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APO 394

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20369/Kel/MFAA

2 October 45

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

Dear

What about those photographs? We would welcome some word about them, because, as you know, our days here are numbered. Will you also please arrange to return the Contax addressed to MFAA S/O attention Major Newton by official mail.

I'm sorry you had to leave us, but no doubt there is plenty to keep you busy in Austria. My regards to Ernest, Perry and Fred.

Yours

Paul

Captain Deane Keller, Sp Res, 0533667
HQ US Forces AUSTRIA
APO 777, US Army

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20216/KFAA

29 September 1945

FROM: Captain F. H. J. Maxse, Royal Sussex Regt.

My dear Deane,

We have on our records that a CONTAX camera (No 2229617
Zeiss Jena), with SONNAR lens, a carrying Case and a Lens
Cap, was issued to you by this Sub-Commission.

I am sorry to tell you this camera has to be returned to
us as it is one of the cameras issued to this Subcommission by
the British Army authorities and we have to account strictly
for these on the closing down of the Subcommission, which is
likely to occur soon. Will you therefore return us this Camera
and photographic material as soon as possible.

John Ward-Perkins - on whose instructions I am acting -
and I are sorry to deprive you of so valuable a servant, but
given the above you will appreciate we are absolutely to have
it in this theatre.

bound

Yours ever

Fred Maxse

Captain Deane Keller, Sp Res, 0533667
HQ US Forces AUSTRIA
APO 777, US Army

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20200/KEL
29 SET 1945

3 Sept 45

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Lt Opulent, by telephone says:
Capt Keller is Hq 5 Army, sent
by that HQ on temp dy to
Venezia Giulia. HQ 5A had
refused (as it rightly could do)
to recognize validity of HQ AC
So attaching DK to Ven girl.

BUT

Either MTOUSA or AFHQ
has directed that DK (with
other Os) be tld back to
2675 Regt. Not yet through

1:32

Horn

24 Aug 45

Mr Norman NEWTON
 Deputy Dir in MFA & Sub Com
 AC APO 394

MM
 3 Sept

Dear Norman:

Please excuse the long-
 hand. I am not near a clerk
 or a typewriter.

I had things to clean up for
 a day - mostly of paying for the
 with a dip - Florence that Fran-
 cer, & other things up there.
 Then I had to wait to see Gen.
 Hume who was not there, but
 who wanted to see me. Then
 we have a Training program &
 today I have been on the firing
 Range. Tomorrow I go to
 Padua & Trieste under the
 following conditions:

Gen. Hume wants me for
 his staff in Austria. I have
 agreed to go with him. I am
 beholden to him & this HQ

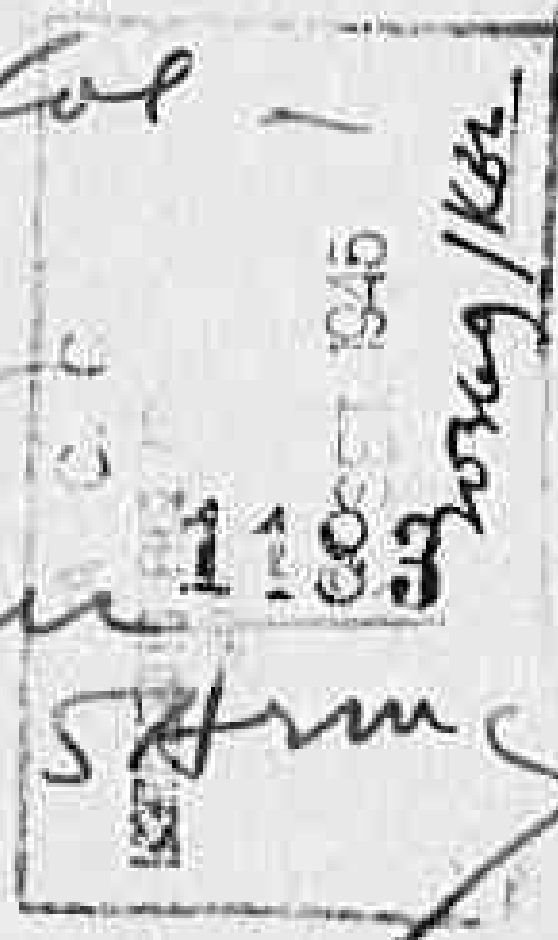
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and they want me and I
 see no other course to follow.
 I am sorry for you if it causes
 trouble in Trieste, but I shall
 go there on TD from this HQ
 packages and set it up & maybe I can
 stay longer if the Austrian
 thing does not immediately
 come through. The HQ here
 took it flat that the AC order
 was not valid. I explained
 the situation and the HQ wants
 me up north.

