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REPARATION, DELIVERIES AND RESTITUTION DIVISION  
U. S. ALLIED COMMISSION - AUSTRIA - REAR  
APO 777, U. S. Army

7 September 1945

Dear John:

Here at last is the report. As might have been expected, I ran into every kind of difficulty completing the thing here in Salzburg due to the move of most of our branch to Vienna, the move of our office to another part of the building, the shifting of personnel, and consequent confusion which I leave you to imagine. Furthermore, I had to get to work right away on the job here in Salzburg as Ernest in departing for Vienna has left me in charge of the work in the field. But after many vicissitudes, the thing is at last done and checked, although not in as many copies as I would have liked to send.

May I ask that you have copies made in the Rome office and send them to Captains Enthoven and Pinsent whom I would like very much to have them as a record of their work in Tuscany.

I am sorry for the discrepancies between the different typewriters used for the completion of the report but I am afraid that there was no way out since I had to leave Florence before the typing was done. I have left the date blank for you to fill in as you see fit.

We feel very much isolated up here with practically no news of Italy. Even the Stars and Stripes we get comes from the ETO and never mentions Italy. Consequently, I don't even know whether the Allied Commission is still functioning or not. In any case do please keep sending me copies of the Monthly Report and of the Final Report when it comes out; I would very much appreciate having them.

Best personal regards to you all and best wishes for the successful completion of the work of the Subcommittee.

Very sincerely,

Fred

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TO: Lt. Col. J. B. Ward Perkins  
Director, MFAA Subcommittee  
Hq. Allied Commission  
APO 394, U. S. Army

FROM: Lt. Frederick Hartt  
R. D. & R. Division  
USACAR, Rear  
APO 777, U. S. Army

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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

20369/MTAA

25 September 1945

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

Dear

Here is a guide book left behind by you, and now, especially since we're clearing out our shelves, no longer of use here. Thanks.

Bernard's cards show that you should still have a T.C.I. Guide Firenze e dintorni (1937) owned by Mason Hammond. We'd like to return this to Mason along with other things he was good enough to lend.

Further as to guides, you should know that we did send to Sig. na Beduschi the new T.C.I. Toscana you sent some time ago.

Yours

Lt Frederick Hartt  
RD&R Division  
US Allied Commission - AUSTRIA  
APO 777 - US Army

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25 SET 1945

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APO 394  
Subcommission for Monumental Fine Arts & Archives  
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10 September 1945

20369/HAR/MEAA

FROM: Lt. Col. J.B. WARD PERCINS, R.A.  
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My dear Fred,

Don't bother to write back what you think of this publication. I know, and have already told them! It was compiled from Woolley's press-releases, based on gatherings up to Feb '45.

I would appreciate it however if you would run your eye through the TOSCANA items and note for our benefit any corrections. By analogy with other regions there should be many. Additions will be dealt with from your report (which hasn't arrived yet; are you still at it?).

I hope you are enjoying your new home and having a profitable time. Please give my love to Ernest and Perry.

Yours

*J.B. Ward*

Lt. Frederick Hartt  
MEAA Branch  
HQ US Forces Austria  
APO 777, US Army  
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18 JUN.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives  
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18 June 1945

20369/HAR/MPAA

FROM: Lt. Col. J. B. AND PREKINS, R.A.  
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Dear

Don't be alarmed by Special Order No. 44 dated 17th  
June 1945 (excerpt below) assigning you to EMILIA Region  
as it is only a paper transaction asked for by G-1(a).

Yours

*Handwritten signature*

1/Lieut. F. Harth  
MPAA Officer  
TOSCANA Region  
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41. BY 18 June 45, 1st Lt FREDERICK HARTE, 0590305, AG. (A),  
is held fr asgmt and by Toscana Reg, is asgd to Emilia Reg (Mon &  
Fine Arts), but will remain on EM at Florence, Italy.

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20369/HAH/MFAA

27 April 1945

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

Lt Plaut has asked me to ascertain whether Contini-Bonacossi has submitted to you the statement which he indicated in conversation with Plaut and you he was willing to prepare.

Plaut is leaving within a few days and would be grateful if the statement could be forwarded to him through this office at the earliest opportunity.

Yours

*Ward*

Lt. E. Hartt  
MFAA Officer  
TOSCANA Region  
FLORENCE  
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APO 394  
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20362/MFAA

24 April 1945

FROM: Lt.Col. WARD PERKINS, R.A.  
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Dear

Where's my precious Rome Guide?

Yours  
*Ward*

Lt. F. Hartt  
MFAA Officer  
TOSCANA Region  
FLORENCE  
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24 APR. 1945

20369/HW

S.T. DeW. Shall I answer Volving Harriett to prepare to wind up? I believe so an  
 Officer from Ancona and I don't if we shall get Fred back - send 16 APR. 1945  
 He needs it better about Umbria needs he? no

Ref: R5/523/5/5

To: Lt.Col. J.B. Ward Perkins R.A.  
 Allied Sub-Commission for M., F.A. and A.  
 H.Q. A.C.  
 A.P.O. 394

16th April 1945

Dear John,

Poor Fred has had to go back to 71st Brit.Gen.Hospital to day. He was discharged from there on 9th April but after a day or so of apparently improved health the asthma attacks started again. The M.O. this time was trying injections while Fred stayed in bed at the billet, and the intention was to get him this week to Regional H.Q. at Perugia where it was thought the climate might be better for him and where he could if necessary be hospitalized. A badish night however decided the M.O. on an immediate return to 71st, at any rate for the time being - it is I believe destined for other types of case, so his immediate future is rather problematic.

