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PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO
TORINO

December 7, 1945

SUBJECT: Records of Italian-French Armistice Commission
TO : Hdq. Allied Commission APO 394
Sub-Commission for Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives

1. In reply to your letter Reference No. 26905/C/10/WFAI
I wish to state that investigation fails to disclose the
whereabouts of the records sought.

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H. M. FIGRE
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Provincial Commissioner

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

20905/C/10/MFAA

13 Nov 45

SUBJECT: Records of the Italian French
Armistice Commission

TO : Regional Commissioner Piemonte
Region

May an answer please be given to this Hq. letter
reference as above dated 25 Oct. 1945, which requested
details of the present location of the abovementioned
records, originally housed in the Royal Palace, Torino.

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H. E. BELL
Major, AEC
Archives Officer

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APO 394

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

20905/C/10/MFAA

25 October 1945

SUBJECT: Records of the Italian French Armistice Commission.

TO : Regional Commissioner, PIEMONTE Region.

1. Reference this HQ letter numbered as above and dated 7th July 1945, para. 2.

2. May the present location of the records mentioned be notified this HQ.

3. Since this matter cannot, for security reasons, be handled by Italian Archives personnel, it is suggested that the Provincial Commissioner, Torino Province, may be able to supply the information required.

4. For guidance it is added that these records were originally housed in the Royal Palace, Torino.

For the Director:

HEB.

H. E. BELL,
Major, AEC,
Archives Officer.

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- (a) U. Division:
Briga Marittima (Com.) S. Martin
 3,000,000.
 S. Gindens
 200,000.
 Rivoli (To) Castello
 2,035,000.
 The following additional projects have been submitted to P., and
- (d) Finanza had been agreed to allow work to be put in hand on:
1. Aosta. Protection of Roman remains
2. Torino. Fighting, Museum of Antiquities

263,621.
 72,275.
 253,749.
 96,000.
 14,300.

2. - Deposits of Art Collections.

- (a) The following further official Deposits were impacted during Sept and found to be in a satisfactory state:
Castello di Vigilio, Residenza Montefratto (Aless.) 2582
 Deposit from Archivio di Stato, Torino
Centurio, Isola S. Giulio, Orta (Nov.)
 Pictures etc. from Municipio, Novara.
 Note. The seminar at Masian was also visited, and it was confirmed that the entire deposit of pictures etc., had been brought back to the Cathedral, Novara.
Castello Balbi, Pinerolo (Aless.)
 Pictures, etc. from Balbi, Genova.
 All the Piemonte Deposits, have now been inspected, with the exception of a few minor 'intruder' deposits, all of which have been dealt with by the local officers of their respective regions.
 Further material from official Deposits has been brought back without loss as listed below:
- (b) 1. To Torino from Isola Bella (Nov.)
 All pictures and objects from R. Galleria Reale, Isola di S. Michele, Venaria Reale and Accademia Albertina, amounting to 68 pieces including 432 separate items.
2. To Torino from (a) Settine (Asti) and (b) Azile' (Aosta).
 A large proportion of the furniture, paintings, sculptures, costumes, tapestries, etc., photographic archives, library and glassed fittings from Museo Civico.
 Paintings, sculpture and drawings from Galleria d'Arte Moderna.
 The remaining items in these Deposits will be brought back during October.

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3. - Museums.(a) Torino.

1. - The proposal to house the Museum of Antiquities in the North wing of Palazzo Reale is now being studied. The library and library wing of this palace has finally been vacated by the Agenti di Pubblica Istruzione. The glazing to the book cases and fittings having gone with them, a considerable claim for damages is being submitted to the Prefettura. The remedy of removing Prof. Ravina, Superintendent of Egyptology, to a home elsewhere daily, but without financial underwriting for the future from either Ministry or family, the undersigned is reluctant to take action in the matter.

(b) Vercelli.

A considerable portion of the Borgogna Museum is still occupied by the municipal authorities in defiance of the orders of the Provincial Commissioner, who has been requested to take firm action.

4. - Tree Polling.

The surroundings of listed monuments have been assumed to come under the scope of this office. The cutting down of trees ordered by the Guardia Forestale, to provide the central gates, has been opposed where alternative timber of less importance has been found available.

SAR - DAMAGE

5. - Listed Monuments, with certain additions, Collections and Archives at the places scheduled below were inspected during September.
 'A' indicates: (a) intact or (b) with broken glass only or (c) with minor damage already repaired.
 'D' indicates: for immediate first-aid repairs

ALESSANDRIA PROVINCIAL

1. - Grigolo 13.9.45

S. Pietro

Castello Favara Rossa. Key in poor state

Villadente 23.9.45

Castello and Belvedere.

Neglected and in poor shape. Negligible damage in one corner to wall already ruined.

Sanato Conterato 23.9.45

Parish Church. Vitrage, such as removed, inside and out.

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TABLE - DAMAGED

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ALBANY AREA

1. Exigilo 13.9.45
S. Pietro
Castello Novagrossa. Key in poor state
2. Villadossola 23.9.45
Castello and Belvedere. Neglected and in poor shape. Negligible damage in one corner & wall already repaired.
3. Ornato 23.9.45
Parish Church: S. Vittore. Much restored, inside and out.
Chiesa di S. Antonio. Kept locked. Contains interesting old organ, carvings, etc.
Castello di Vigilio. For 'Report' see separate section
4. Ornato 23.9.45. Addendum to June monthly report:
Addolorato (not listed) Bagnovallo. Broken glass
S. Caterina (not listed) Broken glass. Cloister in act.
S. Felice (not listed) Broken glass
5. Salvatore 23.9.45
Villa Anna. Museum, consists of some rooms as occupied by Vitt. Man. II. Privately owned.
6. Valenza 23.9.45
S. Maria Maggiore
 Chapel of S. Caterina not found.

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A Roetto di Valenza 23.9.45
Convent. Important

" Reinburg 23.9.45

Castello (not listed)

" Trussardo 26.9.45

Castello di Spina (not listed) Fine framed ceiling.

" Tronoville 26.9.45

Castello (not listed, collapsed, well restored. Furniture almost entirely burnt by Germans.

" Castello 28.9.45

Castello. appeared intact. Not entered.

" Florenz 28.9.45

Castello. (For deposit see separate section)

" Sale 28.9.45

English Church

" Alvalta 28.9.45

Alvalta (not listed). Preserved intact apart from crane touching up (7 under Costa oppi).

" Brum 28.9.45

Castello di San' di Bruno. Not listed but should be. Fine frescoed decorations.

ALTA PRINCE

A Candia Camvone 3.9.45

Santuario of S. Stefano. Preserved side dome, with corner sculpture and caps intact.

" Collene 3.9.45

Alchys di Resano. Romanesque. Neglected.
Castello.

ALTA PRINCE

A S. Martino d'Alti 5.9.45

English Church. 23.9.45. Corner of window
Bratovio

Castello. Not listed

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English Church

- " Nivalta Surviv 28.9.45
O. aria di Nivalta. Preserved intact apart from crabs touching up (y under
Gente appl).
- " Brump 28.9.45
Castello di San di Brump. Not listed but should be. Fine frescoed
decorations.

Anglo Province

- A Cardia Canaves 3.9.45
Santuary of S. Stefano. Frescoed side dome, with corner sculpture and caps
intact.

- " Polleone 3.9.45
S. Pietro di Polleone. Unfinished. Neglected.
Castello.

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Anglo Province

- A S. Antonio d' Arbi 5.9.45
Parish Church. San Antonio e San Antonio
Oratorio
S. Antonio. Not listed
- " Castella d' Arbi 5.9.45
Castella. Already part ruined. Not seen at close quarters
- " S. Martino Arbi 3.9.45
San Martino Arbi. (not listed) Notable 17 oval houses.
- " Arbi 3.9.45
English Church (not listed) Arbi
- " Arbi 23.9.45. Listed with the map ref. of Arbi, but the name was
followed.
Castella.
Arbi. (not listed) of some merit.

- A Contadino 23.9.43 (Addendum to July Monthly Report.)
Quinta del Contadino. (Not listed) Contains 14 century frescoes of
 most recently uncovered.
Alfonso. Not listed but important small Renaissance church.

CHURCHES

- A Polanco 5.9.45
San Juan Bautista. Roman masonry forming foundations to later houses.
- " S. Vittoria d'Alba 5.9.45
San Juan Bautista. Interesting frescoes
San Juan Bautista. Interesting frescoes
San Juan. Much restored
San Juan.
- " Contadino d'Alba 5.9.45
San Juan Bautista (not listed) Medieval castle of note.
- " San Juan d'Alba 5.9.45
San Juan. Neglected and empty.
- " Gorras 5.9.45
San Juan. No wall. Fine exterior stucco of sculpture.
 Interior decorations deteriorated.
 Superintendence should arrange for Chinese wall-papers to be removed.
 S. 2000. Daily re-decoration.
- " San Juan 29.9.45 (Addendum to June Monthly Report).
San Juan of San Juan. Not listed but contains and contains are not-
 able.
San Juan. Also not listed but notable.
San Juan of San Juan. Not listed but contains important frescoed
 walls. Much neglected.
- " Contadino 19.9.45
San Juan of San Juan.
- " San Juan 19.9.45
San Juan of San Juan.
- B San Juan. Roof and windows damaged.
San Juan of San Juan. Roof and windows to be repaired.
- " San Juan del San Juan. Frescoes intact. Roof and windows damaged by heavy
 rain.

Plant. 2070 c. 1920-1921 and 1922.

Source: J. J. L.

Ed. Connors: ex Bul. scale. Fine either for study included or sculpture.
List of decorations after Logan.

Library of demonstrative demonstrations.

co-venturers should arrange for Chinese call-papers to be removed.
a. provided. Daily re-labeled.

Q. Specimen. Daily recorded on bed.

^a David Liano, 19.9.65 (reference to June 1965 report).

Chicago, 15.3.65 (Addendum to June monthly report).

not listed but cards and names are not-
ed.

Feb. 1911. Also not listed but notable.

processes, and making the most of the available information.

products in view of their

* Completed. 19,945

— Julia Child's friend.

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D. J. Hall, 1907 and 1908; destroyed.

investigations; 1992 and 1993 to be completed.

¹¹ *Exclusion of Persons from the Infant, not and windows damaged by rain.*
R. 100.

CONCERN

Recommendations for roof and windows to be repaired, roof.

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• The following information is provided by the Department of Health Services:

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- A. Perdiani, 22.9.45
Parish Church. (Not listed) Giallo design of note.
 Roof and windows suffered damage from explosion in neighborhood.
- * Renovigione, 22.9.45
Confessione del Discepolo di Marchi.
Porta Francesconi.
Castello. New hospital
Alcova renovigione. Reported intact. Not inspected.
Museo Antichita. Section intact. Historical
 section in some disorder and certain weapons taken by Republicans.
- Villa Castello. Reggio.
- A. Pallani, 8.9.45 (Addendum to June Monthly Report)
General Archives. Reported intact by Comune official
Veterani Archives.
Villa Castello. Reggio.
- * Carro, 8.9.45
Villa Hirshberg. Unimportant.
- * Castello, 8.9.45
Castello della Trinita.
- * Castello, 8.9.45
Castello Superiore di Castello. Preserves intact, inside and outside.
- * Castello, 8.9.45
Castello.
Castello del Vicenti. Some preserves to be examined.
- * Castello, 8.9.45
Castello.
Castello. Not entered.
- * Castello, 8.9.45
Castello. (For deposit see separate section)
- * Castello, 8.9.45 (Addendum to June Monthly Report)
Castello del Castello.
Castello, Isola Castello. Pictures and carvings in room intact.
Castello, Isola Castello. (For deposit see separate section)

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D. Alpignano. 1.9.45

Castello d'A. Provano. Part of roof, vault and wall damaged by German mine explosion. Repairs in hand. Part occupied by Frati, part by family Napoleonic decorations by Sovelli intact, but fittings and furniture damaged and destroyed.
Recommendations: work in hand to be completed.

A. Casale. 1.9.45

Castello d. Marignano. (Not listed.) Non medieval, well restored.
Fine ceilings.

" Ponzano. 9.9.45

Castello.

" Villa d. Cavigli. 13.8.45

Parish Church. Not listed, but of merit.

" Recetto. 17.9.45

P. Sebastiano. Romanesque, frescoes intact. Neglected state.
Parish Church. Vittone.

" Cambiano 17.9.45

Parish Church. Not listed. Vittone.

" Vinovo. 21.9.45

Castello. Fine Cortile, shored up in timber not yet removed owing to possibility of decay.

" Rubino. 21.9.45

P. Giovanni. Not listed. Romanesque Church of note. Frescoes wood sculpture etc. intact.

Castello d. Provano.

A. Valbusa 9.9.45

Parish Church.

" Biade 9.9.45

P. Stefano

P. Giovanni. Best looked.

" Cervereto. 9.9.45

Parish Church. Not listed. Vittone.

" Villa Feltrina 9.9.45

Parish Church. Frescoes intact. Damage to bell.

" Ponzano. 9.9.45

- " Cambiano 17.9.45
Parish Church. Not listed. Vitrines.
- " Vinovo 21.9.45
Cattello. Farm Cortile, shored up in timber not yet removed owing to possibility of cracks.
- " Medea 21.9.45
S. Giovanni. Not listed. Romanesque Church of note. Preserved wood sculpture etc. intact.

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- A. Valuggia 9.9.45
Parish Church.
- " Pinde 9.9.45
S. Stefano
S. Giovanni. kept locked.
- " Montebello 9.9.45
Parish Church. Not listed. Vitrines.
- " Vallebellina 9.9.45
Parish Church. Preserves intact. Damage to bell.
- " Alagna 9.9.45
Parish Church.