Shall write again in a couple
 of days. Thanks for all your
 courtesies & stuff in Rome.
 Love to mine. & Col -

for ever
 Deane

Capt Deane Keller
~~Adm~~ G-5



7 AUG 1945

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20369/KEL/MFAA

7 Aug 45

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

Dear

A box of printed matter, Kunstschutz files and other documents reached us yesterday without covering letter. Much interesting stuff in the lot (not yet sorted out), especially the printed propaganda publications, list below. Can you come by more please.

Yours

Jencl.

Capt. Deane Keller MFAA Officer
AMG, 5 Army.

"Distruzioni del patrimonio Storico-Artistico Italiano"
"La guerra contro l'arte"
"Le pietre parleranno" - I "liberatori" su TREVISO"
" " " " BOLOGNA"
" " " " MILANO"
" " " " PADOVA"

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20369/Kel/MFAA

3 August 1945

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

My dear Deane,

Please accept my very warm congratulations on your award. None could be better deserved, and none could give greater pleasure to all who know you. Well done. Come down and see us sometime.

In haste,

Yours ever,

Deane

Capt. Deane Keller
MFAA Officer
HQ. AMM, 5 Army

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

DK/jm

1 August 1945

207/72

To: Lt. Colonel J.B. Ward Perkins,
D/Director,
MFAA Subcommittee, HQ A.C.

Dear

Thank you very much for the photos of our "colleagues" at Campo Tures. I am very happy to have them. Enclosed is the information on the Contax camera as requested.

We have excellent coverage on the haul from Bolzano to Florence, but for want of paper - no prints. X

Glad the Valle Giulia job came through. As the professors say, "It is a great challenge!"

Hope all is OK and best to Bernard and all there. Wonder if Lt. Colonel E. T. De Wald is in Rome - in Rome -

Very Truly,
Deane Keller

From: Capt. Deane Keller,
MFAA Officer,
AMG Fifth Army.

AK to let us know
when and how much
paper he wants
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18 Aug

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5 AUG 1945

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20369/KEL/MFAA

20 July 45

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

Dear

Selected duplicates from our ALTO ADIGE set
which we thought it would interest you to retain.

Yours,

Ward

Capt. Deane Keller
MFAA Officer
AMG, 5 Army

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20 LUG 1945

AMC 5 Army

1944

27 JUL

27 June 1945

Memorandum

TO: Lt. Col. EIT!Dewald

Dear Col.:

Here is the situation. All but one of the pictures at San Leo-
nardo are packed. This one will be packed when the trucks arrive to take
the stuff away. The Campo Tures job is done and the workmen have been re-
turned to Milan.

Now I am waiting for something to happen. After long talks with
Lt. Col. Toscani, Col. Sutherland (who has gone from us to 15th Army group)
Capt. Richert at 5 Army Transportation I have come to the conclusion that
we do not get the trucks. Redeployment and winning the Japanese war have
a priority over us. I have stated the case a dozen times to all concerned.
POGGI knows that trucks are probably out and is not too happy. Hartt is
very unhappy. Last night I called 5 Army AMC HQ as is my want every evening
and explained to Capt. Rust that if we were to have trucks the authority
must be high, and I recommended to him that this high authority might be
tested out. Also I told him to see to it that the final decision-trucks or
RA - must not be my responsibility. It is too much for me to assume as a
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By now he knows most of the story.

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is nothing to do but wait until the Po Bridge is built and the line complete
to Florence. You may well imagine that the delay is no fun. I am hounded
on all sides for information and it begins to look as if I were not doing
my job, but I am helpless. Lt. Col. Toscani has always been ready to help
me out and just the time I want him he is unable to come thorough, for
what appear to me as very good reasons. You should have reports on all de-
tails. Please, if you have not, call AMC HQ and in my name have my clerk
jacked up. He has a tendency to let things slide if I am not around, good
as he is.

At my suggestion to Lt. Col. McBratney, we are going to try to
interest the 349 th Inf. in conducting a series of simultaneous raids in
Merano. I have learned of a few pictures here and there in the German Hos-
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dirt before we get through.

I was on a list to go to the GI Club. in Florence, much, but
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it comes up again when I am through here. I suppose Hartt has looked into
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not, as he seems to have confidence in us, I would tell him, "OK, get them
down yourself." If we had not packed up the stuff we could have had the
trucks in the last week.

*There is more going on than this, but I don't want
to get windy - For*

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Reidemeister should be at the PW Cage in Marano, Caserma degli Alpini by now. I have spoken for his car for Busconi and Lt. Col. McBratney has succeeded. On Lt. there will be no more next son. Lt. SIEBERS 349 Inf. 88 (APO)

I hope all this above explains itself. It is no easy job to arrange things in these days.

Truly Yours,

Deane Keller

Deane Keller, Capt.

1 AUG 1945

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27 AUG.

if you
want to
write him.

