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15 September 1945

FROM: Lt. Col. J. B. WARD PERKINS, R. A.

Dear Paul,

Here's the Emilia Report I spoke of, as an example of the sort of thing. Part II consists of lists. Please return it when you've read it.

Don't bother about Antiquities, which I've got here, and in any case this is not for slavish imitation. Just a spotlight on salient features or generalisations, which would not appear from these lists; and answering obvious questions about well-known objects and places. I enclose Molaioli as an aide-memoire. So nice to see you, if only so briefly.

Yours ever

Lt. Col. Paul Gardner
University Training Command
FLORENCE

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21 August 45

FROM: Maj. N.T. NEWTON, AC

Dear *Gardner*

John has just left on a hurry call to London at Sir Leonard Woolley's request. I pass on to you the request he voiced as he was leaving.

Were you able to make a selection of photographs from among those of the Superintendency at GENOVA to illustrate war damage? If so, is it understood that the Superintendent is proceeding with prints - or how otherwise was the situation left?

Best regards to you from all. We naturally hope your services at the GI University^{are} as pleasant for you as they are valuable to the students.

Yours *W.N.*

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Lt. Col. Paul Gardner
University Training Command
FLORENCE

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8 Aug 1945

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FROM: Lt.Col. J.B. HART FREELING, R.A.

Dear Paul,

I have passed your letter on to Rathoven, who is getting over to Geneva whenever possible and will look into it.

We have been making strenuous efforts to extract you from your prison, but without the faintest success. I don't envy you at all. As you have no doubt heard Ernest, Perry and Fred Hartt have all been called away, so we are very much reduced.

Come down and see us when the weather is a little better and life a trifle more bearable. All send their regards.

Yours sincerely,

Paul

Lt.Col. Paul Gardner
Headquarters University Training Command
APO 49, U.S. Army.

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Ernest:
I imagine my leaving here is as much a surprise to you as it was to me. I hate going and leaving a job undone and especially with no one to turn things over to. I did manage to get my June report written and it should be mailed with this. Unfortunately I had no staff at all here in the office, not even a clerk, so things are at sixes and sevens. I have approved some 16 projects, unfortunately the new Public Works Officer (Lt. Col. Lee) had not arrived but I talked this morning to his assistant, whom Fred says is very helpful, and he has a complete picture of the story. It does seem most important to me that - if it is not possible to send a full time officer here - that someone, perhaps Endhoven from Turin, get down once in a while to sign the new projects before they go to the Genio Civile and Public Works Officer.

One other unfinished job is the selection of the photographs of the file here for printing for the file there, but I have great hopes of being able to run up here from Florence once in a while to tie up unfinished things. I shall certainly try my best to as I am so interested in the work here.

So, it looks as tho instead of finishing my days as a traveling salesman between Milano and Genova, I am to finish as a teacher. I hope I get at least a lot of big red apples out of it. This is a pretty incoherent letter and I note that I have not said why I am leaving. I am pretty much in the dark myself, but it is something to do with the G.I. University at Florence and the telegram which ordered me there says for approximately 90 days. As AUG is due to fold up here in 60 days, it would look as tho this would be my swan song with the Subcommission and I cannot bow out without saying how much I have enjoyed the work, the associations and the opportunity to do something for my beloved Italy. Surely we shall see each other in Florence, but I want to let you know how much I regret being pulled out without being consulted. My best to everyone in Rome and please excuse this vile typing. Wonder if you found anything for Phil? I had a letter the other day and his commission was turned down.

As ever,

Paul

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23 June 1945

FROM: Lt. Col. J.B. WARD PERKINS, R.A.

Dear

You will be wondering what on earth is happening over your reassignment. So are we! After urgent telegrams three weeks ago, Perry was put at the immediate disposal of AFHQ - since when silence. So we're leaving you be as long as possible.