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Mr. RPA 1/11. Hq. A.G.
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A. M. G. HQ. PIEMONTE REGION

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for Month ending 31 August 1945

TO : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region

1. - Personnel.

The Region was visited during August by Major H.B. Bell, Archiver Officer, with Comm. Emilio Re; also by Prof. G.C. Argan, Ispettore Centrale.

2. - Repair Schemes.

The following projects have gone forward but difficulty has been encountered in awarding contracts for work to be put in hand.

(a) Approved

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(Torino) Church of the Carmine.....	1,290,000.==
Pal. Carignano	718,000.==
" Chiablese	202,920.==
" Giriodi, Piazza S.Carlo ..	992,000.==
" Madama	2,780,000.==
Acc. Albertina	5,983,800.==
Università degli Studi	2,246,000.==
Piazza S.Carlo	605,000.==
S.Croce	500,000.==

also

Galleria d'Arte Moderna 632,000.==

(b) Projects submitted, awaiting approval:

(Torino) Palazzo Reale	2,820,000.==
S.Teresa	312,000.==

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also

	Galleria d'Arte Moderna	632,000.==
(b) Projects submitted, awaiting approval:		
(Torino)	Palazzo Reale	2,820,000.==
	S. Teresa	312,000.==

also

	Biblioteca Nazionale (reinstatement)	4,050,000.==
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(c) Finance has been agreed to allow war damage to the Egyptian Museum, Via delle Scienze 4, Torino, to be repaired at a cost of 1,12,000. A project for reorganising the Museum and Library at a cost of 374,350.== has been submitted.

3. - Deposits.

Material from official Deposits has been brought back as listed below: Transport was arranged direct with private firms, their cost plus insurance terms being more favourable than those of the A.N.G. Civilian Trucking Co.

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1. - To Torino from Agliè and Settime d'Asti

(a) All pictures from the Sabauda Gallery and Accademia Albertina and the Churches of Torino.

(b) 110 cases, 162 uncased object and 44 fittings from Museo Civico.

2. - To Navarra Cathedral from Miasino and Isola S. Giulio

(a) Pictures, tapestries etc. from Cathedral

(b) Pictures, etc. from S. Gaudenzio

Cases of objects from the Civico Museum and books from the Civic Library remain at the above deposits. Two cases remain in the Banca Popolare di Novara.

The following official Deposits were inspected during August being found intact and in good state.

Palatine (Aless.) Castello Pricherasio. Deposit from Archivio di Stato, Torino.

Lunello (Nov.) Edificio Scolastico. Deposit from Museo Civico, Novara.

also:

Domodossola. Ricuperi, Via Monte Grappa, 9. See July Monthly Report. Re-visited 9 Aug 45. Pictures confirmed by Dtt.

Gabrielli to be from private sources. No action taken.

A selection of those unclaimed to be being in local Museum or Gallery.

4. - Museums

(a) Torino. At a meeting between Prof. Argan, Ispettore Centrale, Prof. Aru; Sott. Gall., Arch. Nesturino; Sott. Mennenti, Dott. Carducci Sott. Antichità, Dott. Scamuzzi, A/Sott. Egypt., the undersigned M.F.A.A. Officer and the Vice-Sindaco of Turin, the possibilities of finding a better locale for the Museum Collections was investigated. Buildings were proposed in the neighbour hood of the Roman remains near the Royal Palace, but none appeared generally acceptable, and the matter is being further studied.

The Cittadella Artillery, Museum has been put in order and can be visited by troops at specified times.

Iumellorino (Nov.) Edificio Scolastico. Deposit from Museo Civico, Novara.

also:

Domodossola. Ricuperi, Via Monte Grappa, 9. See July Monthly Report. Re-visited 9 Aug 45. Pictures confirmed by Dtt. Gabrielli to be from private sources. No action taken. A selection of those unclaimed to be being in local Museum or Gallery.

4. - Museums

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(a) Torino. At a meeting between Prof. Argan, Ispettore Centrale, Prof. Aru; Supt. Gall., Arch. Masturino; Supt. Monumenti, Dott. Carducci; Supt. Antichità, Dott. Somazzi, A/Supt. Egypt., the undersigned M.F.A.A. Officer and the Vice-Sindaco of Turin, the possibilities of finding a better locale for the Museum Collections was investigated. Buildings were proposed in the neighbour hood of the Roman remains near the Royal Palace, but none appeared generally acceptable, and the matter is being further studied.

The Cittadella Artillery, Museum has been put in order and can be visited by troops at specified times.

(b) Vercelli. The retirement of Ing. Monti having given rise to fears that the Borgogna and Leone Museum might be put under separate control, the undersigned and Dott. Viale visited the Prefetto 30 Aug 45. It was agreed that the appointment as Directors of the Museum Borgogna of Profs. Trevis, Jacolo, Gazzoni, Alario Cavesana, who as members of the Belle Arti, control the Museo Leone, would prove a satisfactory solution.

It was found that the two Museum premises had not been completely cleared, as promised, by 1 Aug 45, but will be by 1 Sept 45.

(c) Novara. Reinstatement of the Museo Civico prevented by

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premises being used as a deposit for school furniture, all the local schools being requisitioned for prisoners, partially etc. An undertaking was obtained from the Regional Commissioner 31 Aug 45 that 3 of the town schools would be vacated immediately, to release the Museum for its proper function.

WAR DAMAGE

5. - Listed Monuments, with certain additions, Collections, and Archives at the places scheduled below were inspected during July and confirmed to be 'A' 1. c. (a) intact or (b) with broken glass only or (c) with minor damage already repaired.

ALESSANDRIA PROVINCE.

Quarenzio 5.6.1945

Parish Church S. Delmazzo

Fubine 5.6.1945

Castello Ericherasio (not listed)
(for Deposit see section 3)

Vignale 5.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parish Church: S. Bartolomeo

Addolorata. Locked and neglected.
Gate.

Orea 5.8.1945

Santuario. All intact.

Museum. Intact, including incunabulae, etc.

Silvano d'Orba 5.8.1945 (not listed)

Castello. Minor damage from occupation

Novi Ligure 11.6.1945

Colle Zista

S. Maddalena. Glass broken. Figures in terracotta and wood intact.

Church: Fieve

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Parish Church S. Delmaszo

Tubino 5.8.1945

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Novi Ligure 11.8.1945

Collegrata

S. Maddalena glass broken. Figures in terracotta and wood intact.

Church: Pieve

Castello. Very little left.

The Communal Archives were not inspected, the building being closed for the after noon. Reported intact.

Arquata Scrivia.

Casa Grafoleati

other old houses

Well.

Pesole Fornigaro.

Church: Trinity glass broken

Castello Visconti, subdivided into habitations.

Felizzano 11.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parish Church: S. Pietro

Pal. Comunale. Terracotta decoration to windows.

Torre Cova.

Cemetery Chapel. Cracks in Romanesque frescoed apse have opened out and need careful repair.

Colero 18.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parish Church

AGOSTA PROVINCE

Villanova Lallia 20.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parrocchia Vecchia. Frescoes intact. Vault cracked.

Parish Church. Enamel reliquary with Agosta treasury.

Castello: Chatel Argent. Ruined. Apse frescoes in roofless chapel exposed to the weather.

Livorno 20.8.1945

Parish Church

Ospizio dei Pellegrini. Frescoes scribbled over.

Roman Bridge.

Gagna 20.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parish Church

Castello Reale. New hotel

Old Houses

Valpellina 20.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parish Church

Old Houses

Valdigna d'Agosta (Harvard)

Parish Church

Torre

Verres 20.8.1945

Castello. Roof looking, due to weather damage.

Arvier 20.8.1945 (not listed)

Castello di la Mothe

Campello

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Parish Church. Enamel Reliquary with Aosta treasury.
Castello: Chatel Argent. Ruined. Apse frescoes in
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Liverogne 20.8.1945

Parish Church

Ospizio dei Pellegrini. Frescoes scribbled over.
Roman Bridge.

Cogne 20.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parish Church

Castello Neale. Now hotel
Old Houses

Valpellina 20.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parish Church

Old Houses

Valdigna d'Aosta (Harvard)

Parish Church

Torre

Verres 20.8.1945

Castello. Roof leaking, due to weather damage.

Arvier 20.8.1945 (not listed)

Castello di la Mothe

Campanile

Pontdel 20.8.1945 (not listed but one of the more important
Roman constructions in Piemonte)

Roman Aqueduct-Bridge

Avise 20.8.1945 (not listed)

Castello. Neglected. Pewter collection intact.

Saint-Pierre 20.8.1945 (Harvard)

Castello: Carriod de la Tour. Neglected. Frescoes need
attention.

Castello di S. Pierre. Restoration dreadful.

Aymavilles 20.8.1945

Parish Church: S. Lezer. Key not available, so crypt not inspected. Reported intact.
Castello dei Challant.

Montalto Dora 20.8.1945

Castello. Walls only. Not inspected at close quarters.

ASTI PROVINCE

Grazzano Monferrato. 5.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parish Church: SS. Vittore e Corena
Medieval roses. no war-damage in town.

Moncalvo 5.8.1945

S. Francesco. Pictures by Caecia intact, including tryptich hidden under organ.
Pal. Monferrato. Gonzago. Terracotta decoration to windows.

CUNEO PROVINCE

Feussano 8.8.1945

1.- Monuments
Cathedral

Church Trinità

Madonna dei Campi. Justification for 'star' doubtful
S. Maria di Loreto: Not reached owing to blown bridges.
Reported intact. Kept locked.

S. Filippo Neri.

Castello. Occupied as habitations. Neglected.

2.- Arenives.

Cathedral. All intact and in place.

Margarita 8.8.1945

Pal. Rovera (not listed)

Cavallermaggiore 8.8.1945

P. Bernardino (not listed but notable small Baroque church)
Fine vestments.

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NOVARA PROVINCE

Re 9.8.1945 (Harvard)

Santuario della Madonna

Arona 9.8.1945

S. Maria o Collegiata. Frescoes intact.

Santi Martiri. Picture by Borgogna in place.

Statue of S. Carlo. Not yet inspected at close-quarters.

Oleggio 9.8.1945

S. Michele. Romanesque, with good frescoes.

Parish Church.

S. Nazzaro Sesia 22.8.1945

Abbazia. Fine frescoes.

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Galliate 22.8.1945Santuario di S. Pietro. Broken glass and arm of figure broken. Undistinguished.Castello Sforzesco. Pine brick structure, divided into habitations.Casalvolone 22.8.1945S. Pietro. Frescoes and Campanile intact.Biandrate 22.8.1945 (Harvard)S. Colombano. Frescoes intact.Castello. Very little left.Novara 31.8.1945 (addendum to June Monthly Report.)1. - Monuments.Cathedral. "recocted chapel, recently uncovered, intact.S. Gaudenzio. Frescoes, fittings, etc. intact. Centre portion shored up intinbering erected prior to the war.2. - Collections.Cathedral Library. Intact and in place. Incunabulae were deposited inside marble High Altar.3. - Archives.Cathedral. Intact and in place.

Topical Note: Taking advantage of the safeguarding of churches, part of the Chiesa Vecchia at Borgosesia was found to have been walled off as a deposit of a considerable quantity of rifles, equipment, explosives and a few machine guns.

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Romanesque Church (not listed) -

Crevacuore 14.8.1945

Parish Church (not listed)

Villanova Biellese 14.8.1945

Castel Avogadro: not found
Chapel

Mosso S. Maria 14.8.1945

Parish Church

Mezzana Mortigliengo 14.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parish Church: S. Bartolomeo

S. Nocce, Small Chapel. Romanesque frescoes of no great importance.

Coggiola 14.8.1945 (Harvard)

Parish Church: S. Giorgio

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Gattinara 14.8.1945

Parish Church

S. Francesco. Incorporated in farm building. Neglected state.

Masserano 14.8.1945

Parish Church: Annunziata

S. Teonesto. Fine Baroque reredos and Romanesque Campanile

Pal. Lamarmora (Municipio). Fine ceilings and decorations

Castello (including some nudes scraped down at some date by shocked nuns.

The withdrawal on 23 Aug 45 of a large proportion of the Regional transport is proving a considerable handicap to the work of this office particularly in connection with inspections.

/s/ R.E. Enthoven

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Capt. G.L.

M.F.AA. Officer

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A. M. G. - HQ. PIEMONTE REGION

Subject: Monthly Report for Month ending 31 July 1945

To : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region.

1. - Transport. The basic petrol ration granted to the Superintendencies of 10 litres per month has now been increased by a 100 litre allowance, to be replaced as justification is demonstrated. This is a valuable step towards reactivating the work of these Bodies.

2. - Repair Schemes.

(a) completed :

Roof to first section of Biblioteca Nazionale, Torino already started, at an estimated cost of 585.279.==

(b) Approved in principle :

Repairs to Chiesa del Carmine, Torino at estimated cost of 1.500.000.== Relazione submitted.

(c) Relazione already submitted through Genio Civile to

A.M.G.

Public Works:

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Repairs to <u>Pal. Madama</u> , Torino	2.780.000.==
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(Part Monuments part Education).	

(d) Relazione in preparation for submission through Genio

Civile to A.M.G. Public Works:

Roof to second section of building to Biblioteca

Nazionale and Università.

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Pal. Reale : Windows etc.

Pal. Chiabrese : Windows, etc.

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(e) Also :

Minance has been agreed to allow the Sabaudia Gallery, Via delle Scienze 4, to be put in order, at a cost of 500.000.==, to permit pictures to be housed when brought back from Deposit.

Protective coverings have been removed from the Monuments in the Cappella della S. Sindone and Statues in Piazza Castello, Torino, and from the Roman arch at Susa.

3. - Archives

Inspections and Deposits are referred to under general sections so described.