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now going on than this, but I don't want
to get windy - for often.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFC 394

Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 439081, ext. 442 & 254; 473400)

20369/KML/AFMA

2 June 1945

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

Dear

Many thanks for the whole bundle of reports, which puts me right back into the picture. Very glad to be so, as we are not without our worries here. De Wald has been up in MILAN over a week waiting for W/Cdr. Cooper (in lieu of Plant), who finally turned up from SHAFF last night, and left by air to join De Wald this morning. May already be with you. The delay is maddening as of course many of the birds will have flown.

Whether you will get Fred up as soon as you want, I doubt. He rang me in high state of bother this morning, as he has high-level instructions over some visiting Senators, also the death-throes of his region. I suggested he send up Rossi in his car - not well received. However I told him to get up to join you as soon as possible, and meanwhile Rusconi can at a pinch check the stuff onto the lorries. After all Fred and Rossi have checked it in situ once.

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Afraid you're having a busy time. My regards to Ernest when he turns up.

Yours

Capt. D. Keller
MFAA Officer
AMG, 5 Army

2 C MAG. 1045

29 May 1945

AMG 5 ARMY

Memorandum

To: Lt. Col. J.B. Ward Perkins

Dear Col: Reference yours of May 26 regarding reports from the Germans, of which you say you have five. There should have been five plus the chart of the personnel made out by Miss Keller and Col. Langsdorff. Please let me know if this explanation satisfies.

I am back up in the north again after two days of footless waiting for 5 Army to make me out a permit to do what I have been doing for the last twelve months. The 85 Div. wanted competent orders and all sorts of things while the other job is progressing to a felicitous end. Day after tomorrow I shall be able to take the packers to Campa Tures with all sorts of credentials. It is all exasperating, but can not be avoided. We shall have one convoy, the smaller one ready soon. Harst has been notified to come up in 4 or 5 days with Rossi, check the stuff as it is packed and nailed up. Lt. Col. Tocchi wants 18 hours to lay on the trucks, the Provost Marshall will provide guard. Gen. Hume has been warned of the imminence of a move. All this San Leonardo.

I have seen or heard nothing of Lt. Col. DeWald. Some of the Germans may be at Cais now. They were a few days ago. I shall not have transportation for two days, as Charley has to go to 5 Army to collect the orders. On his return I'll do what I can in all the above noted directions.

Everything is under control and well planned; it is just all slower than I had anticipated.

Truly Yours,

Deane Keller

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Deane Keller, Capt.

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26 APR. 1945

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APO 394
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25 April 1945

20369/KEL/MFAA

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

Dear

Whenever a large place like Bologna falls we get badgered by higher authority for early information as to state of monuments. Could you please make a point of sending a brief signal on such occasions summarizing the monument situation. Nothing elaborate. It may sound a waste of time just when you're busiest, but we have AFHQ on our tails.

Yours

Don't

Capt. D. Keller
MFAA Officer
AMG, 5 Army

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26 APR. 1945

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APO 394

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20369/KEL/MFAA

15 February 1945

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

Dear

Thank you very much indeed for your letter and its good wishes. I sincerely hope I may be able to return the complement before too long.

One thing about your photos. We are sending back to Washington and London small groups of prints - anything from one to two dozen (in duplicate) of selected photographs illustrating various phases of our activity: condition of well-known monuments, deposits, repair work, or anything with a special slant. If you could and would make a selection from yours for us to forward (annotated please), it would, I know, be very much appreciated the other end. Will you please let me know.

Hope I may have a chance to see you soon. I had a wonderful trip to England, and have returned full of beans. All the best to you.

Yours

Capt. Deane KELLER
MFAA Officer
HQ. AMG, 5 ARMY.

Deane

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Yours



Capt. Deane KELLER
MPAA Officer
HQ. AMG, 5 Army.

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16 FEB 1945

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20369/KEL/MFAA

9 February 1945

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

Dear

I am sending to you for your inspection a file-copy of the article on the Church of Monteoliveto, NAPLES which Sir Leonard Woolley had printed in England. When you have done with it, please return it here, since Sgt. Peebles has it booked out against file 20033/MFAA.

Incidentally I was happy to see the Italian translation in Volterra Libera of the report you wrote on war damages to monuments etc.

Yours

JWP

Capt. Deane Keller
MFAA Officer
AMG, 5 Army

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9 FEB. 1945

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APO 394

Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
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20200(KEL)/MFAA

29 January 1945

Subject: Orders.

To : Capt. Deane Keller, MFAA Officers,
HQ. AMG 5 Army.

Ref. para 1 of your DO to undersigned
(207/7 of 21 Jan 45) pertaining to orders regularizing
your assignment to the 2675 Regiment, hereto is attached
copy of the Regimental order supplementing that of
MTOUSA named in reference letter.

ERNEST T. DE WALD
Lt. Col., Spec. Res.
Director.

20369/KEL

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

DK/jm

21 January 1945.

207/7

From: Deane Keller, Capt., AUS.,
MFAA Officer.