As to LUCCA and APUANIA, Fred will continue the field-work as long as he remains in FLORENCE (a month probably), since he has the Superintendent at Pisa. I asked him to drop you a line. As a paper transaction may be assigned to LIGURIA Region (to remain attached to Florence) for this month, as G-1(A) insist on having a peg to stick his name on; but please explain that this will not mean he's available to LIGURIA in the flesh. Perhaps we can do something to help when Keller is finished up north.

In haste,

Yours

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Lt. Col. Paul Gardner
MFAA Officer
LIGURIA Region

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31 May 1945

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FROM: Lt. Col., J.B. WARD PERKINS, R.A.

Dear

A short unofficial note to say that, in Ernest's absence, I have talked over personnel problems with Brigadier Upjohn, who had I believe seen you, and that he was in full agreement that you should at an early date move to more profitable fields e.g. presumably Milan. I don't feel that I can initiate anything of the sort until Ernest returns, but I know that Col. Newton was anxious to get Perry to Austria as soon as possible, so it shouldn't be very long.

There is one other possibility. I may be getting a month's leave in England soon, at very short notice, in which case you would have to take my place. You would get as little warning as I shall, but I imagine you have not much that can't be left at short notice in Genoa at any rate.

All good wishes,

Yours

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Lt. Col. P. Gardner
MFAA Officer
LIGURIA Region

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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
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7 August 1944

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FROM: Major J.E. WARD PETERS, R.A.

Dear

Gardner

Could you please drop me a personal note sometime soon to say whether you feel Naples can now be left. We have no immediate fresh commitments, so the urgency is not one of days, but no doubt we shall have fresh tasks very soon and would be very pleased to see you.

2. I have written officially asking you to get a check-up on contents of deposits instituted. I did discuss it with Ostolenti, and he agreed that ^{view of} -

a. the discrepancies already revealed over Monte Cassino.

b. that dreadful Mostra d'Oltremare -

such a check was really necessary.

3. Protected Monuments, List No 7 has just come in. Thank you for your help in seeing it through.

4. We are having a shattering time round Florence with Giotto and Botticelli peeping from every country house. One personal request before you leave Naples. If you should see either Puglia or Sicilia in that large blue Touring Club illustrated series do please get it. I am trying to kind up a set, and lack these two.

With kind regards.

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Yours

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Dax.

Major Paul Garner
HQ. ACC, Reg. 3

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HQ. ACC - APO 394
Subcomm. for NTAA

25 April 44

Dear Major Gardner:

I am sending you herewith some papers dealing with the subject of the Mostra delle Terre d'Oltremare, as I understand that you are taking action in this matter.

As you will see, these were sent to me by Lieut. Grottanelli, one of the Italian Liaison Officers with A.C.C. at Salerno, whom I know slightly. The Lieutenant is, incidentally, Secretary of the Italian Institute of Anthropology. I showed the papers to Major De Wald, who said that we should try and find out what had happened to the missing exhibits.

I, therefore, went over to Fuorigrotta, where I spoke to a number of Officers connected with the 225th Hospital and other American medical units stationed there, who assured me that little or nothing of the material remained, and, indeed, were only able to show me one assegai which no doubt had belonged to the East African part of the exhibition.

Late last week I was approached by Prof. Beguinot, Direttore of the R. Istituto Universitario Orientale, and arranged with him to go over to Fuorigrotta on April 25th to meet there Lieut. Schmoke, Adjutant of the Area, as well as a certain Salvatore Grandi, who had been one of the custodi of the Exhibition, who it was thought might be able to provide some information about the missing objects.

I am extremely sorry if what action I have taken has in any way affected or damaged your own plans in the matter, and hope you will be good enough to accept my very humblest apologies for what has occurred.

Yours sincerely,

E. C. M.

E. CROFT-MURRAY 136
Captain.

Incls:

- 1-Lt. Grottanelli to Capt. Croft-Murray 7 Apr 44 (1687/LP)
- 2-Prof. Beguinot to Edus, ACC, 3 Mar 44
- 3-Translation of Incl 2.

