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From:- Allied Liaison Section, Headquarters IAFMS, Caserta.
To :- Headquarters Allied Commission, A.P.C. 394.
Date:- 1st October, 1945.
Ref :- IAFMS/1201/3/ALB.

DAMAGE TO MONUMENT

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1. Reference is made to your letter 20151/5/AFAM dated 15th September, 1945:

2. It is regretted that the Royal Air Force is not in a position to give any help in this direction owing to re-deployment and general movement in the TARI area.

3. The Air Forces Sub-Commission is being requested to supply what assistance they can from Italian Air Force sources on request.

8 OCT 1945

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(C. CONROY)
Squadron Leader,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff, IAF/AFAM.

Copies to: A.C. Liaison Officer, IAFM.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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20181/5/127A

19 September 1945

SUBJECT: Damage to Monument.

TO : Hq, Army Air Forces, AFPO.

1. Through the diligence of an RAF unit this Hq has received word of accidental damage - apparently from a recent bomb explosion - to the disused but very distinguished 13th-century Romanesque Church of San Leonardo, west of MANFREDRIA.

2. The matter has been referred to the Direction General of Antiquities and Fine Arts in the Italian Ministry of Public Instruction. They will no doubt issue appropriate instructions to their Superintendent of Monuments for that area, Prof Francesco SCHETTINI, of the Castello Svevo, BARI.

3. While there can be no question of Allied responsibility for the damage or the repairs, it would be a handsome act of good will if all possible aid could be lent, either in provision of transport or of other facilities for inspection and remedy of the damage.

4. Your cooperation with the Italian authorities in any requests they may present will be appreciated both by them and by this headquarters.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

MC
H. GARR,
Brigadier,
VP C&Sec.

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Copy to:
AC Liaison Officer, BARI.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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20181/5/MFAA

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M. GARR,
Brigadier,
VP CA Sec.

Copy to:
AC Liaison Officer, BARI.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

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

NTH/ps

20181/5/MMA

30 August 1945

SUBJECT: Damage to Monument near MANFREDONIA.

TO : Mediterranean Photographic Intelligence Centre,
HQ RAF MED/MS Intelligence Section, c/o HQ
336 Wing, RAF, CEF.

1. Ref your MPID/2 of 28 August.
2. Your promptness in adding further information is indeed commendable. The church of San Leonardo is one of the gems of the Foggia plains, and your interest has enabled us, on behalf of the Allies, to send word immediately to the responsible Italian authorities.
3. A misinterpretation, on our part, of your symbol "4/5 miles" as meaning four-fifths of one mile caused us to suggest S. Maria di Siponto. The unfortunate church in question is of even greater value.

For the A/Director:

NTH

BERNARD T. HENTON
Major, Air Corps,
A/Deputy Director.

In duplicate.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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NEN/ps

20181/5/AFMA

30 August 1945

Director General for Antiquities and
Fine Arts - Ministry of Public
Instruction -
ROMESUBJECT: Damage to Monument near
MANFREDONIA.

1. Reference: our 20181/5/AFMA of 25 Aug 45.
2. The RAF unit who first gave us the information have made further examination at our request. They now report that the church in question is S. Leonardo, and that one of the less important side-chapels appears to have collapsed against the exquisite north portal, without however appearing to have damaged the portal itself.
3. It would seem advisable to have a detailed examination and report made as soon as possible, especially in view of the previously weakened condition of the remains of this fine church when we inspected it on 4 May 1944.

For the A/Director:

NEN
ROMAN T. HENYON
Major, Air Corps
A/Deputy Director.

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28 AGO 1945

MEDITERRANEAN PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE CENTRE
H.Q., R.A.F. MED/ME INTELLIGENCE SECTION
c/o H.Q. 336 WING, R.A.F., C.M.F.

28th August 1945.

Ref : MPIC/2

Subject : Damage to Monument near Manfredonia.

To : H.Q. Allied Commission, Subcommittee for Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives. A.P.O. 394.