Dear *Lt. DeWald:*

I have from MTOUSA a written order assigning me to 2675th Regiment, ACC and am told that the Regiment will take care of the assignment to Co. G. I wish to thank you for your interest and the trouble that you have taken.

Through a CAO, 88th Div. whom I know, I've learned of the existence of a number of crates of pictures from Bologna at a place called Casa dei Ginna, northwest of Monte delle Formiche. I went to 88th Div. CP yesterday and met several other 88th Div. officers. They are very much interested in their find and want all the publicity they can get out of it. Isn't that one for the books? I'm going up tomorrow. Have to go in at night. If a 6 x 6 can make it we'll have the load back to Florence. Poggi says he will "ospitare" the things for me. Should have a report in to you within in a week.

It is undeniable that the interest of the Army has grown in our stuff as a result of our combined efforts. I know the Army feeling about publicity and I have avoided it. It tends to cheapen our efforts. The ones who fight and win the war are the ones to get it now. In the future, around the hearth at home there will be time to recount "the brave deeds in liberating world masterpieces."

Sincerely yours,

Deane Keller 1171

Lt. Col. E.T. De Wald,
M.F.A.A. Subcommission,
HQ Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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18 December 1944

20464/MFAA

FROM: Major J.B. WARD PERKINS

Dear

Herewith three articles which it may interest you to read. You will doubtless recognize much of the matter though I fear the manner of its expression is less lively than in the original. Please return when you have done with them as I have to circulate them.

And here is a personal request. Could you keep your eyes open for a stout wooden crate (or better two!) suitable for shipping home some books. We have no size-restrictions but if too large of course they become too heavy to handle and liable to break open from sheer weight. I've been quite unable to find anything here, but I guess you get about more and have by now got a good acquisitive technique. I should add that metal ammunition-boxes are no good because, as W.D. property, the Shipping officer will not accept them. I'd be very grateful if you'd keep your eyes open.

All best wishes for Xmas to you.

Yours

JWP

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Capt. D. KELLER
MFAA Officer
HQ. AMG, 5th Army

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31 October 1944

20464/MFAA

FROM: Major J.B. Ward Perkins, R.A.

Dear

You have mentioned wanting Gardner several times in recent letters. This is just to clarify that if you want him you have only to get 5th Army to ask for him and he's yours. He has been sitting a month now at CHIANGKAIANG waiting such a call, and rather than leave him cutting his head off we have brought him back temporarily to RMH. If you want him, or if he can be useful, we would like him to go forward but, I repeat, the request must come from your end.

Yours

Jax

Capt. Deane Keller
MFAA Officer
HQ. AMG, 5 Army.

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

Subcommission for Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives

20005/MFAA

25 October 1944

FROM : Major J.B. WARD PERKINS

Dear

With regard to your recent suggestion as to the appointment of an MFAA town-planning advisor to the Italian Government, Major De Wald and I feel quite clear that however attractive the idea may seem, it would be in practice dangerous.

Town-planning is essentially an Italian Government responsibility, in which we are happy to give advice or help when asked, but do not wish to be involved in initiating action. Further than that we do not feel we ought to go, any more than we feel that we should assume technical responsibility for restorations. As you are no doubt aware, by law the Belle Arti have to be consulted before any town-planning scheme is approved, and MFAA officers can usefully assist by helping Superintendents to ensure this is enforced and that preliminary clearance is not too drastic. It may be added that Public works (with whom the matter has already been taken up over the cases of VITERBO) point out that the possibility of any far-reaching work being undertaken at present is nil.

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I am passing a copy of your proposal and of this letter to Major Newton. He will probably murder you when next he sees you!

Yours

Capt. Deane Keller
MPAA Officer
HQ. AMG, 5 Army

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

20th October 1944

207/9

Subject: MFAA report.

To : SCAO, Fifth Army.

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8. City Planning for future, PISA City.

Undersigned and Sanpaolesi have discussed situation in South PISA. It seems timely that this subject be considered. A brochure on the rebuilding and realigning of districts and zones in Milan has already been got out. There is a real sign of hope in the discussion MFAA officer has had with Sanpaolesi. Landscape architects and City Planners in England and in the United States have made important contributions in this field. MFAA officer respectfully suggests that the appointment of an American or British officer specialized in this profession, to work with Italian specialists, might be an important addition to the ACC, MFAA Section. Major N. Newton, now MFAA officer with Eighth Army, is such a person. His opinion on this idea would be very valuable and much appreciated.

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/s/ Deane Keller,

/t/ DEANE KELLER,
Captain, AUS,
MFAA Officer,
AMG Fifth Army.

Copie to:

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PC, Pisa Province
PC, Pistoia Province
RC, Tuscany, (attn. Lt. Hartt)
Director, MFAA Section, ACC.
MFAA Officer, Eighth Army.
File.

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY



19th October 1944.