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HEADQUARTERS
 UNITED STATES ARMY
 (ATTACHMENT)
 MONUMENTS WITH A-13 AND ARCHIVES SUBCOMMISSION
 4 January 1944.

Dear Major Gardner,

1. Many thanks indeed for the copies of your reports, both the one forwarded by Hammond, and those you sent yourself with your letter of December 21st.

2. Reports. I propose to attach copies of your reports to my own monthly report to H.A.M.G., in spite of the fact that Region III is not under the control of that H.A.M.G. I had had a suspicion that your reports in their entirety did not reach the eyes of anybody much higher up than Regional H.A.M.G., but I have just received news from Hammond that a Committee from A.P.H. is enquiring into damage committed by troops, so it appears either that your reports are read, or that Lt. Col. Woolley has reported in the same sense. I am very glad indeed to hear of this Committee, as I am particularly anxious that the tendency to requisition indiscriminately should be under control if possible before we reach Rome, or Heaven knows what may happen there!

A further report from Hammond indicates that he has divulged to a Colonel from the War Department that the Sub-commission has in fact communicated directly, and not through proper channels with a Region technically not under its care, so that I do not think that by appending your reports to my own, I shall be putting you into an awkward position, as having supplied us with reports which I am not entitled to receive.

My main original reason for wanting to append your reports to mine, namely the suspicion that they were being ignored, has now disappeared; the other reason is that I want to emphasize that the Subcommission does in fact (and must) take an interest in the Regions not under its control, and to indicate that **1435** control of H.A.M.G. and A.M.G. 13 Army Group is a definite obstruction to our particular line of work.

3. Photographic material. I am exceedingly doubtful of any success in getting photographic supplies either for the Italian superintendents or for yourself. However, as Sizer will have told you, Capt. Penoyer, now at Lisi Gaiou, has been given permission to bring a camera, and authority to get supplies for it. If and when we can get him across (I have applied three times!) he should be able to do all that is required. It will probably be easier to get him than photographic supplies for you.

P.T.O.

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long. It appears that we may be able to meet, I am
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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
MONUMENTS FINE ARTS AND ARCHIVES SUB-COMMISSION

11th December 1944

Dear Major Gardner,

1. I have so far not had the pleasure of meeting you, but I hope that before so very long that omission will be remedied. You know who I am, no doubt, from Lt. Col. Woolley, if not from other sources.

2. It seems that in this curious set-up of AMG we can have no official dealings with each other at all, since I and the Sub-commission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives come under AMG.HQ and you and Region III (except for Salerno Province) come under AMG.15 Army Group, and the two HQs have no direct relations with each other. If we cannot correspond officially however, we can write personally, and it seems to me that we had better do so, particularly after a letter I had from Col. Woolley after he had seen you.

I will deal in order with the points which he raised.

3. Plans of Towns. When I arrived at Tizi Ouzou at the end of August there were 4 copies of each of the plans of certain of the cities of Region III (which I will call Group A). Three copies of each of these were taken by the Region Staff when they left early in September, and were signed for by a Scottish major called Murray-Fraser. Some time later I got 4 copies of plans of a few more cities of the Region (Group B). I forwarded two copies of these Group B plans to the Regional HQ through the proper channels. I understand from Col. Woolley that all these plans are now missing, so I am sending you herewith one copy of each of Groups A and B, which leaves me here with no file copies of Group A and one copy of Group B. We have applied to Washington for more, and if and when they arrive I will send you other copies.

4. Harvard Lists of Monuments. Typewritten lists of the antiquities and monuments of Regions I-VIII were brought from the USA by Sizer to Tizi Ouzou, as I dare say you know. I had these re-typed, and forwarded 3 copies, along with the plans of Group B to Regional HQ through the proper channels. Dewald also took a copy with him. I understand that the copies I sent have also been lost, or have never arrived, so I have had the list re-typed once more, and enclose herewith two copies of it. If, as seems possible, Dewald moves forward, you could perhaps get his copy from him, if you want another.