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The work of the Superintendency has been handicapped by the absence through illness and other causes of Conte Buraggi.

The preparation of Relazione for the repairs to the Archivio di Stato building in Piazza Castello Torino, was complicated by the fact that while the upper three floors of the Building occupied by archives are the responsibility of the Provincial Administration of Torino, the ground floor, occupied by the Accademia Militare, is not. It was established that the Relazione could be prepared for the whole building by the Ufficio Tecnico delle Finanze and subdivided in proportion. The Chief Engineer of that Body, Ing. Gerbino, has been instructed accordingly to submit Relazione as soon as possible.

Relazione for first-aid repairs to the remaining portion of the Archive building in Alessandria, Palazzo Trotti-Bentivoglio, are still awaited from the Genio Civile. The delay will be investigated personally there in the immediate future.

A list of Fascist archives found in the Region has been submitted to Hq.

4. - Photographs

A duplicate set of Soprintendenza photographs of war damage at TORINO and ALESSANDRIA have been forwarded to Hq.

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WAR DAMAGE

The major Listed Monuments, Collections, and Archives at the places scheduled below were inspected during July, and are reported on as follows:

- A. (a) intact or (b) with broken glass only or (c) with minor damage already repaired.
- B. Damaged beyond repair.
- C. For post-war reconstruction, in due course.
- D. For immediate first-aid repairs.

ALESSANDRIA PROVINCE

BERRAVALLE SCRIVIA, 13.7.45.
Roman City of Liberia

1. - Monuments

- A. Theatre
- " Amphitheatre
- " Surrounding Excavations.

ACQUI, 12.7.45. (Addendum to June Report).

1. - Monuments.

- A. S. Pietro (Not listed) Romanesque. Original Cathedral; recently restored.
- " Aqueduct

SAVI 13.7.45

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GAVI 13.7.45

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1. - Monuments.

- A. Craterias : Turchini {
" " Rossi { (for Deposits see separate section)
" " Bianchi {
" S. Giacomo. Fine Romanesque doorway
" Gate-tower.

MONTESE. 13.7.45 (Listed under Ovada)

1. - Monument

- A. Castello Dorio

LERMA. 13.7.45 (Listed under Ovada)

1. - Monument

A. Castello Spinola. Minor wear and tear from occupation.

2. - Collections

A. Reported by owner to be intact, but still walled up.
Includes bust attributed to Rubens.

MONTALDO. 13.7.45

1. - Monument

A. Castello Doria (for Deposit see separate Section)

OVADA. 12.7.45

1. - Monuments:

A. Oratory SS. Annunziata

" Parish Church

" Chapel of S. Paolo della Croce

" Pal. Spinola. Occupied by College.

2. - Collections.

A. Museum to S. Paolo della Croce. Small.

CASTELLETTO D'ORBA. 13.7.45

1. - Monuments

A. Sant'Innocenzo.

" Oratorio. Neglected and kept locked.

" Castello degli Adorno. (for Deposit see separate Section).

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- " Castello degli Adorno. (for Deposit see separate Section).

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AOSTA PROVINCE

AGLIE 12.7.45 (addendum to May Report)

1. - Monuments.

- A. Parish Church (Harvard)
- " Santa Marta (Harvard) Small but notable.

VALPENGA. 22.7.45

1. - Monuments :

- A. Chiesetta di S. Giorgio (Harvard) Romanesque with good frescoes.
- " Castello. (Harvard) Frescoed salone, etc.

CUORGNE. 22.7.45

1. - Monuments.

A. Casa del Re Arduino

also nearby

" Santuario di Belmonte. Mostly recent.

OZEGNA. 22.7.45

1. - Monuments.

A. Castello. Neglected, now used as farm building.

PORT CANAVESE. 22.7.45

1. - Monument

A. S. Maria in Doblazio.

MASTINO 31.7.45

1. - Monument

A. Castello. Fine interior decorations, furniture, Library, etc., almost deserves an asterisk.

PAVONE. 31.7.45

1. - Monument.

A. Castello. Mediaeval, rather over-restored.

STRAMBINO ROMANO. 31.7.45

1. - Monument.

A. Parish Church. Good baroque.

MASINO 31.7.451. - Monument

A. Castello. Fine interior decorations, furniture, Library, etc.; almost deserves an asterisk.

PAVONE. 31.7.451. - Monument.

A. Castello. Mediaeval, rather over-restored.

STRAMBINO ROMANO. 31.7.45

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1. - Monument.

A. Parish church. good baroque.

ASTI PROVINCE

ASTI. (Addendum to June Report. Visited with Avv. Luigi Badouin).

1. - Monuments.

- A. S. Maria Nuova.
- " S. Anastasio. Romanesque crypt to destroyed church beneath modern school-building.
- " Casa della Rovere
- " Casa Asineri
- " Pal. Catena
- " Pal. Malebaila
- " Torre Ponte Lombroso

- " Torre di S. Caterina and Chiesa
- " Pal. Bellino, see Museum.
- also nearby
- " Chiesa della Mad. di Viatesco, not listed. Romanesque :
frescoes.

2. - Collections.

- A. Museo Civico (a) Antiquities. Intact but disordered.
- (b) Art. Gallery. Pictures stacked and
locked up.
- " Biblioteca del Seminario. Intact and in place.

3. - Archives.

- A. Comunal { Not inspected, but reported by Soprintendenza
- Notarial { representative to be intact and in place.
- Cathedral }

NIZZA MONFERRATO. 12.7.45

1. - Monuments

- A. S. Gaetano presumed to be S. Giovanni
- " Pal. Crova. Glass broken.
- C. Pal. del Comune. Brick vault to arcade and stairs inside
damaged by Partigian bomb. Temporary timber shoring
has already been erected.
- Recommendations : Brick vault etc. to be repaired.

MONTIGLIO. 24.7.45

1. - Monument.

- A. Castello Borsarelli, not listed (For Deposit see sepa-
rate Section).

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MONTEGLIO. 24.7.45

1. - Monument.

A. Castello Borsarelli. not listed (For Deposits see separate
rate Section).

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CUNEO PROVINCE

STAFFARDA. 4.7.45

1. - Monument.

A. Abbey (For 2 Deposits, see Separate Section).

MANTA. 4.7.45

1. - Monument.

A. Castello. Fine frescoes in long room now occupied
by nuns who have discretely covered up bathing-scene.

VERZUOLO. 1.7.45

1. - Monuments.

A. Castello. Large portion of E Side has disappeared during

the last 20 years through subsidence and subsequent demolition. Now hardly merits an asterisk.

D. Parish Church. Not listed but interesting. Badly knocked about by Italian troop occupation, but restoration is in hand.

MONDOVI. 7.7.45

1. - Monuments.

A. Cathedral.

" S. Francesco Saverio or del Gesù. Fine frescoed ceiling by Pozzi.

D.C. S. Maria Maggiore. Not listed but worthy of it.

One third demolished by H.E. bomb. Roof gone.

Recommendations: Debris to be cleared to allow secure shoring in timber of remaining structure. Organ and ornamental fittings to be protected.

3. - Archives.

A. Cathedral Archives. Reported by priest to be intact and in place.

VICOFORTE. 2.7.45

1. - Monument.

A. Santuario di Vicoforte. Impressive oval interior of great size.

ALBA. 12.7.45. Inspected with Arch. Della Piana.

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1. - Monuments.

A. S. Giovanni Battista. Picture by Maerino in place.

" S. Domenico. All windows glass blown out by bomb.

Frescoes perished.

" Municipio. Two pictures by Maerino back from Deposit but still boxed.

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" Medieval Houses.

" Roman Walls.

" Towers.

" Chiesa della Maddalena. Not listed but merits inclusion.

D. Cathedral. Campanile damaged, but not seriously, by light artillery shelling. Windows broken. Lintel to main door cracked.

Recommendations: Campanile to be repaired.

2. - Collections.

A. Museo Federico Ruessio. Not inspected; reported by Arch. Della Piana to be intact but in some disorder.

3. - Archives.

A. Comune. Reported by Arch. Della Piana to be intact and in place.

GUARENNE. 12.7.451. - Monument.

A. Castello. Not listed but merits inclusion.

MONTA' D'ALBA. 12.7.451. - Monument.

A. Castello Morra. Not listed. (For Deposit see separate Section).

BRA'. 25.7.451. - Monuments.

A. S. Andrea
 " Church of S. Trinità or Battista Bianchi.
 " Mediasvel House.
 " Monte di Pietà.
 " Municipio. Not listed but merits inclusion.

2. - Collections.

A. Museo Civico Graveri { Housed in same building
 " Museo di Storia ed Arte { intact but in some disorder

3. - ArchivesA. Comune.

CHERASSO. 25.7.45. Inspected with Prof. Bernocco.

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1. - Monuments.

- A. S. Andrea
- " Church of S. Trinità or Battista Bianchi.
- " Medieval House.
- " Monte di Pietà.
- " Municipio. Not listed but merits inclusion.

2. - Collections.

- A. Museo Civico Craveri { Housed in same building
- " Museo di Storia ed Arte { Intact but in some disorder

3. - Archives

- A. Comuna.

CHERASCO. 25.7.45. Inspected with Prof. Bernocco.

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1. - Monuments.

- A. S. Pietro. Romanesque facade.
- " S. Agostino. Roof and campanile damaged but already repaired
- " Madonna delle Grazie. Small. Fresco behind altar intact.
- " S. Maria del Popolo. Glass broken. Bell damaged.
- " Castello Visconti.
- " Old House. Including Pal. della Veglia and Pal. Fracassi
- " Pal. Gotti. Contains Museum. Fine frescoed rooms.

2. - Collections.

- A. Musica G. R. Adriani. Good collection.
- " Biblioteca G. R. Adriani. (Reported)
- (for Deposit see Separate Section).

3. - Archives

A. Comune.
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LAGO DELLE MERAVIGLIE. 2.8.45

1. - Prehistoric incised rock designs. Visited under difficult conditions. A general inspection was made of the main groups which appeared intact. It was reported however that military operations had damaged a few of the rocks prior to 1942. The Soprintendenza Refuge-hut was found gutted, with the roof gone, windows broken and floor damaged.
Recommendations : Refuge-hut to be repaired forthwith to enable archaeological work on site to continue.

NOVARA PROVINCE

DOMODOSSOLA. 17.7.45. Inspected with Sig. Nicola.

1. - Monuments.

- A. Parish Church
- " Via Calvario . Series of chapels.
- " Pal. Silva.
- " Pal. S. Francesco.
- " Collelio Rosmini. Observatory instruments ruined and robbed by Germans.

2. - Collections.

- A. Pal. S. Francesco Museum. Natural History. Moved upstairs and in great disorder.
- " Pal. S. Francesco Library. Now stored, in piles, with Museum Objects.
- " Pal. Silva Museum. Via Paletta. Intact but in slight disorder.
- " Pal. Silva Picture Gallery. Via Paletta. Pictures

NOVARA PROVINCE

DOMODOSSOLA. 17.7.45. Inspected with Sig. Nicola.

1. - Monuments.

- A. Parish Church
- " Via Calvario. Series of chapels.
- " Pal. Silva.
- " Pal. S. Francesco.
- " Collegio Rossini. Observatory instruments ruined and robbed by Germans.

2. - Collections.

- A. Pal. S. Francesco Museum. Natural History. Moved upstairs and in great disorder.
- " Pal. S. Francesco Library. Now stored, in piles, with Museum Objects.
- " Pal. Silva Museum. Via Paletta. Intact but in slight disorder.
- " Pal. Silva Picture Gallery. Via Paletta. Pictures stacked in Museum rooms.
- " Collegio Rossini Museum.
Geology { intact and in place. Includes stones from
Zoology { Simplon tunnel, also instruments used.
Physics {

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BAVENO. 17.7.45

1. - Monuments

- A. S. Gaudensia. Interesting frescoes.
(Villa Branca, listed under Baveno is presumed to be that at Baveno).

CENNOBIO. 17.7.45

1. - Monuments.

- A. Scatario della Pietà. Miraculous picture intact.
- " Pal. Comunale. Il Parasio.
- " S. Marta. Kept locked but seen through window.

VILLADOSSOLA. 17.7.45

1. - Monument

- A. S. Bartolomeo.

CHAVEGNA.

1. - Monument.

- A. Parish Church.

TORINO PROVINCE

MONTALDO TORINESE. 5.7.45

1. - Monument

- A. Castello not listed (for Deposit see separate section).

BUSOLEMO. 8.7.45

1. - Monument

- A. Casa Aschieri. Neglected and for sale.

CIRIÉ. 9.7.45

1. - Monuments

- A. S. Giovanni.

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BUSCONE. 8.7.45

1. - Monument

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CIRIÉ? 9.7.45

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1. - Monuments

- A. S. Giovanni
- " S. Martino. Romanesque with frescoes. Neglected.
- " S. Maria di Spinosirano. Romanesque with frescoes
- " Pal. Municipale. Decorated ceilings.
- " Old Houses.

BALANGERO. 9.7.45

1. - Monument.

A. Parish Church. Imposing baroque.

POININO. 12.7.45 (Harvard)

1. - Monuments.

A. Parish Church.

- A. Confraternità di S. Croce
- " Torre dell'Orologio
- " Old Houses.

SAIBERTRAND. 19.7.45

1. - Monument

- A. S. Giovanni Battista. Fine porch and doorway.

NOVALESA. 19.7.45

1. - Monuments.

- A. S. Stefano
- " Abbazia della Novalesa with cloister. Now occupied by a school.
- " Cappella di S. Eldrado. Romanesque. Frescoes ruined during last war by being painted over by over-enthusiastic Italian officer.
- Chapels of S. Salvatore and S. Pietro noted intact.