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TO : Director, M.F.A.A. Section,
H.Q., A.C.C.

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Sincerely yours,

Deane Keller 1166
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M.F.A.A. Officer,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

Major E.T. DeWald.
Director, MFAA Sub-Commission,
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 HQ, AGC, APO 394.

To Major Deane Keller
I have found Bernard to be a go. fair
h.s. 8 answer done

HEADQUARTERS

AMG FIFTH ARMY
 APO 464 U.S. ARMY

12 October 1944.

207/7

From: Captain Deane Keller, AUS.

Dear *May*

Ref. your 20464/MFAA dated 5 Oct. 1944. I guess there is nothing to do if the Ministry is sitting on its "sedere". There was a man name of Castigliola (~~or similar~~) up here in Pisa today, no yesterday, who is going to try to do something about Livorno Museo Civico. He was not at first much interested in Biblioteca Labronica, but with becoming modesty, after an harangue of 10 minutes, by yours truly he was interested in all of Livorno. I wrote a letter for him to give the Sindaco and show to the Genio Civile, both of whom promised they'd do what I asked. I hope something happens. We must begin with Italian children and teach them how to come together, how a meeting should be run, that all people don't talk all at once, or even all the time, that they live in society and therefore have rights and privileges, BALANCED by duties and obligations of a nature not always touching on what is nearest to them. Ecco the subject of above-mentioned harangue. In parting I advised him to get an andata e ritorno permit to travel and not rely, either, on only an andata which had expired two days previous. I got him another.

I am happy to announce that at Campo Santo, the Spinello stuff as well as Antonio Venziano's will be covered by P.B.S., 338th Engineers material, work by Italian's under Ing. Supt. (pro-tem) Sanpaulesi, who despite his lurid past has done an A 1 job in Pisa.

I'm still in Pisa. I have assisted in preventing occupation of University of Pisa buildings, a dirty nasty job for which I have no stomach on one side - that of the Allied Forces. I felt it my duty to do what I could. Russo, the new Pro-Rettore, reminds me of a big fat guy named Caruso who used to massage

beef steaks and broccoli in State Street, New Haven, Conn. I guess it will be all right, but when I see the plague to Vesalius and think of all that he meant to the science of Medicine, I feel a little solemn and discouraged.

I have corralled all photographers of an official nature that I could and have told them to send pics of the Campo Santo to SCAD, 5th Army. Copies will be made for A.C.C. There have been several. The job is done, works perfectly. The frescoes were dry as a 15th century tibia in the last downpour. I have written appropriate, I hope, thanks to all concerned and have apologized to Col. Streck of PBS for the Stars and Stripes article, with which I had nothing to do at all. Have suggested a correction be sent to the paper if SCAD, 5th Army thinks necessary.

Credit given to Army in Lead of PBS
Shall clean up all possible towns in Lucca Region before returning to camp. Hope Major Gardner is forthcoming soon. Please tell Sheldon he did a fine job here, just what was needed, sorry I did not see more of him. He is one good egg. Capt. Ellis did fine work around here, Capt. Pinsett is all over the place in Florence, Teddy the same, in his inimitable manner. I believe, seriously, the situation is under control. I have interfered little, believing he could do it better than I, and interference would have made trouble, I have kept close touch on it, however.

Wish I could come to Rome. Does not look like it. All set for next big job.

Best all around.

Ref. 20906/11/MFAA dated 9 Oct. 1944. No information received.

*A.S.P.'s mail redirected to
Rome
OK back at 3rd. Camp.*

*Deane Keller
Capt. AVS*

To: Major J.B. Ward Perkins, R.A.,
MFAA S/C, HQ ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

5 October 1944

2046/13PAA

FROM: Major J.B. Ward Perkins, R.A.

Dear

Your, as always, stimulating report on the Labronios Library to hand, but for once, I am not clear exactly what you want us to do? The Direzione Generale of Libraries held a man ready for a month to go to LIVORNO; but I understood from you recently that this was impracticable and that you preferred to await the return of the librarian, and he has accordingly been sent elsewhere. Do you want us to do more than tell the Director General that things are in a bad way?

As regards PISA get somebody to take some notion photos of repairs, won't you; and if so try and see either you or we get copies. I'm still fogging feebly after the first lot.

As for knowing what the Italian Ministry is doing, don't worry. The answer is Nothing. Joking aside though, the question of relations between Direzione Generale and Superintendenti is serious and we are wrestling with it.

If things bog down why not come down to R.M. soon? But give notice, as I hope to be off to I.M.R.A. for a week starting about the 12th of the month.

Yours,

Jace

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Capt. Deane Keller
AAG, 5 Army

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

207/7

21 September 1944.

From: Deane Keller, Capt., AUS,
MFAA Officer.

