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NFART Office, Venezia Region, 07291

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAND STEWARD

MONUMENTS FINE ARTS AND ARCHIVES BRANCH.

To : S.C.A.O., A.M.G. 13 Corps.

Subject: Visit of Captain T.H. Brooke to Venezia Giulia.

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(c) Archivio Comunale. Municipio. Contains the more modern series (from 1775). Several rooms of well preserved and neatly arranged records. The archivist responsible is Dott. Tessini (see above), now also town librarian. His has certainly done this job well, but it is doubtful whether he is qualified to hold both posts.

(d) Archivio Noterile Distrettuale. Via San Francesco 2. Conservator is Dott. Martino. Honer. Earlier and more valuable portion has already been transferred to the Pal. di Giustizia, but was evicted by the Germans. No losses however have been incurred through this or other war-time incidents.

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The archive consists of M.S.S. and transcripts collected by Morelli, an 18th century scholar of Gorizia, bound in uniform volumes and numbered 1-365(2). Numbers 1 - 154 were not removed by the Germans. Those that were removed, and which have since been recovered, were unfortunately still in a state of confusion on the day of the visit (dec 7), stacked on the floor in the disorder in which they had been dumped. The small amount of work necessary to rearrange the whole series and to check up on what is missing had not been attempted. Neither the Director of the Museum Dott. Bozzi nor the archivist, Dott. Roccaforte (Braunstein), were available, but the latter was contacted by telephone, without however any useful information being obtained from him.

Allowing for some duplicated numbers it seems that the collection once consisted of 372 volumes. At present there are 359, either on the shelves or stacked on the floor, so that at most 13 are missing. It is impossible however to say how many exactly remain to be looked for in the neighbourhood of Tarvisio as there are apparently several gaps in numbers 1 - 154 (6 or 7 volumes), which are the ones not stolen by the Germans, and it is possible that there is some explanation (e.g. that they are old losses, or that they are undergoing repairs) for most or all of the 13.

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8. Vatican Archive Circular.

The circulars addressed to the Bishop of Trieste, Pola and Gorizia have been passed on via the respective Arts Commissioners.

9. Library of Castello Duino.

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No such suggestion was ever received. or refused. No such list was put down list.



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Ministero dell'Interno
 DIREZIONE GENERALE DELL'AMMINISTRAZIONE CIVILE
 Ufficio Centrale degli Archivi del Regno

Prot. N. 13535/8901.8

Roma, 3 Dicembre 1945

Sig. L.Col. S.H. WHITE

A/VP. CA. Section

Headquarters A.C.

R O M A

-3 DIC. 1945

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Con osservanza sono della S.V.

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A. C.
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IL COMMISSARIO AGLI ARCHIVI

DEL REGNO

Quirone

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A/VI. CA. SECCION

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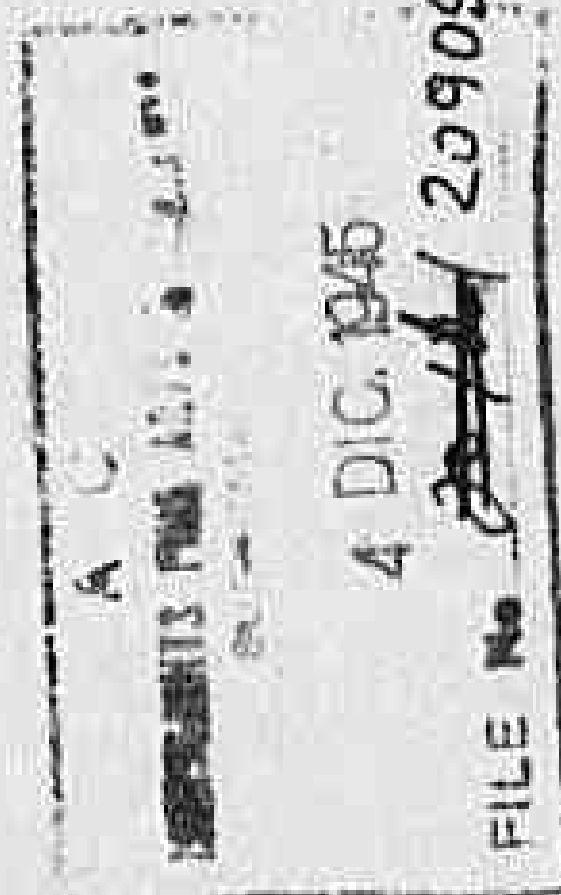
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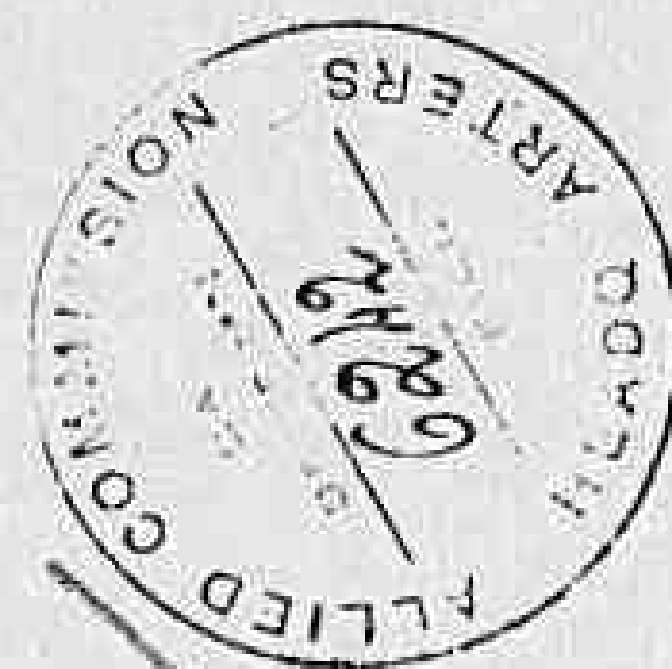
Del Rio