BARDONECCHIA. 19.7.45

1. - Monument

- A. Parish Church: S. Ippolito. Romanesque tower incorporated in later building.

RIVAROLO CANAVESE. 22.7.45

1. - Monuments.

- A. Castello di Malgrà. Includes some crude restoration work.
- " Old Houses.

FOGLIZZO. 22.7.45

1. - Monument.

- A. Castello del Biandrate. Pal. Comunale. Fine ceilings,

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" Old Houses.

FOGLIZZO, 22.7.45

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1. - Monument.

A. Castello dei Blandrate. Pal. Comunale. Fine ceilings, exterior frescoes and graffito work.

S. BENIGNO CANAVESE, 22.7.45

1. - Monument.

A. Abbazia di Pruttuaria.
Includes Art Institute.
Romanesque tower with fresco included in later structure.

SETTIMO, 24.7.45

1. - Monuments

A. Parish Church: S. Pietro in Vincoli.

A. Romanesque Church. Locked and neglected.
" Torre.

OHIVASSO. 24.7.45

1. - Monument

A. Parish Church: Assunta. Fine facade with terracotta figures. Pictare by Def. Ferrari in place.

BRUSASSO. 24.7.45

1. - Monument

A. Abbey of S. Pede di Cavanolo. Important Romanesque church carefully restored.

CARMAGNOLA. 25.7.45

1. - Monuments.

A. Cathedral or Collegiata
" Casa Cavassa. Interior decorations. Rather neglected.
" S. Agostino.
" Municipio.

also :

Casanova

Abbey: access could not be obtained to church. Reported intact.

2. - Collections

A. Civic Museum (small collections in
" Civic Library (Municipio building.

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TESTONA. 27.7.45

1. - Monuments.

A. Castello della Rotte. Neglected now farmbuilding.
" S. Maria. Romanesque.

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TESTONA. 27.7.45

1. - Monuments.

- A. Castello della Rotta. Neglected now farmbuilding.
- " S. Maria. Romanesque.
- " Castello di Castelvecchio. Not listed. Contains frescoed rooms.

RIVARA. 31.7.45

1. - Monuments

- A. Castello Valperga. Not listed (for Deposit see separate section).

CASALE TORINESE. 31.7.45

1. - Monuments.

- A. Castello dei Savoia Carignano. Now a school. Notable

courtyard spoilt by w.c.'s built in 1938 up the angle.
 This is being taken up with the Superintendency.
 " Pal. Municipale.

2. - Collections.

A. Pal. Municipale. Picture by Def. Ferrari. Deposited
 at Castello d'Agliè.

VERCELLI PROVINCE

VERCELLI. 20.7.45. (Addendum to June Report).
 Inspected with Dott. Viale and Prof. Verzone.

1. - Monuments.

A. S. Bernarde.
 " S. Oristoforo. Frescoes of note by Gand. Ferrari.
 " Scaterina.
 " S. Francesco. Holes in Campanile date from earlier wars.
 " S. Giuliano.
 " S. Gregorio (Reported). Kept locked.
 " S. Maria Maggiore. Mosaics from original church in
 Leone Museum.

" S. Paolo.
 " Seminario
 " Ospedale Maggiore.
 " Pal. Municipio.
 " Casa dei Centori.
 " Castello. Now used as prison.
 " Torre del Comune.
 " Mercato.
 " Pal. Atcisti.
 " Pal. Langosco. { Part of Museum Fine frescoed rooms. }

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2. - Collections.

A. Cathedral Treasury : Notable Codices, Crucifix, sculpture,
 etc. intact and in place.
 " Museo Civico Borgogna. Important items Deposited at

" S. Cristoforo. Frescoes of note by Gaud. Ferrari.
 " S. Caterina.
 " S. Francesco. Holes in Campanile date from earlier wars.
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 " Pal. Alciati.
 " Pal. Langosco. { Part of Museum fine frescoed rooms. }

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A. Cathedral Treasury : Notable Codices, Crucifix, sculpture, etc. intact and in place.
 " Museo Civico Borgogna. Important items deposited at Robella, lesser items walled up. Rooms filled with material belonging to Municipio.
Recommendation: Premises to be emptied by 1 Aug 45 ready for return of collections. Agreed with Municipal authorities with the backing of the Provincial Commissioner.
 " Museo Leone. Pal. Alciati and Pal. Langosco linked by new block. Rooms cluttered up same as Museo Civico.
Recommendation: Same as to Museo Civico.
 " (S. Andrea Museum : no longer exists.)
 " Biblioteca Capitolare. Intact and in place.
 " Pal. Municipale Library. Reported intact and in place.

3. - Archives

A. Cathedral. Intact and in place.
" Comune. Reported " "

SANTHIA. 20.6.45

1. - Monuments

A. Parish Church. S. Agata. Old church behind also intact.
" Casa Turrita. In neglected state.

ROBELLA. 20.7.45

1. - Monuments

A. Castello. Not listed. (For Deposit see separate section).

CRESCENTINO. 24.7.45

1. - Monuments

A. Santuario della B.V. del Palazzo.
" Torre Civica. Not listed. Reported war damage found
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6. - Deposits.

A small number of cases have been brought back from Agliè to the Museo Civico, TORINO and arrangements have been made to bring back further cases immediately. The great stumbling block for a mass-return is cost.

Referring to the List of Official Deposits appended to in the May Monthly Report, the following have been visited during July :

(a) Intact and in good state :

- GAVI (Aless.) Oratori Turchini (Deposits Rossi (from Genova Bianchi (
- MONTALDO (Aless.) Castello Doris. Deposit from Genova. Part still walled up, but means of artificial ventilation appeared satisfactory.
- CASTELLETO D'ORBA (Aless.) Castello.
- MONTIGLIO (Asti) Castello Borsarelli.
- ROBELLA (Verc.) Castello.
- RIVARA (To.) Castello Valperga. Minor damage to furniture in transit.

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(b) Intact but defective locale :

MONTALDO TORINENSE (To.) Castello. Archives small musty in ground floor room where they were collected together when the building was reoccupied. The Soprintendenza have been pressed to move the Deposit back to Torino.

(c) Deposit found not to have been forwarded.

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MONFALCONE (Asti) Castello Borsarelli.

ROBELLIA (Vero.) Castello.

RIVARA (To.) Castello Valperga. Minor damage to furniture in transit.

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At GRANAROLO (Cun.) the Deposit of Collections from the Ospedale S. Giovanni referred to on P.9 of the June Report were found to have been that week brought back from S. Ilfreto to Torino.

At PONPOSSOLA, Rieuperi. Via Monte Grappa 9, pictures among material retrieved from Rep. Fascist sources were examined. They are to be further checked by the Soprintendenza.

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The King George V gold trophy (see June Report P. 1a) was traced to the strong room of the casa di Risparmio, Torino, it is of considerable value but not very fine art.

/s/ R. E. Enthoven

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Capt.
WFAA Officer

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20369/ENT

30 July 1945

FROM: Major H.E. BELL, A.E.C.

Dear

I write an enthusiastic line of thanks for your PR/PA/443/7 dated 26 July 1945. The information you give me is exactly what I want.

I am taking up the question raised in your postscript and will let you know results.

Yours

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Capt. R.E. Enthoven,
MFAA Officer,
Headquarters, PIEMONTE Region.

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PR/FA/443/7

26 July 1945

D.O. from : Capt. R.E. Enthoven

My Dear Bell -

Many thanks for your letter 20369/ENT/MFAA, dated 21 July 45. I can give you the following information straightaway : rather superficial I'm afraid, acquired on a preliminary rush-round, but one day I shall hope to be more precise :

Archivi	Place	Inspected MFAA off.	Reported intact and in place	B y
Comunali	Alba	no	yes :	Arch. Della Piana Sopr.Rep.
"	Aosta	no	yes :	Municipio
"	Bra	yes	yes :	Archivist in charge
"	Casale Mon- ferrato	no	yes :	Priest-Archivist to Cathedral
"	Cherasco	no	yes :	Prof. Bernocco Sopr.Rep.
"	Mondovì	no	yes :	Sopr.Rep. also P.C.
"	Tortona	no	yes :	Municipio
Notarili	Biella	no	yes :	Comune Archivist
"	Casale Mon- ferrato	no	yes :	Priest-Archivist
"	Ivrea	no	yes :	Priest-Archivist
"	Pallanza	no	(unlikely to have suffered damage)	

All well here though rather hot. Several days it's been over 100°F in the shade, so Rome must be pretty scorching.

Buraggi is still reported unable to come to his office. As for Fascist archives. I'm awaiting a reply to the shake-up I sent to five of my P.C.'s, but hope to report in a day or so.

Yours very

Russell L. Horn

Major H.E. BELL
M.F.A.A. Archives Officer
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Office of the Regional Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Officer

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10 July 1945

D.O.

from : Capt. R.E.ENTHOVEN

Dear Bill -

Many thanks for the copy of the Buraggi report. I have inspected the Deposit at Montaldo Torinese which smells very musty and I am taking steps to have it brought to a healthier spot.

I have also inspected the Palazzo Trotti-Bentivoglio at Alessandria and agree that both temporary repairs are required and a move to obtain a new locale. I have tried to inject some life into the Superintendency of Archives, but when I make an appointment with Buraggi on one of the two ^{with fewer} days in the week he works, he cries off at the last moment; Vanzetti seems to take the view that there is little point in trying to do anything at any time anywhere.

However I hope to report progress in due course.

Yr
R.E. Enthoven

to : Major H.E. BELL
MFAA Archives Officer Hq. A.M.G.
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21 July 1945

20369/ENT/MFAA

FROM: Major H.E. Bell, A.E.C.

Dear

I have been making a few preliminary passes at planning an outline survey of the state of Italian archives at the close of the war.

For Piemonte Region I have the following gaps-

Archivi Comunali Alba, Aosta, Bra, Casale
Monferrato, Cherasco, Mondovi', Tortona.

Archivi Notarili Biella, Casale Monferrato,
Ivrea, Pallanza.

It would be a great help, if you find yourself in any of these places, to get very brief information as to whether the archives mentioned are safe or not. On the other hand, I do want to make it clear that there is no particular urgency about my request, and in any case I don't want you to put yourself out to seek the information. Only I should be grateful if you let me have anything you've got by, say, the end of August.

I hope all's well with you. It is far too hot here, and I much envy you Turin.

Yours

H.E.B.

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Capt. R.E. Enthoven,
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7 JUNE 1945

SUBJECT: Archives in Piemonte Region.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region
(attention of Capt. R.B. Enthoven, MPAA, Officer)

Owing to the posting of Capt. T.R. Brooke out of this theatre, MPAA Sub-Commission was unable to assign an Archives Officer to Piemonte Region. It was therefore thought desirable that undersigned should visit the Region on temporary duty, for consultations with Capt. R.B. Enthoven and to inspect the principal archives of the Region. Consent of 5th Army A.M.G. to this course was obtained, and undersigned reported to Capt. Enthoven on 1st June 1945.

The following comments on archives in the Region are now submitted in triplicate, and it will be appreciated if copies may be forwarded through channels to Director MPAA, Sub-Commission and to S.C.A.O. 5th. Army.

(1) TORINO PROVINCE.

The Archivio di Stato, TORINO.

Undersigned had conversations with the Soprintendente, Prof. Conte Gian Carlo Buraggi, and with two members of his staff - Avv. Pagani and Signorina Lengi.

Premises of the Archive at Piazza Castello 9 and via S. Chiara 40, as already reported by Capt. Enthoven, suffered considerable damage in separate air-raids. Fortunately losses of archives in these attacks were small - owing to a policy of wholesale evacuation carried out by the Soprintendente under great difficulties. The most serious loss is of the records (from late 17th century) of the Registrato della Riforma, which were destroyed by fire at Via S. Chiara 40; in addition, certain

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The most important series, however, are all in deposits as listed by Capt. Entoven.

There are, it would seem, two distinct problems **2512** connection with this Archive.

(i) Repairs to premises, and especially to the main repository at Piazza Castello 9. While undersigned would be in favour of work on this commencing as rapidly as possible, he is inclined to regard its completion as a long-term question, since structural damage appears considerable.

(ii) Return of deposits. In undersigned's view no archives should be brought back to Piazza Castello 9 until repairs are complete. According to the Soprintendente, it would be possible to house the contents of all deposits in Via S. Chiara 40, provided they kept in their

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chests and not unpacked. This concentration would have the advantage of bringing all material under the Soprintendente's eye, and would facilitate the eventual re-ordering of the Archive at such time as Piazza Vastello is made ready to receive documents. On the other hand, all deposits are reported satisfactory and under existing circumstances, therefore, the question of transfer is not a matter of urgency; though an influx of troops into the Region might well make it so. The Soprintendente is preparing a full account of the present state of the Archive; undersigned will forward this to Director, SPAA; Sub-commission when it is to hand.

The Archivio Comunale, TORINO.

Locale and records are unharmful. A very considerable part of the Archivio Storico is in deposit at the Villa di Borsarelli, SEPTIMA D'ASTI. This deposit consists of 112 chests, containing Ordinetti (1325-1645), Editti e Manifesti, Atti Notarili and other series, together with miscellaneous parchment, lists and indexes.

Return of the deposit should be carried out as soon as convenient, since the original premises of the Archive are undamaged and ready to receive documents. Since the Villa di Borsarelli also contains deposits from the Museums and Library, however, SPAA Officer will no doubt wish to take into consideration the needs of these other institutions and co-ordinate the transfer of all three deposits.

Ecclesiastical Archives, TORINO.

Premises of the Archivio Arcivescovile, were inspected by undersigned in company with the Vicar-General; the Archive is undamaged. No, according to the Vicar-General, is the Archivio Capitolare.