Dear

As luck would have it I missed Pennozer by an hour. In at HQ AMG 5th Army to see what I'd best do next. However I made pretty good arrangements with Lt. Col. Walters, P.C. Pisa Province, for his reception and warned all so that with the well-known personality plus A. Sheldon will be OK. I'll go over in a day or so. Hope to see Cott and Major De Wald today. Saw Hartt. *Have seen Maj. Dew + Lt. Cott from work with them.*

Thanks for schedule for future. I hear it is altered some, but in the main cooks fine.

1000 sheets	5" x 7"
or 500 "	10" x 7"
or 250 "	10" x 14"

photographic paper have been put in for through Major Hayne with the General's interest and blessing. I'll push it with Major Young, Region VIII Supply Officer. Will get it I believe. At first opportunity I'll speak to the General. I'll get all I can. Have put it in 2 reports.

Camposanto job is going fine. Place is all cleared up, all fragments gathered, many tombs shored up, a lot of scaffolding built. In addition to the half dozen specialists there are now 8 specialist laborers on the job, *152* men who are used to restoring jobs.

Thanks for everything and hope you can come up again soon. Wish there was a reason for me to come to Rome. Civil Affairs Handbooks received and will be distributed.

(ATLASes)

Your sincerely,

Major J.B. Ward Perkins,
Deputy Director MFAA Sub-Comn, HQ ACC.

Deane Keller *Capt*
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

Subcommission for Monument's Fine Arts and Archives

20464/AFMA

16 September 1944

FROM: Major J.B. Head Perkins

Dear

1. Here are our arrangements, as promised. I am, I am, I am, who fully agreed to the plan of getting our Regional officers in with Provincial teams, and I have signalled him this information. It's now up to 5 Army to shout for the bodies, when and where wanted, and with as much notice as possible, as transport up from here is bad.

Region IX
Vienna
Platz
Landwehr

Croft-Hursey, already with Bologna team.
Gardner. Ready here, taking the line.
Rothman. Ready here Monday.

Cott. Ready Oct. 1: a delay here but impossible to avoid.

Yanania

Marriott. With his Region God-fearing--here.

2. Archivists:

a. With army - Ellis. This is a surprise. He's still with us and we got back his car. He is coming to see you and will explain himself. Should help greatly.

b. Following up - Brooke. On H. strength, attached Region as needed, beginning with VIII.

c. With I.C.U. (0-2 Intelligence Collecting Unit) - Capt. McCain just arrived here. Again, Ellis will explain.

3. Penoyer arrives in Florence on Monday, unless I can fit him aboard Ellis' jeep. Present is also going up to help Fred.

4. Breast should be on to see you very soon. He hopes to leave Monday on a giro Perugia - Firenze - Pisa.

5. Your cigarettes are not forgotten!

6. Many thanks for your hospitality. It was very good to see you and you're doing a three-star job (documental not

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Yours

Capt. Deane Kollar
IE. AMF, 5 Army

HEADQUARTERS
AND FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

17th August 1944.

MEMO: Lt. P. Martt, M.F.A.A. Officer, Region VIII.

Dear

HEADQUARTERS

20 AUG 1944

A. C. C.

Could you give me a resume' of what you got out of Sanpaolosi - stuff relevant to my job? I questioned him, but you may have some other angles. Thankyou.

Sanpaolosi is being screened by C.I.C. under the watchful eye of Lt. Colonel Walters, Pisa Province, with whom Enthoven and I talked. If he is a bad egg I'll interview him in the clink. If good, he'll get to Pisa eventually in the proper manner.

Reference to your sentence: "Stuff I thought the Germans took." This results from having to take any information I can get when proper authority is non-existent, i.e. D 2 in Livorno when no one was about except some very juvenile partisans. I later corrected my error on the Quattro Mori in a report. I report as I see it, and by the best available authority present.

I know Enzo Carli, met him at Arceno. Seems equipped for the Superintendent's job. Has he been screened? We are in doubtful territory and screening is very important. If Sanpaolosi were used openly, being in bad rapport with the Florentines and probably others, we would be making a grave error in judgement, even though his knowledge is extensive.

Lastly, good luck, hope your city is not too bad, does not sound so except for Ponte Trinita'. Sanpaolosi is not my baby.

Would appreciate very much one of your excellent reports on Florence.

Yours ever,

Deane Keller

DEANE KELLER,
Captain, A.U.S.,
MFA Officer,
A.M.C., Fifth Army.

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Copy to:

Director, MFA Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC.

MONUMENTS FINE ARTS
22 AUG 1944
FILE No. 20464

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

207/1.

7 August 1944.

From: Deane Keller, Capt., AUS,
MFAA Officer, AMG 5th Army.

