA Region, attn. MFAA Officer
(Lt. Hartt), FLORENCE.

Ref. telephone conversation today Lt.Col. De Wald - Lt.
Hartt, forwarded herewith for revision is the Preventivo di Spesa
for repair work on the Scuola Normale Superiore, PISA.

E. T. De Wald
ERNEST T. DE WALD
Lt.Col., Spec.Res.
Director.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 20084/E/A/WEAA

March 45.

SUBJECT: Claim for damage to the
Normal School, PISA

TO : UNITED STATES CLAIMS SERVICE
Regional Office VI
Largo dei Lombardi 21
Rome

CANCELLED

1. Attached are:

- a) The endorsement of the Regional Commissioner
TOSCANA Region to a report from the Monuments,
Fine Arts and Archives Officer of that Region.
- b) The report of the Monuments, Fine Arts and
Archives Officer, TOSCANA Region about repairs
made by Italian authorities to the Normal
School at PISA damaged by a fire caused by
negligence on the part of officers of the 86th
Fighter Group, XII Air Force.
- c) The claim presented by the Italian Minister of
Public Instruction for 550,000 lire for those
repairs.

2. These papers are sent to you for investigation and
judgment of the claim.

For the Chief Commissioner

W. S. Dollard, Major
for G.R. UPJOHN Brig
VP CA Section

Enclosures

Copy to: Regional Commissioner
HQ Toscana Region

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