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The Archives of the Savour of Quatona and Robilant families are reported by the Soprintendente to be safe.

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Modern Records exploited by Military Intelligence.

On Capt. Anthoven's suggestion, undersigned contacted J15 F.S.S. (Capt. Perkins; Sgt. Kappoport) on the subject of records seized by G. Force with a view to possible intelligence exploitation.

As has occurred in other areas, much record material has been transmitted to Higher Formations. There remain in TORINO, however, four main concentrations of archives not so forwarded - at the Prefettura (the most important series), at H.Q. Piemonte Region (in two rooms set aside for the purpose), at the Dopolevoro Building, and in the offices of J15 F.S.S. itself.

With regard to these, the important question is responsibility for protection from such time as F.S.S., or other exploiting agencies, cease to be interested. F.S.S. would be willing,

and indeed is anxious, to leave the records at that time in safe custody. Underassigned therefore recommends that the Prefect, TORINO Province, or other responsible Italian Official, be instructed to take over deposits referred to above immediately P.S.D. has finished with them, and to arrange for their concentration and protection. The official so appointed should supply a list of the record material placed in his charge.

It need hardly be said that the implementation of this recommendation would involve close contact between SPAA Officer and P.S.D., particularly on the subject of when the various categories of archives are to be handed over.

The Archivio Comunale, Carignano.

This was chosen for inspection, not because it has any special importance but simply as a test-case of the small Archivio Comunale. It is safe, except for some small categories of archives burnt in a civilian demonstration in July 1943.

(2) ALESSANDRIA PROVINCE.

The Regione of Archivio di Stato, ALESSANDRIA.

Underassigned saw the Director (Dr. Carlo Gallia) at his temporary office in Via Napoli 11.

The building housing the Archive (Palazzo Trovati-Centivoglio) was heavily hit by H.B. bombs. The most valuable series (Archivio Storico of the comune, Antico Archivio Notarile of MONFERRATO, with pergamene, lists and indexes) had been evacuated to CASTELNUOVO BOLOGNA, where they remain in what the Director regards as a satisfactory deposit. More modern archives (Atti Tribunali and many other series, largely 19th century) remain in the original repository; the rooms that they occupy appear reasonably watertight, but on the other hand there is danger of illicit entry through blow-out windows which have never been boarded up--indeed such entry took place during the German occupation, though there were no thefts of documents.

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(ii) Archives. In any case, it will be some time before the Archive has a safe, and desirable home. It is therefore important that the deposit at CASTELNUOVO BOLOGNESE should be checked; it is also necessary that the windows of the Archivio should be boarded up--this latter point a matter of some urgency.

For information of Director WILL Sub-Commission it may be added that Dr. Gallia, who served for many years in the Archivio di Stato at MILAN, is hankering after returning there.

Other Archives in ALESSANDRIA.

Going to pressure of time, undersigned made no further inspections at ALESSANDRIA. In general, except for the archives of the Registro and of the Imposte Dirette, Dr. Gallia reports them safe; he is engaged in preparing a detailed report however.

(3) ASTI PROVINCE.

The Archivio Comunale, ASTI.

This is intact and in place, with only the Codex Astensis in deposit; undersigned was assured by the segretario comunale that this would now be returned without delay.

The Archivio Notarile, ASTI.

This archive is reported safe.

The Archivio Vescoville and Archivio Capitolare.

Roth said by an official in the Curia to have suffered no damage.

(4) CUNEO PROVINCE.

The Archivio Comunale, CUNEO.

According to the Segretario Comunale, two deposits from this archive existed outside the city; now all material is returned to the city, and there are deposits in the museum and also in municipal property at the frazione di San Rocco. Undersigned is not very happy about these, as he was only able to get a vague assurance from the segretario that arrangements for return would be made shortly. It would therefore be good if SPAN Officer could make further inquiries on his next visit to CUNEO.

The Archivio Notarile, CUNEO.

This was inspected by undersigned; it is unharmed.

Notarial Archives, CUNEO.

The Archivio Vescoville, and the Archivio Capitolare are of small importance, but both are reported by SPAN. Riberi to be safe. He also, he says, is the more interesting Archivio dell'Ospedale.

(4) CUNEO PROVINCE.The Archivio Comunale, CUNEO.

According to the segretario Comunale, two deposits from this archive existed outside the city; now all material is returned to the city, and there are deposits in the museum and also in municipal property at the frazione di San Rocco. Undersigned is not very happy about these, as he was only able to get a vague assurance from the segretario that arrangements for return would be made shortly. It would therefore be good if MRSA Officer could make further inquiries on his next visit to CUNEO.

The Archivio Materile, CUNEO.

This was inspected by undersigned; it is unharmed.

Eccllesiastical Archives, CUNEO.

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The Archivio Comunale, NOVARA.

Mons. Riberi states that this was destroyed by the Germans.

The Archivio Vescoville and Archivio Capitolare, NOVARA.

The Vicar-General reports both safe.

(5) NOVARA PROVINCE.The Archivio Comunale, NOVARA.

Undersigned saw the administrative records of the Comune, which are safe and in position. The situation with regard to the

archivio storico is not clear, since the former Director (Dr. Alessandro Vigilio) is dead, and apparently no successor appointed. Prof. Bonelli, who is Acting Librarian of the Biblioteca Civica, states that part of the Archive is deposited in the Library, part in the Museum, and part in deposit outside the city- but he does not know where. Having spent far longer over inquiries than the intrinsic worth of the Archive justified, underassigned was reluctantly compelled to leave this very loose and for MPAA Officer to tie up. It is suggested that the really crucial thing is to secure the appointment of a successor to Dr. Vigilio.

The Archivio Notarile, NOVARA.

Underassigned failed to get in, but the building appeared entirely undamaged.

Ecclesiastical Archives.

The Archivio Vescoville is reported safe by Mons. Cassani. The Archivio Capitolare, inspected by underassigned, is safe. The Archivio di S. Gaudenzio is safe and in place; a fourth century diptych, moved for greater security to the Archivio Capitolare, is safe.

The Biblioteca Civica.

Prof. Bonelli reports all safe; there is a deposit on Isola di S. Giulio, Lago di Orba.

(6) VERCELLI PROVINCE.

The Archivio Storico Comunale, VERCELLI.

The Director (Prof. Cesare Paccio) says that this is unharmd.

The Archivio Capitolare Masobiano, VERCELLI.

Also reported by Prof. Paccio to be safe.

the Archivio di Stato, moved for greater security to the century diptych, is safe.
Capitolare, is safe.

The Biblioteca Divina.

Prof. Boncilli reports all safe; there is a deposit on Isola di S. Giulio, Lago di Orta.

(6) VERCELLI PROVINCE.

The Archivio Storico Comunale, VERCELLI.

The Director (Prof. Cesare Facolo) says that this is unharmed.

The Archivio Capitolare Masobiano, VERCELLI.

Also reported by Prof. Facolo to be safe.

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/s/ H.B. Bell major

/ t/ H.B. Bell,
A.B.C. Archives
Officer.

Copies (through channels)
to S.C.A.C., 5th. Army (attn. AFSA Officer)
Director AFSA Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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APO 374

Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 43903; ext. 442 & 25; 478480)

20905/C/10/MPAA

7 July 1945

Subject: Records of the Italian French Armistice Commission.

To : Regional Commissioner, PISAPIA Region, attn: MPAA
Officer (Capt. Enthoven).

1. You are hereby instructed at the request of the Executive Commissioner, IM. AG, to give facilities to the French authorities to inspect the records of the Italian/French Armistice Commission, which are in PISAPIA.

2. None of these records are to be removed, and all must be retained in the custody of the Allied Commission until further notice.

E. T. De
HERBERT T. DE HAID
Lt. Col. , Spec. Res.
Director.

Copy to:

Capt. William D. McCain, LOMBARDIA Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

4 LUG 1945

5 LUG 1945

Ref: 572/74/EG.

Tel: 735

4 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Records of the Italian/French Armistice Commission.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached hereto is letter from the Office of the French Representative, reference AB/SM No.2.175 dated 3 July 1945, together with copy of acknowledgement.
2. Will you please instruct the Archives Officer covering TURIN that facilities are to be given to the French authorities to inspect the records of the Italian/French Armistice Commission, but that none are to be removed. The records must be retained in the custody of the Allied Commission until further notice.

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E. M. L. L.
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

*M. F. A.**Action as para 2 above please*

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ALLIED COMMISSIONS FINE ARTS & ARCHIVES
SUBCOMMISSION
6 LUG 1945
FILE No. <i>20905/c/10</i>

5 July

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

APO 394

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Rome, July 3rd 1945
AB/SM n° 2.175

JUL 4 1945

To : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
Allied Commission Hq.

Subject : Records of the Italian-French Armistice Commission
in Turin.

- 1./ We have been informed that the records of the Italian-French Armistice Commission = which operated in Turin from June 1940 to September 1943 = are actually located in the Royal Palace of same town.
- 2./ This Office would be very grateful if you would kindly examine the possibility of handing over to the French authorities such documents which appear to be of very great interest to them./.

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Lt B. de GUILLIN d'AVENAS,
i.c. French Mission.

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Ref: 572/75/EC.

Tel: 735

4 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Records of the Italian/French Armistice Commission.

TO : Office of the French Representative.

1. In reply to your letter, reference AB/SM No.2.175 dated 3 July 1945, I regret to inform you it is not possible at the present time to hand over to the French authorities the records of the Italian/French Armistice Commission.
2. However, those records which it is understood are located in the Royal Palace at TURIN may be inspected by the French authorities and instructions will be given to the Archives Officer of PIEMONTE Region to give every facility in this respect.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489081, ext. 442 & 254; 478480)

20401/MPA

18 June 1945

Subject: Proposals for Repair to State Archives Building,
ALEXANDRIA.

To : HQ, FLEETING Region, *atn MFAA Office*

The accompanying correspondence is forwarded for your
information and for such action as you may find possible.

For the Director:

J. B. TARD PERKINS
Lt. Col., R.A.
Deputy Director.

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Letter by Comm. Re (15 June 45)

Report of Arch. di Stato, ALEXANDRIA, 11 May 45

Copy to:

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SOVRINTENDENZA ARCHIVISTICA PER IL PIEMONTE

RELAZIONE SUI DANNI SUBITI DAGLI ARCHIVI DEL PIEMONTE
IN DIPENDENZA DELLA GUERRA

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RELAZIONE DEI DANNI SUBITI DAGLI ARCHIVI DEL PIRENTE
IN DIPENDENZA DELLA GUERRA

U. S. - Siccome è tuttora in corso un'inchiesta intrapresa allo scopo di accertare quali danni abbia causato la guerra agli archivi delle singole località del Piemonte, così per il momento non si possono fornire dati sicuri che intorno all'Archivio di Stato di Torino ed alle sezioni di Archivio di Stato di Alessandria,

ARCHIVIO DI STATO DI TORINO

L'Archivio di Stato di Torino ebbe molto a soffrire durante gli avvenimenti bellici, ma per fortuna le energie che si erano pre-
cauzionalmente adottate a tempo debito salvarono dalla distruzione non soltanto le carte dei documenti più preziosi, ma anche la massima parte dei materiali archivistici, e rimasero così la perdita a pochi fondi di secondaria importanza.

Infatti i due edifici che ospitano l'Archivio, siti l'uno in Piazza Castello (antico "Archivio di Corte") e l'altro in via S. Chiara (Sezioni riunite; Camera dei conti, Guerra e Marina, Finanze ecc.) furono entrambi colpiti parecchie volte dai bombardamenti aerei e più gravemente durante le incursioni dell'8 dicembre 1942, del 13 luglio, del 7 agosto 1943. Le tre ultime incursioni danneggiano gravemente soltanto i fabbricati, ma la prima invece (8 dicembre 1942) distrusse anche una certa quantità di documenti. Le bombe e gli spazzoni incendiari determinarono in quella notte in un'ala del vecchio palazzo di via S. Chiara un terribile incendio che divorse completamente due sale con tutte quante le carte che vi erano contenute, e così andarono perdute le seguenti serie:

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(anni 1814-1850), sessi e volumi . . . 4.149 2472
2. Atti del Ministero delle Pubblica Istruzione (anni 1720-1850), sessi e volumi . . . 2.091
3. Atti del Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici
(anni 1819-1850), sessi e volumi . . . 2.090

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3. Atti del Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici (anni 1815-1860), fasci e volumi . . .		2.050
4. Atti dell'Intendenza Generale e della Prefettura di Torino, fasci e volumi . . .		1.660
Totale fasci e volumi		10.928
		55.520 cm

Per fortuna questi fondi non erano tra i più notevoli conservati nell'archivio di via S. Chiara. Gli atti del Ministero dell'Interno rappresentavano soltanto una parte delle carte di quel Ministero degli anni indicati e tanto essi quanto quelli del Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici e dell'Intendenza Generale, poi Prefettura di Torino, avevano carattere prevalentemente amministrativo. Più interessanti, e perciò più deplorabile ne è la scomparsa, erano gli atti del Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione, per cui comprendevano anche le carte dell'organo preposto all'istruzione nell'antico Regno di Sardegna, il "Registrazione della Riforma", nonché una parte dei documenti dell'Università di Torino del secolo XVIII e XIX.

Tutta eccezione di tali serie, tutte la rimanente senza delle carte dell'archivio di Via S. Chiara (di circa 240.000 fra manoscritti e rotoli) usci incolore della guerra. E integralmente salvi furono pure i documenti dell'archivio di piazza Castello, l'antico "archivio di Corte" della monarchia di Savoia, raccolta di inestimabile valore storico notissima agli studiosi di tutto il mondo. Quest'ultimo archivio però, che era ospitato nel famosi saloni del Jovare, ebbe gravissimo rischio, perché l'invasione del 11 luglio ne rovinò la sede. Ma per fortuna essa era già stata precedentemente sgombrata di tutti i documenti che conteneva, e in tal modo fu evitata una irreparabile catastrofe.