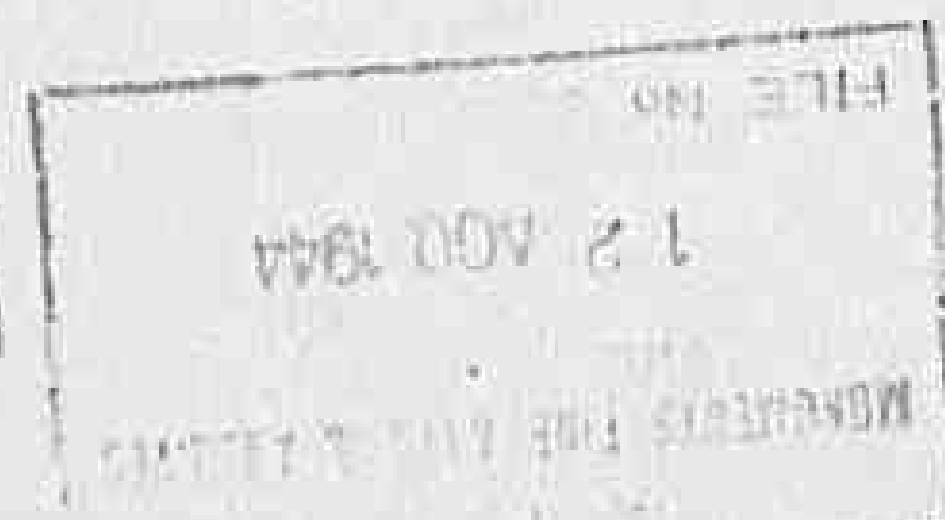
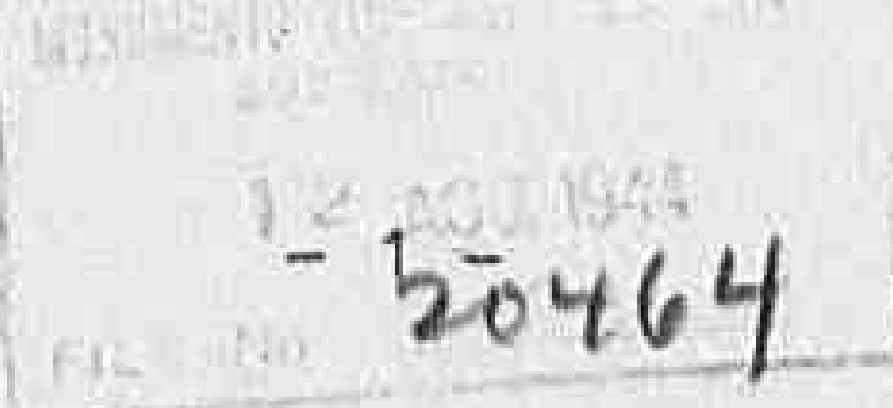
Dear

When I saw Col. Newton in Rome one thing he was interested in was the treatment of the MFAA Officer in 5th Army in getting into places up front. I told him I had no trouble and now want to add a little to my report, 207/4 dated 7 August on Varramista. It will give some notion of the cooperation and feeling of Infantry commanders towards us.

After talking with Major Mc Cutcheon at CCB on the day of this visit he said: "I want information on this place and I want you to go up there. You have your work cut out for you. And I wouldn't go out in front of that Villa for \$ 100.00." He told me to go to the forward CP, ~~and~~ Major Obrien there, called the Co. A CP, Capt. Harvey, for a guide for me without any question. The point is that all along the line no one seemed much surprised at an AMG Officer on such a mission. Capt. Harvey ordered 2 of his men into a jeep, armed, and another soldier into my jeep with a tommy gun. The idea was that for half the distance, a kilometer or so, we were under direct observation of the Germans in open fields and that German patrols had been sighted in the woods about these fields the night before. Major Mc Cutcheon had advised me that it might be better to go part of the way in the jeep and walk the rest. There was an American patrol or two between the Villa and the river and the next thing would be the Germans. Nothing happened!

This is a statement of plain fact which would be sustained at each point by the officers of the 6th Armed Infantry Bn. concerned.

The only person who questioned my "Manovra" was the G.I. with the tommy gun who said: "Don't you think you are up a little too far, a little too early?"



I said, Yes, perhaps, but I've got my orders. This may be useful to Col. Newton as an answer to his query, taken from the record.

I have a good long letter from Norman about the Deposits and all will be handled without my connivance, I guess. He says they are in "second phase" hands now. I hope to visit them. If the Army boundaries change radically I might want some help, but that needn't worry us for a little while. Norman also suggested this in his letter.

Thank you again for your good letter of a week or so ago, and let me know your wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Deane

Major J.B.W. Perkins,
Deputy Director MFAA, Sub-Com.,
HQ ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives.

29 July 1944.

20464/MFAA

FROM: Major ERNEST T. DE WALD

Dear

1. Enclosed are the dog tags you requested recovered some time ago.

2. Since you have recently been in touch with Capt. Waugh, will you kindly see that the address on the enclosed envelope is completed and the letter despatched to him. I should be grateful too for an exact statement of his address.