I will of course continue to hold the fort, and although I would have liked a bit of breathing-space before tackling the future, I am pretty fit. But since it may not be long before my going forward - I don't want to miss the Venezia party - I have prepared the two Committees Fred had formed for the possibility of their being without a MEAA Officer in Ancona for a period, even before handing-over. We have in any case been ordered regionally to reduce our activities to a sort of benevolent watchfulness. I propose therefore to confine myself mainly to reeling in lines at present out without making new 'casts'. Hope you approve.

About Umbria, I don't quite know what best to do. The handing-over meeting with Perry Cott of course fell through owing to Fred's last illness. I do not know therefore whether there remains an urgent programme of work there or whether everything is more or less under control. If the former, however, there seems little point in my attempting to plunge into Umbria at this stage, in the present circumstances. Perhaps Perry could consider this with you and drop me a line?

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Your excellent photographs arrived this morning. I hope to let you have a reply to your questions about the Fano pictures in a day or so.

Yours ever

Basil.

From: B. Marriott

Captain

Reg. M.F.A.A. Officer

Umbria-Marche Region

16 APR. 1940

22 MAR 1945

HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives  
(Tel. 439081, ext. 442 & 254; 478480)

20369/MAR/MFAA

22 March 1945

Dear Lieutenant Hartt:

I'm taking the liberty of writing over my own signature, since waiting for the Director to sign would cause a day's delay in what I'm told (by Paying Officer here) to regard as an URGENT transaction.

Herewith: (a) Brogi's bill for 26 photos (Van Marle pictures) duly received here, (b) check drawn in favor of Brogi for the amount involved, (c) Form F/F/2 (in duplicate) covering the transaction.

May Brogi please be given the check and asked to receipt the bill and (at the red cross) both Forms F/F/2 (signing and not merely stamping his signature in all cases). Then if receipted bill and Form F/F/2 could be sent here as quickly as possible, I'll complete the deal with the Paying Officer, this H.

Good wishes to all.

Lt. F. Hartt  
MFAA Officer, TOSCANIA Region

- FLORENCE -

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B.M.

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C/O MFAA S/C

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E.M. Peebles 3/30/45  
g/d MPAA 3/C

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22 MAR 1945

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
TOSCANA REGION  
Monuments and Fine Arts Section

Ref: RVIII/31/MFAA/7.3

Dear Ernest:

23 Jan 45

12 Jan 45  
file 20081

About my original request of combining the two Superintendencies, of course I realize that no action of any sort can possibly be taken by the Italian Government in AMG Territory independently, but if a plan of that nature is proposed by the Italian Government to SCAO AMG V Army it is almost sure of acceptance.

The difficulty about all these matters of permanent changes is that AMG can't make the permanent changes at all, the Italians can't make them as long as the territory is that of AMG. This results in a sort of stalemate where nobody gets anywhere, but if the Italian Government proposes the change to the SCAO it usually results in a solution.

There is a certain misconception perhaps in the matter of these divided Superintendencies. They were originally united. They were later divided so as to create more jobs for Fascists, although it was never possible to provide competent personnel to fill all the jobs. Therefore the Superintendencies of Siena and Pisa are filled with mere Directors or Inspectors even.

The people who now advise you that Florence Superintendency ought to be cut in two are the same ones who originally did the cutting. Until 1939 Poggi handled very well both Monuments and Galleries, then called Arte Medicevale e Moderna, for seven Provinces. There is no reason in my mind why he cannot continue to do it for three.

Personally, after seven months of close, daily experience in this Region, I am convinced that there is no more reason for a separation between Monuments and Galleries in the Superintendency of Florence, Pistoia and Arezzo than there would have been in the case of Siena and Pisa. I therefore wish to renew my plea that you push this through the Direzione Generale, which I am sure can be done and am sure also would be approved at this end if submitted to the SCAO.

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FREDERICK HARTT  
1st Lt., AC,  
MFAA Officer

TO: Lt. Col. Ernest De Wald  
Director, MFAA Subcommission, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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20369/HAR/MFAA

17 January 1945

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As to the Sanpaollesi deposit-inventories received 14 Jan 45 (2 copies of each sent at once to Ministry) may the conclusion, reached by the Chief Clerk, that all six refer to the Certosa of CALCI please be confirmed.

Confirming telephone conversation 15 Jan 45, Capt. Pinsent - S/Sgt peebles, the following were requested:

- a. Ref. Gnudi report 17 Nov 44 beginning MONTICELLI, a break in the text of the para. on S. Maria a Marciola was observed in copies sent us. Requested that the full text of this para. be sent.
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Finally, may enclosed letter to Mr. Berenson please be forwarded for delivery.

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MFAA Officer, TOSCANA Region  
FLORENCE

Signed by  
Capt. H. Cal  
De Wald

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