Your 20181/5/MFAA dated 24th August is acknowledged.

2. Reference your paragraph 3, the monument damaged is not the church of Santa Maria di Siponto. It has been discovered that a note on the building in question is given in Baedeker's "Southern Italy and Sicily" (1930 Edition) page 245 line 8. The map reference on GSGS 4164 sheet 164 is 512342.

3. To an uninitiated observer, the most remarkable feature of San Leonardo is a 13th Century doorway (illustrated on page 18 of Touring Club Italiano's "Attraverso l'Italia", Vol VIII "Puglia Lucania, Calabria"), beautifully carved on the north side of the small church which forms part of the Commandery and it is against this that the stonework of a side chapel of later date, and seemingly of little interest in itself, has collapsed hiding the lower part of it.

4. The writer has not the necessary skill to ascertain whether the surrounding fabric has been weakened. Though the whole building is in a rather tumbledown condition, the doorway itself is very well preserved and there can be no doubt that it would be a great loss should serious damage happen to it.

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Squadron Leader,
i/c M.P.I.C.

Copy to : C.O., 336 (PR) Wing, RAF.

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25 Aug 45

Direction General for the
Antiquities and Fine Arts
Ministry of Public Instruction

R O M E

SUBJECT: Damage to Monument near
MANFREDONIA.

1. It has been brought to our attention that a chapel 1 or 2 Km west of Manfredonia (Prov. Foggia) is reported by a farmer to have been damaged two or three weeks ago by an accidentally discharged stick of bombs.
2. A very cursory examination by personnel of the RAF reveals that a side chapel on the north wall of the church has collapsed, causing damage to a carved portal.
3. It occurs to us that the building referred to might be the church of S. Maria di Siponto.
4. This information is passed to you for your information and for such action as may be possible. We, of course, no longer have any personnel in that territory.

For the A/Director:

NTN 4125
NORMAN T. NEWTON
Major, Air Corps,
A/Deputy Director

25 AGO 1945

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APO 394

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24 Aug 45

20181/5/MFAA

SUBJECT: Damage to Monument near MANFREDONIA.

TO : Mediterranean Photographic Intelligence Centre,
HQ RAF MED/ME Intelligence Section, o/o HQ
336 Wing, RAF, CMF.

1. Ref your MPIC/2 of 20 August.
2. The diligence of MPIC in reporting damage to a church near MANFREDONIA is indeed appreciated by this headquarters, and by the Direction General of Antiquities and Fine Arts, Ministry of Public Instruction, to whom the information has been passed.
3. Would it be possible for you to let us know, by local inquiry, whether the damaged structure is the famous church of S. Maria di Siponto?

For the A/Director:

NTN
NORMAN T. NEWTON
Major, Air Corps,
A/Deputy Director

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MEDITERRANEAN PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE CENTRE
H.Q., R.A.F. MED/ME INTELLIGENCE SECTION
c/o H.Q. 336 WING, R.A.F., C.M.F.

20th August 1945.

Ref : MPIC/2

Subject : Damage to Ancient Monument.

To : H.Q. Allied Commission, Subcommission for Monuments,
Fine Arts and Archives, A.P.O. 394.

It is brought to your notice that a building some 4/5 miles west of Manfredonia and believed to have been a commandery of a knightly order, has sustained damage. This is reported by a farmer living in the building to have been caused by a stick of bombs dropping in the vicinity some two weeks ago.

2. A very cursory examination reveals that a side chapel on the north wall of the church has collapsed causing damage to a singularly beautiful carved portal probably of the 13th Century.

3. It is not known whether this information has already come to your knowledge or to that of any agents which you may have in this area, but, in case it has not, opportunity is taken to report it in this letter.

Alan Worthington

A. WORTHINGTON

Squadron Leader

i/o M.P.I.C.