La difesa del patrimonio archivistico dai pericoli dei bombardamenti aerei si ispirò a seconda dei momenti a due diverse direttive. In un primo tempo, quando cioè meno temibile era l'azione delle bombe, i documenti di maggior valore vennero ricoverati in un sotterraneo appositamente attrezzato per la loro protezione; ma più tardi, allorché aumentò terribilmente la potenzialità dei bombardamenti, il materiale archivistico più notevole fu allontanato da Torino. Venne accuratamente scelto e imballato in speciali li grandi casse che furono trasportate in sei castelli isolati del Piemonte, e precisamente in quelli di Montaldo Torinese, San Giorgio Canavese, Agliè, Gassino, Fubine, Uviggia (Rodighiero Monteferrato). Questo materiale archivistico comprende l'intero "archivio di Corte" col suo "museo storico" e colla "biblioteca" ricca di manoscritti, di edizioni rare e di rilegature artistiche; la parte più antica dell'archivio della Camera dei Conti, e parecchi "pensieri" scelti in diversi altri fondi. Sono ammonti complessivamente all'incirca la cifra di 65.462 fra manoscritti, volumi e rotoli, il che è quanto dire che furono messi al sicuro parecchi milioni di documenti. Il tutto venne rinchiuso in 1.528 casse così ripartite tra i diversi castelli nei quali si trovano tuttora:

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Provincia di Torino:

Castello di MONTALDO TORINESE casse n. 218

Provincia di Aosta:

Castello di S. GIORGIO CANAVESE " " 703

Castello di AGLIÈ " " 178

Provincia di Alessandria:

Castello di Uviggia (Rodighiero Monteferrato) " " 95

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Castello di FUBINA , " " 95

Castello di CAMINO , " " 219

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I documenti collocati nei castelli al riparo dai bombardamenti, dopo l'armistizio dell'8 settembre furono esposti ad altri pericoli di nuovo genere perché vennero presi di mira dai tedeschi i quali, dopo aver fatto aprire alcune casse delle loro gendarmerie fecero scattare sotto sequestro della compiacente Prefettura repubblicana di Alessandria i tre depositi di Camino, Uviglie e Fubina, e ciò in odio alla Casa di Savoia, da cui provenivano le carte. La direzione dell'Archivio di Stato di Torino dovette perciò lavorare con ansietà e sotterfugi per sottrarre quei documenti alla rapacità ed alle sepolcrali naxiste. Particolari accorgimenti dovettero essere per evitare le indagini della Commissione archivistica tedesca che, col pretesto di volerli tutelare, intendeva conoscere

quali fossero i più preziosi depositi archivistici. Delicatissimi e difficili furono pure gli sforzi per impedire che nel corso di azioni di rastrellamento contro i partigiani andassero danneggiati i documenti dei castelli, fra i quali corsero gravi rischi quelli di S. Giorgio e di Camino. Quest'ultimo fu minacciato di incendio per rappresaglia e data prestabilita.

Partroppo ultimamente è pervenuta la notizia che alle perdite di documenti subite dall'Archivio di Stato di Torino nelle sue sedi se ne deve aggiungere ancora un'altra, quella cioè di undici "penali" che dal 1940 si trovavano depositati temporaneamente presso l'Archivio di Stato di Napoli per la "Mostra delle Terre italiane d'Oltremare" e che furono bruciati dai tedeschi insieme coi più pregevoli materiali di tale Archivio ricoverati nella villa Montezano presso S. Paolo Melsito, in quella orribile azione di rappresaglia che tanto sdegno sollevò negli ambienti culturali del mondo intero. Si tratta di documenti relativi a Cipro, alla Serbia, alla Tunisia, all'Egitto, al Marocco, alla Persia, al Congo, alla Cina, alla Birmania.

La Soprintendenza Archivistica per il Piemonte, preoccupata della sorte di tutti quanti gli archivi, non manò di intervenire quando poté anche in difesa di archivi privati di interesse storico. Così ad es. due di essi particolarmente esposti a gravi pericoli furono senz'altro ritirati e custoditi nell'Archivio di Stato; quello della famiglia di Robilant perché conservato in una villa di Torino vicinissima alle officine della Fiat, obiettivo di attacchi aerei; e quello della famiglia del conte di Cavour, allorché la villa di Santena in cui era collocato venne occupata da un Comando tedesco.

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SEZIONE DI ARCHIVIO DI STATO DI ALESSANDRIA

Il palazzo Trotti-Sentivoglio, in cui aveva sede la Sezione di Archivio di Stato di Alessandria, fu rovinata dai bombardamenti aerei, ma l'intero complesso dei documenti poté essere salvato e trovarsi pressantemente ricoverato nel castello di Castelnuovo. Non potrà essere riportato ad Alessandria fin tanto che non vi sarà una sede atta a riceverlo.

D E S I G N A T A
SECRET

1) I documenti più pregevoli dell'Archivio di Stato di Torino che, rinchiusi in 1528 casse, sono tuttora depositati nei sei castelli di cui si è fatta menzione, non potranno, a quanto pare, essere restituiti subito alla loro sede. Per quanto riguarda i depositi dei castelli di San Giorgio, Agliè, Camino, Pabine ed Uviggie tale ritardo pare che non debba recare alcun pregiudizio, tanto più che i locali dell'Archivio di Torino attendono ancora il compimento delle più urgenti ed indispensabili ripercussioni. Si ha invece ragione di temere che possano soffrire per l'umidità i documenti conservati nel castello di Montaldo Torinese e perciò sarebbe desiderabile che le 218 casse che si trovano colà fossero trasportate a Torino al più presto possibile. La cosa è relativamente facile dato che Montaldo dista da Torino soltanto una ventina di chilometri.

2) I due edifici dell'Archivio di Stato di Torino (via S. Chiara e piazza Castello), entrambi gravemente danneggiati dalle incursioni aeree, richiederanno importanti lavori di riparazione. Ma siccome tali lavori non potranno forse essere compiuti subito, sarebbe desiderabile che fossero almeno eseguiti immediatamente i restauri più urgenti ed inarrogabili, in mancanza dei quali nel fabbricato di Via S. Chiara potrebbe derivarne danno ai materiali archivistici. E pertanto sarebbe opportuno che venissero impartiti ordini in proposito agli organi tecnici competenti, e cioè al Corpo del Genio Civile e all'Ufficio Tecnico dell'Amministrazione Provinciale di Torino.

Torino 12 giugno 1945

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IL SOPRINTENDENTE ARCHIVISTICO
DIRETTORE DELL'ARCHIVIO DI STATO DI TORINO
(Gian Carlo Buraggi)

f.to. G.C. Buraggi

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(Gian Carlo Buraggi)

fto. G.C. Buraggi

@ 10 June

M.P.A.A.
A.M.C.H. Piemonte Region

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for "Orti" ending 31 May 1945

TO : M.P.A.A. IV Corps. (through channels).

General. The undersigned arrived at TURIN on 5 May 1945, being assigned an office on 9 May. On 8 May Capt. Kellor, M.P.A.A. officer A.M.C.H. 5 Army paid a visit and assisted in the issue of the more important "Off Limits" notices.

Personnel. Contact has been made with all the Superintendency Officials, the Superintendents being as follows.

Galleries: Prof. A.M. seems well suited to post.

Monuments: Arch. MESTURINO. Knowledgeable, Bohemian with a big amount of inertia. Has been brought back to TURIN but tends to slip back to A.O.II. to guard deposit. The architectural staff, which is inadequate, has been more active in documenting damage to TORINO City than in preparing specifications of work or restoration. This matter is receiving attention and it is hoped that there will be an improvement in the near future.

The early release so far presented in proper form to A.M.C.H. Public Works is that for repairs to the University Library prepared by the Genio Civile.

Antiquities: Prof. GAMBACCI. Seems active and efficient.

Epigraphy: Prof. Z. RINA. Very ill. Can control neither limbs nor voice and should obviously be pensioned off immediately. His work is being done by Dott. SCARAZZI.

Archives: Conte BUNACCI. Undersigned has so far only met avv. Vanzetti.

Libraries: Dott. PABONALLO

Museo Civico: Dott. VIAIR

Professor A.M.'s motor car, which is being cleaned and restored.

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Activities: Prof. CARLUCCI. Some active and efficient.

Psychology: Prof. PAVINA. Very ill. Can control neither limbs nor voice and should obviously be pensioned off immediately. His work is being done by Dott. Bonazzi.

Archives: Conte BURCHI. Undermanned has so far only met M.V. Vanzetti.

Libraries: Dott. PASTORALLO

Museo Civico: Dott. VITA

Professor Aru's motor car, which is being licensed and protected from requisitioning appears to be the only vehicle available for all the Superintendencies, apart from Prof. Caracciolo's motor cycle. The latter has also a small car, but this was recently battered to scrap by the Germans at Aglie.

An attempt has been made to make a detailed inspection of TORINO City, much of which has had to be done perforce "con cavallo di San Francesco", and a preliminary survey only of the various provinces, as and when transport can be obtained.

TORINO PROVINCE

During May 1945 an extensive tour has been made of TORINO City, where more war damage has been suffered than anywhere else in the Region. The major raids took place in November and December 1942, July and August 1943, when extensive damage was done by both H.B. bombs and incendiaries.

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@ 10 Jan

The following listed monuments were found to be (a) intact or (b) with broken window-frames only or (c) to have had minor incendiary damage, already repaired.

1. A - BUILDINGS

Churches

Cattedrale di S. Giovanni. Minor damage sustained to interior decorative details.

Capella della Madonna. Guarini's unusual dome-construction unaffected.

S. Carlo

S. Cristina. Stone "Stemma" above doorway broken

S. Filippo

S. Francesco da Paola

S. Martiri. Slight damage to wood fittings also (Harvard, etc.)

S. Massimo

Gran Madre di Dio

SS. Pietro and Paolo (modern)

S. Sebastiano (modern)

S. Tommaso

S. Chiara

S. Maria di Piazza

Palaces

Regio. Inspected with Generale Amico de Meana, Regente della Direzione Provinciale della locale Casa di Torino. Minor wear and tear from occupation by Partigiani and later Allied troops. H.A. bombs falling in courtyard - broke windows and brought down some patches of painted plaster in armoury wing.

Accademia delle Scienze. Pont-neuve library destroyed by incendiaries.

St. Martiri. Slight damage to wood. Pillboxes
also (Harvard, etc)

S. Balmezzo

Gran Madre di Dio

Sa. Pietro and Paolo (modern)

S. Secondo (modern)

S. Tommaso

S. Chiara

S. Maria di Piazza

Palazzo

Neale. Impacted with German shells and gas. Requested shells
Mines Province della Valle Cane di Torino. Minor wear
and tear from occupation by Partisans and later Allied
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brought down some patches of painted plaster in armory wing.

Accademia della Belle Arti. Post-house library destroyed by
incendiaries.

Asinari - Garoglio - Casale

Barolo-Fallot

Ferraro d'Orto

Genova (Circolo degli Artisti)

Saluzzo - Pinerolo

Castello Valentino

Roman Theatre and Walls

Porta Palatina

Also

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A. 2 -- COLLECTIONS

LibrariesBelle. Deposited at Bayreuth and Aglio.Civico. Listed also as "Municipale". Part deposited at Venice including manuscripts (inspected) and at Montebello, Belluno and Mantua (part deposited intact). Less important books stored in Turin, corner of Via S. Chiara and Corso Palestro where building was demolished but the books, being in the basement shelter, survived.Ennio. Reported at Conservatorio Giuseppe Verdi.Prince of Piedmont's (Military) Deposited at RoccaforteMuseumsRoyal Academy. Deposited at Benches. Reported intact.Museums:Gross and Aglio. Part deposited at Aglio, part at Accademia delle Scienze.Ennio. Part deposited at Aglio, part at Accademia delle Scienze.Riccardo. at Palazzo Carignano.Aglio. at Cisterna, reported intact.Municipale. Part deposited at Aglio, part at Palazzo Massimo.Aglio. Intact but building damaged by blast from H.B.'s on Convent of Capuchins.Art GalleriesEnnio (Accademia delle Scienze) Deposited at Isola Bella and Aglio.Alberto. Deposited at Isola Bella and Aglio.Modern Art. Paintings deposited at Palazzo Massimo. Building gutted by fire from incendiaries.

The following listed monuments were found to be damaged and in need of post-war repairs or reconstruction. Recommendations for individual work are appended.

Art Galleries:

Green and Roman. Part deposited at Aglio', part at Accademia delle Scienze.

Enlightenment. Part deposited at Aglio', part at Accademia delle Scienze.

Enlightenment. At Palazzo Carignano.

Enlightenment. At Cittadella, reported intact.

Enlightenment. Part deposited at Aglio', part at Palazzo Medici.

Alpine. Intact but building damaged by blast from H.A.'s on Convent of Capuchins.

Art Galleries

Sebastia (Accademia delle Scienze) deposited at Isola Bella and Aglio'.

Albertina. deposited at Isola Bella and Aglio'.

Modern Art. Pictures deposited at Palazzo Madama. Building gutted by fire from Incasulzerien.

The following listed monuments were found to be damaged and in need of post-war repairs or reconstruction. Recommendations for immediate work are appended.

B. L. - MUSEUMSChurches

M. Maria del Monte Carmelo (del Carmine). Baroque design of some note by Juvara. Severely damaged by H.A. bomb which fell in the centre of church, forming large hole in floor over crypt. Entire roof destroyed except for main timbers. Walls and decorative plaster cracked.