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5. Zone Handbook. We have never had a copy of the Region III Zone Handbook. I do not know if they have any in this HQ, since everybody is now packing, and a search is not possible; so I am afraid that I cannot help there. The Handbooks of the other Regions are not of much use for our purpose.

6. Directives. Woolley says you have received no directives from us. That is not surprising, for two reasons:
a) as I said above, we here at AMG.HQ. have no official authority to issue any directives to you people of AMG.12 Army Group;
b) no directives have been issued by us! innumerable directives have been prepared, but they have been drafted, re-drafted, submitted, returned, chopped and changed, but never approved and issued. However, in order to let you know what I have in mind, I enclose (in duplicate) a copy of a draft I submitted for approval on Nov. 20th, and have heard no more about. Please understand a) that this is in no way an official document, even here, and b) that even if it was official here, it would have no authority for you, since you do not come under this HQ. The thing is at present merely a private expression of my own views, drawn up in consultation with Sizer and Hammond.

7. Reports. Section 5 of my draft directive shows what I would like to receive from Regional officers in the way of Reports. You at present are under no obligation to render any reports at all to this Sub-commission. Woolley tells me however that you have in fact submitted reports to your own chiefs in the Region, and I should be very grateful if you could spare me a copy of any reports you have rendered, in their original form, for I understand that they get edited. Region III will no doubt come under this HQ at some time or other, and it would be of great advantage to us here if we had copies of all reports which have been made in the Region since the occupation. I feel that even if you are not officially under any obligation to send reports to this Sub-commission, you will agree that it is most desirable that all information as to the state of documents etc. should be concentrated so as to be available to those who are really interested in the matter.

8. Education. Woolley says you are still acting for education in Region III. When monuments and Fine Arts split from education at the HQ level, I began to enquire, and have continued enquiring, whether the split was not also to be made at the Regional level, and so far I have had no answer. But I understand that in Regions under this HQ there will be no F/O, and that officers of each Sub-commission will be regarded as a pool to be used at the discretion of the Director. Region III however does not come under this HQ, and has a F/O, which allows only for one officer for both education and monuments and fine arts. Recently the Education Sub-commission proposed that you should be replaced in Region III by an educationalist, and I protested, and enquired on what authority such a

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change could be made. I have heard no more of it, but I believe that the Education Sub-commission is trying to get a man of its own appointed to Region III in addition to yourself.

S. G. Mason Hammond, who I hope will deliver this to you, is being by special arrangement assigned to Region III. He is not in any way to interfere with or to supersede yourself. He is to work in forward areas as Advisor on Monuments Fine Arts and Archives to the Army Staff, and his assignment to Region III is merely a device to get him by subterfuge into a position for which no authority exists, and for which we consider there is considerable necessity.

Tubby Sizer asks me to convey his greetings. He has been a little below par for a few days, but is all right again now: we all have the same complaint in succession.

I look forward to meeting you before long.

Yours sincerely

P.K. Baillie Reynolds.
Major. R.A.
A/Director MFA&A Subcan.

Major Paul Gardner.
Advisor for Monuments and Fine Arts.
AMG. Region III.

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To MAJ. THEODORE SIZER
HQ 2675 Regt ACC
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From

MAJ. E.T. DEWALD
(Sender's name)

Co II. Detachment 4. 2675
(Sender's address) REGT. A.C.

U.S.A.

DEC. 6, 1943
(Date)

Dear Tubby:

You may be here before this reaches you, however I shall write just the same. I was most pleased to receive your letters and to have all the news. I know I wish we had stopped off where you are! - I shall send what you asked for, except that all the Region 3 things you want were lost when the officer to whom they were entrusted never showed up! So I can't send those. P. B. never got them. I hope I shall still be here when you arrive and shall try to line up some thing for you. My best to Perry and 132 Glauville when you see them. - Unfortunately your letters were delivered to me just after someone left for your bailiwick!

yours
Ernest.

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