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Copy to : C.O., 336 Wing.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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20181/5/AFM

28 July 1945

My dear Professor Parri:

Your letter 26145/12761 of 17 July 45, referring to a proposed explosion of bombs, which it was feared would damage the church of S. Leonardo, INFREDONIA, was received on 23 July 45. On the following day the Air Forces Subcommittee got into communication with the responsible Allied Air Force authorities, to request them immediately to take the steps necessary to avoid any such unfortunate consequences.

It is hoped this action will have been in time to prevent any damage to this historic monument.

Yours very truly,

Signed by Col Bonham
for G.R. URGENT, Brig.
VP CA Sec.

Professor Ferruccio Parri
Minister of the Interior
Italian Government
R O M E

Had not seen either this or the Minister's
letter when I wrote our replies to MPIC/2
letter of 20 Aug!

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(HSD)



Ministero dell'Interno
GABINETTO DI S. E. IL MINISTRO

Manfredonia 1 AUG 1945

Roma, 17 luglio 1945

Alla Commissione Alleata

R O M A

*Disposto al Foglio del
Dir. 12761 Allegato*

OGGETTO Manfredonia = Deposito bombe da aviazione.

L'Ispettore dei monumenti di Manfredonia ha segnalato che nei prossimi giorni dovrebbe procedersi, in quel Comune, allo scoppio di un deposito di bombe da aviazione, sito nei pressi della Chiesa di S. Leonardo, edificio monumentale di grande importanza artistica.

Ad evitare che la Chiesa stessa possa subire dei danni o, peggio, essere distrutta con grave nocumento del patrimonio artistico della Nazione, si prega codesta On. Commissione di esaminare la possibilità di esperire ogni cortese interessamento presso le competenti Autorità perchè vogliano procedere alla deflagrazione delle bombe predette dopo averle trasportate in luogo più distante da quello in cui si trovano attualmente.

Sarà gradito un sollecito riscontro.

Air Force

D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

F.H.M. Get into MAAF
at once. This is a very

Manfredonia

R O M A

Divisione
Tel. 7261/47 72761 Alloggiati

Risposta al Segretario del
Dir. Sr. N. 2

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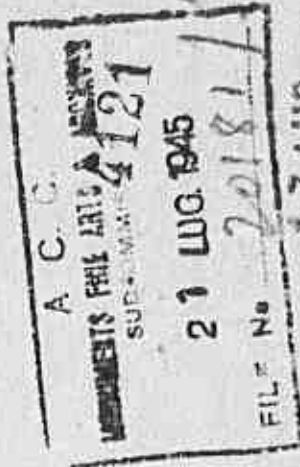
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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

F.H.M. Get auto MAAF

at once. This is a very important monument in a

structurally weak condition
Air Force S/C are doing the necessary
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17 LUG 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

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14 October 1944

SUBJECT: Monuments - Province of Campobasso

TO : Monuments and Fine Arts Section
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. Reference AMG Region 5 Letter R5/523/3/2, Para. 7
dated 25 September 1944.

2. Zone Commissioner, Foggia Province has advised
that he has no objection to the plan being put in operation.
Therefore, this HQ is agreeable.

For the Regional Commissioner.

Guy I. Warren
GUY I. WARREN
Lt. Col. Sp. Res. AUS
Executive Officer

GIW/jjf



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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489081, e t. 442 & 664; 478430)

BYD/ps

1 October 1944

20181/MFAA

Subject: Attached Report.

To : RG, SOUTHERN Region, ACC.

file 20051

1. The report (R5/523/3/2 of 25 Sept) concerning Monuments in the Province of CAMPOBASSO and entitled Appendix G is forwarded to you (in duplicate) in accordance with the request of the MFAA Officer, ABRUZZI-MARCHES Region.

2. Referring to para. 7, Financial Arrangements for CAMPOBASSO Province, it would seem that the most practical arrangement is that suggested namely for the Italian official responsible, the Superintendent of Monuments at AQUILA, to handle the matter through the Region 5 financial authorities. Does this present any difficulties?

ERNEST T. DE WARD
Major, Spec. Res.
Director.

Copy to:
Capt. Maxine
File 20051

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