Recommendations. Cracks to be consolidated and roof to be repaired to prevent further deterioration.

Maritime Cable Exchange. Cables are also present
to right of cable and are by N.E. bank building
rooms and cables, connecting adjacent lobby and
room over security, which was itself also
H. side of courtyard forming a small corridor
H. and N. sides connected. The brick corridor
must all be removed and replaced.

Recommendation: The report to the church already
initiated by the church authorities to be completed.

2. Church. Good structure to be maintained by insurance,
water, and other to fall in. This was removed for repair
later, being replaced by temporary building.

Recommendation: Good as is and already been made
water, and other to fall in.

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water, and other to fall in. This was removed for repair
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Recommendations: Further roof-work as necessary to keep the water out.

Positive Facts: (adjoining church main). Stone facade damaged on roof destroyed. Gables and roof removed.

Recommendations: Roof to be replaced water-tight.

Observations: Cobble church notable evidence of main baroque damaged by incendiaries. Roof floor and stairs to find brick chimney destroyed but already replaced to protect frescoes below.

Recommendations: Repairs already initiated to roof to be completed.

Observations: Church's unusual dome construction unaffected. Two small lanterns and roof over altar damaged by incendiaries. Window openings to interior provisionally bricked up and roof repaired in tiles (roofs) replacing original lead. Flat pitch accounts for rain coming through.

Recommendations: Further work to chapel roof to render it water-proof.

Observations: Incendiary damage behind high altar, where large room, attached chapel ornament was destroyed.

Recommendations: Roof repairs.

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Observations: Parlo al Horno del Carmelito and convent. P.M. bomb fell in corridor all sides of which were practically demolished. Church walling placed outside on S. and E. facade, but otherwise intact.

Also (Marquez).

Observations: Facade badly damaged by H.M. bomb. Entire roof at entrance and convent, the brick vault to this compartment being badly damaged. Organ destroyed, decorations to vaults spoilt by rain.

Recommendations: Roof to be replaced and dangerous portions of vaulting to be removed or alternatively reconstructed.

Observations: Church of Maria. Tiles broken, first H.M. and later H.M. destroyed. All roofs destroyed except to chapel around

E. end. A recent work of no great merit.

Recommendations. Nothing urgent.

S. Giordano. Gutted - Roof gone - N. and S. facades pitted. A fairly recent work of not great distinction.

Recommendations. Nothing urgent.

M. Medico. Exterior walling badly scarred; entrance door and windows destroyed.

Recommendations. Nothing urgent.

Palaces

Carignano : Guarini's brick exterior intact. Parts of roof burnt by incendiaries. Monumental stairs and some rooms damaged.

Recommendations. Repairs to roof over stairs to be completed.

Accademia Milanese. This building was almost half destroyed when both sides of Piazza S. Carlo, the accepted centre of 18th Century Turin, was gutted by fire from incendiaries. Preserved ceiling by Bernardino Catinari to large salons completely lost, and various fine rooms destroyed or damaged.

Adjacent palaces, similarly affected include:

Arsenale di Colloblene aka' Villa di Villantona

Varrore e dell'Ospizio di Carita'

Barbaroux

Cirioni di Monforte

Roma' Cattaneo Achino

Roma' di Felice aka' Turinetti in Pertengo

Certain re-roofing work of a provisional nature and strutting to the arcade have been carried out by the Genio Civile, but two corner buildings collapsed through further damage from the weather.

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Avogadro di Collobiano via' Villa di Villanovaleone

Verrone o dell'Ospizio di Carità

Barbaroux

Cirio di Monastero

Rosa' Cattaneo Adorno

Palazzo di Falicon via' Turinetti in Parvato

Certain re-roofing work of a provisional nature and strutting to the arcade have been carried out by the Genio Civile, but two corner buildings collapsed through further damage from the weather.

Recommendations: That a policy decision be reached as soon as possible with regard to reconstruction modifications, if any, to the interiors of this quarter, in order that the facades and roofs may be restored forthwith.

Chiablese. (Adjoining Palazzo Reale). Half of wide facing Royal courtyard gutted by fire from incendiaries destroying some adjacent 17-18 cent. Piedmontese baroque interiors including chapel. Repaired rooms survived. Wing at back damaged by 2 H.E. bombs. Pictures and furniture deposited at 'Spina' should be intact. Genio Civile repaired roof after a year's exposure to the weather.

Recommendations: Windows to be repaired to prevent further damage from humidity to surviving rooms.

Di Città. Considerable damage from incendiaries, H.E.'s and blast. Roof to right of main block, the only monumental part affected, burnt but repaired provisionally in corrugated asbestos sheeting, already cracked.

Recommendations: Roof to be repaired with tiles.

Trucochi di Iovaldigi. Roof burnt by incendiaries but has already been made waterproof. Decorations to various rooms spoilt by water.

Recommendations : Nothing urgent.

Madura. Juvara front damaged by H.B. blast and incendiaries including roof and enriched plaster-work over stairs. Partisani found in occupation but ejected.

Recommendations : Roof and windows to be repaired.

San'Universita'. Early 18 cont., showing Hunsu influence. Previously damaged by incendiaries in two separate raids, including both monumental stairs. Provisional roof repairs to part of N. side have already been carried out.

Recommendations : Repairs already initiated to part of N. side, including large vaulted room, to be completed forthwith, for both Monumental and Hunsu reasons.

Memorio Arivesseville. Juvara cortile intact. Large portion of library demolished by H.B.'s, also wing of so monumental importance.

Recommendations : Repairs already initiated to library to be completed, so that surviving books may be put in order.

Rondia - Balbo Bertone di Sanbux. 17 cont., with 170000. Partly gutted by fire from incendiaries, several decorated rooms being destroyed. Re-roofing already carried out.

Recommendations : Nothing urgent pending general restoration.

Corte di Agliano (Cassa di Commercio) twice hit by H.B. bombs. Half destroyed and much that stands, including surviving patches of frescoed ceilings, may have to be demolished.

Recommendations : Nothing urgent, pending decision with regard to reconstruction.

Roofing. Roof burnt by incendiaries but already repaired; decorations to several rooms destroyed completely, to others

Seminario Tevescoville. Juvenile orphelin intact, large portion of library demolished by H.A.'s, also wing of no monumental importance.

Recommendations: Repairs already initiated to library to be completed, so that surviving books may be put in order.

Scoutia - Balbo Bertone di Sanbury, 17 cent., with fresco, partly gutted by fire from incendiaries, several decorated rooms being destroyed. Re-roofing already carried out.

Recommendations: Nothing urgent pending general restoration.

Corte d'Arifano (Camera di Commercio) twice hit by H.A. bombs. Half destroyed and much that stands, including surviving patches of frescoed ceilings, may have to be demolished.

Recommendations: Nothing urgent, pending decision with regard to reconstruction.

Borino. Roof burnt by incendiaries but already repaired; decorations to several rooms destroyed completely, to others seriously damaged.

Recommendations: Nothing urgent.

Quosquillo Albertina: Considerably damaged by fire from incendiaries and that from H.A. nearby.

Recommendations: Certain immediate repairs to be proposed in conjunction with Examination Division.

Also:

Villa della Regina (Istituto delle Figlie dei Militari). This important building was part gutted by fire from incendiaries and damaged by nearby H.A.'s. A provisional tiled roof has been constructed over the main block and windows have been bricked up, so that this portion is

more or less weather tight. Interior decorations, which were notable, seriously damaged. Dormitory block, of lesser importance, left roofless. Garden balustrading damaged.

Recommendations : Nothing urgent pending preparation of scheme for restoration.

'Mediceval' Village near Castello Valentino. Considerably damaged by fire from incendiaries which adds to the antique appearance of this fine building.

Teatro Regio. Destroyed by fire some years before the war, leaving window-less exterior wall standing.

B. 2. - COLLECTIONS

Libraries

dell'Universita' - Regionale. Informed by Dott. Pastorello and Dott. Morri that one-third, i.e. some 200,000 books, was destroyed by fire. Many volumes irreplaceable. Of the surviving two-thirds, 200,000 are in position or in the basement shelter, 100,000 are deposited at Castello d'Urba and 100,000 on at 1 Via Maria Vittoria and 2 Via Piana Suria, all reported intact. Most important incunabulae deposited at Venis. Library of Periodicals destroyed.

The various sections of the University Library of Faculties are reported:

Medicine: Destroyed, also building
Polytechnic : Destroyed, also building
Fine Arts : (Albertina) Part destroyed, building damaged
Arts : (Lettere) Books saved, rooms destroyed.
Electrotechnics : Destroyed, building survived

Art Collections

Villa Regina. Paintings entitled 'S. Genoveffa adorna la Vergine col Bambino Gesù' by Daniele Seyter burnt.

Listed Monuments at the following places have been inspected and found to be intact:

University of Genoa - Genoa, informed by Dott. Pastorelli to an. Dott. Morri that one-third, i.e. some 200,000 books, was destroyed by fire. Many volumes irreplaceable. Of the surviving two-thirds, 200,000 are in position or in the basement shelter, 100,000 are deposited at Castello d'Orba and 100,000 at 1 Via Maria Vittoria and 2 Via Plans Turin, all reported intact. Most important incunabulae deposited at Fenis. Library of Periodicals destroyed.

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Art Collections

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Listed Monuments of the following places have been inspected and found to be intact:

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A.I. Genoa

Basilica. Rows broken glass. Deposit.

Genoa

Cattedrale

S. Maria della

Palazzo di Città and Museum opposite

Castello

Monument of Annetus. Protected by timbering

Monument of Maria and Peter

Archives of Genoa reported intact by priest, who also reported Monuments at Novalese to be intact.

AVIGLIANA

Basile di S. Michele. Dramatic of this Renaissance edifice. Other Monuments in this neighbourhood intact but were not entered.

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one bomb fell in neighborhood but did no damage to monuments.

CHURCH

Palace Hotel, notable severe shrapnel-bomb damage, but interiorly intact. No structural damage, but laboratory indicated interior badly damaged by German-fascist occupation. Injuries, paintings, beds, etc., taken; wall-hangings, curtains and pots damaged by portions being removed; fixtures broken. Painted central hall intact. Original view through surrounding woods, an integral part of this view as seen, much spoiled by tree-cutting.

POST-PROVING

On 24 May 1945 undersigned made preliminary inspection of POST. City. No change discovered, Prof. Canonic Honor Ministry Inspector army for the day but contact with him will be made when a more detailed inspection is made in the district.

The following listed monuments and collections were seen to be intact:

I. - WILLIAMS

CHURCH

Gettemale and Cloister. Treasury and stained-glass windows were deposited at Guiglio near houses, but have already been brought back. These are still boxed up, but Bishop reported nothing missing.

Collection of J. Cruz, including notable Cloister, Guiglio and Cloister House (at Chollant). Treasury and stained-glass windows were deposited at Guiglio near houses, but have already been brought back. These are still boxed up, but Canonic reported nothing missing.

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On 24 May 1945 undersigned made preliminary inspection of SANTA city. No damage discovered, PMA. Continued down Monterey Inspector away for the day but contact with him will be made when a more detailed inspection is made in the district.

The following listed monuments and collections were seen to be intact:

I. - BUILDINGS

Churches

Cathedral and Cloister. Treasury and stained-glass windows were deposited at Guille near Monaca, but have already been brought back. These are still boxed up, but Bishop reported nothing missing.

Collegiate of St. Greg. Including notable Cloister, Carpenter and Carpenter House (all excellent). Treasury and stained-glass windows were deposited at Guille near Monaca, but have already been brought back. These are still boxed up, but Comandante reported nothing missing.

St. Antonio

St. Catherine and convent

Monk House

Theatre and adjacent Encarnacion

Sanfilomena

Bridge

San Pedro and Franciscan gate

San Bernardino

Arch of Augustus : lower part and capitals still protected with timber.

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Also:

Torre del Palatio

Torre del Vellacher

Torre del Bellage

Torre del Labrono

Torre di Tournenave

Torre delle Prigioni

Torre del Bramosani

Palazzo Roroni

Memorial Column (Calvin)

II. - COLLECTIONS

Insurance Activities (listed as "Royal" and "Civico"). Part protected with boxing and sandbags, the remainder in some disorder. Custodian reported nothing missing.

Accademia di Sant'Anselmo. Some of the objects deposited at home of Gasconio, but none reported missing.

Maiolica Collection (Cospedale). Said to have been moved some time ago to Via Rocellano, Turin.

Alpine Museum (Municipio). Model of Alps, copy of the one in Bishop's Palace; also library.

Libreria Biblioteca del Seminario. Gasconio with keys away but library reported by Bishop to be intact.

III. - RECOVERIES

2415

Cattedrale. Not inspected, but reported by Bishop to be intact and in normal location.

Driving nearby the full length of Valle d'Aosta from Ivrea to Aosta, no war damage was noticed except at Pont d'Arve, where however the heavy bridge had survived. It is

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Museum Antiquities (listed as "Royal" and "Civico"). Part protected with boxing and sandbags, the remainder in some disorder. Custodian reported nothing missing.

Accademia di San'Ansano. Some of the objects deposited at house of Canonico, but none reported missing.

Maiolica Collection (Cassale). Said to have been moved some time ago to Via Magellano, Turin.

Alpine Museum (Mantua). Model of Alps, copy of the one in Bishop's Palace; also library.

Libreria Biblioteca del Seminario. Canonico with keys away but library reported by Bishop to be intact.

III. - ARCHIVES

2415

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Driving nearly the full length of Valle d'Aosta from IVREA to ENTREVES, no war damage was noticed except at PONT ST. MARTIN, where however the Roman bridge had survived. It is reported that many of the Castles have been damaged by occupying troops and a full inspection will be made in due course. The following were inspected and found to be intact.