Yours,

Capt. Deane Keller
MFAA Officer, AMG, 5th Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

MEMO

25th July 1944.

207/1

From: Deane Keller, Capt., AUS,
MFAA Officer, AMG 5th Army.

Dear Major :

There is some activity in writing a sort of history of the progress of 5th Army through Italy and Sicily. I have been asked by Brig. Gen. Hume to pick on the high spots along MFAA lines. I judge it is aimed at a G.I. audience with overtones to public at large. I would appreciate as soon as possible from you, your version of the above. Some sort of outline or brief screed would be invaluable.

Since visiting Livorno it has been put off limits in the strictest manner to almost everyone. I was lucky to have sneaked in and got a report. Saw Major Holmgreen, CAO there, yesterday and he will do all he can about salvage and hunting up Notarial Archives; I'll get back there when I can. It's a tough one - that Labronica Library.

Distribution of No 6 is going fine. Was at IV Corps Hq. yesterday and took some kidding, but they have the books. They told me informally that they would like to have me when the team moves into Pisa.

I need maps 7, 8, and 10 at least as a precautionary matter if you could kindly send them to me. Also T.C.I. Guides for Toscana and territories covered in 7, 8, and 10.

It is a matter of regret that I have not happened to click with Lt. Hart, Capt. Ellis or Major Newton. Consultation would have been valuable.

Sincerely yours,

Deane

Major J.B.W. Perkins,
Deputy Director MFAA,
Sub-Commission, Adv. HQ ACC.

P.S. This was meant for Maj. Deane
and you - DK.

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Deane

A.C.C.
MONUMENTS FINE ARTS & ARCHIVES
SUBCOMMISSION

28 JUL 1944
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FILE No. 20464

19 JUL 1944

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

207/1

19 July 1944.

From: Deane Keller, Capt., AUS.

Dear *Major*:

Yours 9 July 1944 just received this morning.

Letters as to requirements of units for #6 Protected Monuments Booklet are being sent out. Response from units on #4 were poor. Am sending 50 anticipatory offerings as soon as they reach this HQ, to each unit. The 750 booklets on the way will suffice for present. I am not a mind reader either!

Have received one copy #6 and box of #4 some of which have been distributed *to Artillery commanders* -

Reference guides and lists: I left two on Major De Wald's desk in Rome. Need T.C.I. on Tuscany and my territory to North. Have Baedekers. Maps not particularly necessary, as I get the Mayor or Secretary as guide and pick up much information from them in all places.

I have added Grotti - Siena Archives deposit - to list of war repositories.

What about the new 8th Army boundaries and my job?

Please ask Bernard if he can manage to get a barracks bag of mine, left with Capt. E.F. KERR, Region III - Legal, Prefettura building, Naples (home 14 Via Principessa Elena). If he could get it to Rome I'd have a chance of getting it here. If he could have it sent to me here 'tanto meglio'. Best to him.

You know I am very open to suggestion. I feel that the MFAA situation has been well organized and handled. No one yet has looked at me with suspicion, unless it be one Infantry Company when I got a little ahead of myself.

Yours ever,

Deane Keller
Capt. AUS

Major J.B.W. Perkins
Deputy Director MFAA
Sub-Commission, Adv. HQ ACC.

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Deane Keller, Capt.,

Headquarters,
AMC Fifth Army,
APO 464Major E.T. De Wald,
Chief Sub-Commission MFAA, HQ ACC,
APO 394

Dear

Hope all is going as you want it to. No. 4 Booklet is distributed thoroughly by now, hope next booklet is soon forthcoming. All aids and advices gladly received, though I have had fewer of them than I had expected. Wish you would send comments. I have not always listed recommendations which I have made believing it unnecessary to repeat them over and over again. The usual advices have been given and in some cases I have worked on jobs myself, as I shall today in the Viterbo Museum. This bothers me, and I am returning to stir them up, though they have had a guard there and no further damage has occurred. It is to weep - the frescoes of Lorenzo.

I have decided to fire the driver Giuseppe Gregorio and shall when they get me a new one. He is dull and slow and not careful of his machine and wants to go home anyhow despite kind treatment on my part. Lt. Giustiniani of the Motor Pool will find me another. Car is not a good one, but I believe it will last the campaign. The headaches with it have been many and diverse.

Relationship with officers everywhere have been of the best and cooperation is pretty good generally. I have no kicks of any kind, have great respect for our G.O., which opinion is shared by all.

I have heard of no special man from ACC for Siena and shall stay there a while myself unless I do hear.

I am sending back guides on territory covered and would be pleased if you could send me Italian Guides for territory coming up. I have a Baedeker of N. Italy, but would appreciate another in the Italian Series.

Best regards all around.

Yours,

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Deane Keller

Copy to:- Major J.B.W. Perkins,
Deputy Sub-Com., MFAA, HQ ACC.

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