TURIN. Boxed deposit of books, from Biblioteca Civica Turin appeared intact. Custodian reported one box had been opened by Germans, but nothing was taken.

SARRE. Minor damage to windows and furniture. Belongs and anti-room elaborately decorated with antlers had been saved from Marshal Goering's clutches.

On 11 May 1945 the local Castle of AULIG was inspected, while still in German hands and again on 16 May 1945 when an American Unit had taken charge. Damage had been done to many of the lower windows but the brick structure appeared to be intact. The following damage to contents belonging to the Castle were noted: 3 Roman busts smashed of which 2 heads have been retrieved, 1 amphora and 1 marble vase shattered, some furniture broken, books in disarray and possibly rubbed, two pictures pierced by holes.

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ROYAL PROVINCE

On 19 May 1945 the undersigned made an inspection of
BETHLEH and ISOLA BELLA. (For Deposits see separate item).
The following listed Monuments were found to be intact:

Palazzo Montecassio and Formal Garden
St. Crocifisso
Villa Ippolito (occupied by Naval Office)

CURIA PROVINCE

On 19 May 1945 the undersigned visited Mottolone. The
town was undamaged except for the convent of St. Domenico, hit
by a bomb which also shattered the windows of the church.

The following listed Monuments were visited and found intact.

Castello Reale. Minor damage done to interior when occupied
by Repubblica Fascista: certain pictures slashed, mirrors
furniture, urns and busts broken, but not many. Park partly
occupied by American Hq. living under canvas. Off limits,
notices to Palazzo respected. 19 cent. group of buildings at far
end of Park, including chapel and Oratory unharmed.

Sanleone. No not appear to have been damaged.

St. Giovanni. Baroque church of some distinction, damaged
by Gallo.

TRONTO PROVINCE3. - ABRUZZO

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St. Eusebio (Piazza Castello) inspected in company of avv.
Vanzetti. Building suffered considerable damage to windows
woodwork and plastering, when adjoining academy's military
was and is being demolished by H.A. bombs. Walls and roof remain
sound. The more important archives had been sent to the
following Deposits:

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1) Montecassio Montecassio Castello del M. P. P. P.
(Tronzo) (Tronzo) (Tronzo)

2) Castello (Aversa) Castello Montecassio Montecassio

occupied by American Hq. living under oaks. 'Off limits' notices to Palace respected. 19 cent. group of buildings at far end of park, including chapel and Orangerie unharmed.

Muricchio. Did not appear to have been convent.

S. Giovanni. Baroque church of some distinction, designed by Gallo.

MODICA PROVINCIA

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3. - ALBUFER

di Stato (9 Piazza Castello) inspected in company of avv. Vanzetti. Building suffered considerable damage to windows, roof and plastering, when adjoining Accademia Militare was cut firely demolished by H.B. bombs. Walls and roof remain sound. The more important archives had been sent to the following Deposits:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>No. of CASES</u>
1) Montalido Torinese (Torino)	Castello del SS. Padri Munabili	118
2) Camino (Aless.)	Castello Marchese Scarama di Villanova	239
3) Robino (Aless.)	Castello Contessa Sofia Cacherano di Bricherasio	95
4) Ivellio (Cuneo di Castello Contessa Cacherano Rodiguesse Monfor- di Bricherasio rato - Aless.)		95
5) Aelle' (Aosta)	Castello	178
6) E. Giorgio Canavese	Castello Contessa Maria Luisa Mandrate di E. Giorgio in Soverzene	204 1518

Nos. 1 and 6 have been inspected and appear intact.
Nos. 1 to 4 have been reported intact.

The less important items were stored at 40 Via S. Chiara, Turin, where the building suffered considerable damage without affecting the contents.

Notarial. Reported intact at 33 Via Mario Gioia, Turin

Civic. Sent to Deposit at Bettino, reported intact.

Cathedral. Sent to Deposit at Rivoli, reported intact.

Superintendencies of Antiquities, Libraries, Galleries and Monuments. All in place and intact.

S.E. ANTONIO

Capt.

M.F.A.A. Officer

Copies (through channels) to:

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Attached to Monthly Report for M.F.A.A. S/C RC. A.C.

1. - List and details of damage to Monuments in Torino prior to any reports being carried out.

2. - List in duplicate of location of art deposits of items from Torino

3. - Current list of supervising officials for Piemonte

4. - Booklet entitled TORINO FINITA AUTOCAL.

APPENDIX

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Attached to Monthly Report for M.F.A.A. C/O HQ. A.O.

1. - List and details of damage to Monuments in THAKHO prior to any reports being carried out.
2. - List in duplicate of location of Art Deposits of items from THAKHO
3. - Current list of Repatriation Officials for PLEASANT
4. - Booklet entitled THAKHO FORT. LUTHERA.

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HEADQUARTERS
EMILIA REGION A.M.G.

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9th June 1945

SUBJECT: Visits by Archives Officer to Milan and Turin;

TO : Director MPAA Sub-Commission, HQ, Allied Commission.

With permission from R.C., this Region, and with consent of A.M.G. 5th Army, on 1st. June 1945 and successive days undersigned visited MILAN and TURIN.

(1)

At MILAN most useful contacts were made with Captain McCain and Commendatore Re, on questions connected with deposits of ministerial records in Northern Italy.

Though there are many such deposits in VENETIAN Region, the greater part of the material concerned is in LOMBARDIA Region. Apart from the reports on separate deposits, already made by Captain McCain, he will shortly be submitting recommendations and comments of a more general character. The line these will take was discussed, and undersigned is in complete agreement with Captain McCain's provisional conclusions.

Commendatore Re is anxious for a further meeting in ROME at the beginning of July. At that time there will be difficult questions to be settled regarding removal of deposits etc., and the presence in ROME of both Archives Officers may be necessary for a prolonged period. In undersigned's view the progress of inspection work to date, and the fact that this has revealed wide areas where damage is very light, render it reasonable to suppose that, by the date mentioned, the bulk of necessary field work will be complete.

If Director MPAA S/C is in agreement, any R.C.s concerned please be approached to release Archives Officers, on temporary duty or otherwise as may seem best for the purpose mentioned.

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So far as undersigned is concerned, Comendatore Re has suggested that visits might be made en route to Rome to the opening of the exhibitions at LUCCA and SISMA on 29th, June and 1st July respectively. This would involve leaving this Region on 28th, June.

(2)

At TURIN undersigned discussed archives questions with Captain R.E. Anthoven, the Soprintendente (Conte Bursaggi) and members of his staff. Visits were made to archives in six out of the seven provincial Capitals of PIEMONTE Region.

A detailed report has been forwarded to R.C. PIEMONTE Region with the request that, since the Region is still in 4th. Corps Area, he will submit copy through this channel to Director MPAA S/C.

/s/ H.E. Bell Major

Copy to:

Capt. W. B. McGuin, Archives Officer,
HQ, LOBARDIA Region A.M.G.

/t/ Major H. E. Bell A.E.O.,
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Mazzini's House Hit by Bombs

Among the buildings recently hit in Genoa by Anglo-American bombs is the house where Giuseppe Mazzini was born. Precious papers and autographs were destroyed. The archives were fortunately but little damaged.

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8 June 1945

Subject: Inspection of Archives in Novara.

To : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region.

1. Archives of the Italian Ministries.

The Archives Officer had no information that any records were evacuated from Rome to Novara or that any offices of the ministries from Rome to Novara or that any offices of the ministries of the Repubblica Sociale Italiana were located there. A careful check failed to reveal that any records of either type had ever been in the town. The 8 Force that operated there failed to find any offices, except one that controlled the printing of money. It now is open and in operation, but under the jurisdiction of the provincial financial officer.

2. Records of the German SS.

The Pasalaqua Barracks at Novara were supposed to have been the headquarters of something like a battalion of counterespionage agents. Some of the records found in the barracks were removed by intelligence agencies. Later the American 1st Armored Division cleaned the place out for use as a refugee center. Presumably all remaining records were burned. Casa Rondo, Via Garibaldi 2, was the headquarters of an SS unit and is now occupied by Allied Military Government officers. A small quantity of SS records remain in the basement of the house.

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The local depositories for archives suffered no damage from bombing and had no losses of any kind during the war. The same is true for library deposits. Novara appears to present no special problems in respect to archives or libraries.

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SEZIONE D'ARCHIVIO DI STATO DI ALESSANDRIA

N° 91

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Al Sig. Maggiore H.E. Bell, Archivist
Officer, Piemonte Region. ANG.

Oggetto: Archivio di Stato di Alessandria. Sue condizioni attuali.

Questa Direzione, molto sensibile alla prova d'interessamento per la sorte di questo Archivio di Stato da parte del Comando Allente, ringrazia vivamente il Sig. Maggiore H.E. Bell, ed è lieta di poter trasmetterle la seguente relazione sulle condizioni attuali della Sezione.

L'azione scesa su ALESSANDRIA del 30 aprile 1944 danneggiò gravemente il palazzo Trotti-Bentivoglio, sede di questa Sezione di Archivio di Stato. Malgrado ciò i locali tutti dell'Archivio, sia d'ufficio che di deposito del materiale documentario, resistettero, e nessun danno, se non lievissimo, ebbero a subire pochissime scritture. Nelle azioni aeree successive fino alla liberazione di questa città la sede dell'Archivio non fu più colpita. Ma in seguito all'azione del 30 aprile predetta si rese necessario il trasporto in luogo più sicuro dei documenti più preziosi, ciò che fu possibile effettuare, tra infinite difficoltà, nei mesi di maggio e giugno 1944. Il pregevole materiale dell'Archivio del Comune di ALESSANDRIA e quello dell'antico Archivio Notarile del Ducato di MONFERRATO, in tutto circa 9000 pezzi, fu trasportato sciolto, data l'impossibilità di procurarsi delle casse, a CASTELLINO ROSSANO, nel castello della marchesa Camilla Ferrari di CASTELLINO, dove anche attualmente si trova, in ottimi locali che questa Direzione aveva potuto predisporre. Questo Direttore si è sempre una volta al mese recato a CASTELLINO per esecutarvi dello stato del materiale documentario, ed anche l'ultimo sopralluogo compiuto nel maggio scorso ha potuto accertare l'ottimo stato dei documenti affidati alla custodia del portinale del castello. I locali in cui si trovano i documenti sfollati sono grandiosi saloni ariosi, pieni di luce, spaziosi e con signorili pavimenti di legno.

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A peggiorare lo stato delle cose sopravvennero due altri gravi incidenti: la sera del 20 dicembre 1944 un'altra parte del

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palazzo Trotti-Bentivoglio crollò, ostruendo ai locali della Sezione, ostruzione che però non impedì a ladri, finora rimasti ignoti, di introdursi nei locali d'ufficio per asportarvi parte del mobilio e altri effetti, senza però fortunatamente sottrarre o danneggiare documenti e atti d'ufficio.

Dopo il crollo del 20 dicembre la già precaria condizione di stabilità e sicurezza di tutti i locali della Sezione risultarono notevolmente peggiorate, ed un sopralluogo compiuto dall'Ufficio del Genio Civile e dall'Ufficio Tecnico del Comune di ALESSANDRIA e l'analisi conclusiva che questo Archivio dovesse essere trasferito in altro fabbricato, perché per mettere il palazzo Trotti in condizione di abitabilità e di sicurezza sarebbero occorsi troppo tempo e troppi spesa. In seguito a ciò questa Direzione fu autorizzata dal defunto governo repubblicano a cercare altra sede conveniente per la Sezione stessa, come era da prevedersi, lo indagarsi del sottosegretario e di altre autorità non hanno dato alcun frutto, ed è molto difficile lo possano dare in un avvenire anche non tanto prossimo.

Di modo che la situazione attuale della Sezione è la seguente: il materiale documentario più prezioso si trova al presente accatastato soltanto in ottimi locali del castello della marchesina Ferrari e CASTELLO BOLOGNA, il rimanente delle scritture è tutto concentrato, in una relativa sicurezza, nei locali del piano del palazzo Trotti che hanno meno sofferto e l'Ufficio contabile e funzionare nell'abitazione privata di questo Direttore, situate in Via Vespoli n. 11. Nessun documento perduto, nessun danno al personale addetto alla Sezione, l'Ufficio della quale è quasi totalmente privo di mobili. La questione più grave da risolvere è certamente quella di trovare locali nuovi per la conveniente sede dell'Archivio. Esso è stato istituito nel 1941, ed era perciò soltanto in via di formazione. Le poche stanze occupate nel palazzo Trotti erano del tutto insufficienti a contenere tutte le scritture che dovranno essere raccolte in questo Archivio, ed ora anche quei pochi locali sono inutilizzabili. Questa direzione è del parere che sarebbe bene trovare ventaglio dalla presente situazione della Sezione, cercando di risolvere radicalmente la questione dell'edilizio necessario all'Archivio. Dato che non si vede la possibilità di un collaudato ritorno in città dei documenti sfollati a CASTELLO BOLOGNA, sarebbe bene, per quanto le condizioni attuali lo permettano, cercare l'edificio che possa convenientemente contenere non solo il materiale documentario già raccolto nella Sezione, ma anche tutto quello che esiste presso gli uffici pubblici di ALESSANDRIA e provincia e che a questo Archivio dovrà essere versato.

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Non resta ora che segnalare che in ALESSANDRIA hanno particolarmente sofferto per alcuni di guerra, secondo le notizie fino ad ora raccolte, gli Archivi dell'Ufficio Imposte Dirette, dell'Ufficio del Registro, della Conservatoria delle Ipoteche e del Genio Civile. Questa Direzione, manifestando ancora una volta al Comando Alleato i sensi della sua gratitudine, per le a Lei, Sig. Maggiore, i sensi di devoto ossequio.

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IL DIRETTORE

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