Dear Colonel White,

I am in receipt of your letter of 30 Nov and I want to acknowledge that, beginning from 1 Dec, the provisions already issued for the other provinces of Venezia Region shall be extended also to the provinces of Bolzano, Trento and Udine.

/s/...



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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30 Nov 45

My dear Commendatore Re:

1. With effect from 1 December 1945, administrative responsibility for Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives in the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento, and Udine is transferred to the appropriate Italian agencies, although military government as a whole still prevails in those provinces.
2. The Regional Commissioner, as head of the military government for Venezia Region, retains the power of appointment to office, but recommendations for such appointment (or for dismissal) may now be made by you directly to him, without going through either the MFAA Subcommittee or the Regional MFAA Officer.
3. Any necessary requests for AMG financing may be presented through the Intendenti di Finanza directly to the Provincial and Regional Finance Officers.
4. Although you may, of course, communicate directly with the Superintendents in the field, we gladly place AMG/AC mail channels at your disposal if you wish to use them for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

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S.H. White
S.H. WHITE, Lt Col,
A/VP CA Section.

Commendatore Emilio Re
Commissario per gli Archivi del Regno
Ministero degli Interni
R O M E

Copy to:
Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region

20905/C/12

EXTRACT

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Division of Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

RXII/MFA/Dep

27 Nov 45

SUBJECT: Deposits of movable works of art, VENEZIA GIULIA
(in UDINE Province)

TO : Director, MFAA Subcommittee, HQ AC
(with Appendices A,B,C,and D)

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B. UNOFFICIAL DEPOSITS

Items in UDINE Province from VENEZIA GIULIA.

Following up information that part of the Archivio Morelliano from Gorizia Province might be found at Cave del Predil, near Tarvisio, these mines were visited 14 Nov 45. Information was supplied by Dott. Igenio BELTRAM that apart from a few books of minor interest, which were seen, no material remained although occupying allied troops had burnt a quantity of papers, believed to have related to the mines, not the Archivio in question?

The manager of the mines, Mr John A. Nogara, however handed to the undersigned a file of 38 German letters, which, it is thought, may possibly give useful clues, particularly those from and to Dott. Lukas of Klagenfurt who should be traced if possible.

A detailed list of the letters is attached : Appendix E. These have been handed to Prof. Franco, Superintendent Trieste, and are in the process of being translated and examined. The matter will be referred to the MFAA Archives officer when he visits Trieste early December.

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R.E. Enthoven
Capt, G.L?
Regional MFAA Officer

Copies to:

SCAO XIII Corps
RC Venezia Region
PC Udine Province

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Subcommission for Monumenta Fine Arts & Archives
(Tel. 489091, ext. 442 & 254; 478450)

20905/6/12/EEAA

26 Nov 1945

Al Ministero dell'Interno
Ufficio Centrale Archivi
di Stato - ROMA

SUBJECT: Archives, Rovigo Province.

In the temporary absence of Major Bell in hospital,
we forward you herewith letter 9890 of 12 Nov 45 from the R. Prefettura di
Rovigo.

A copy has been held here for our files .

NSA

ROBERT T. NEWBY
Major, Air Corps
Director.

Inclosure: 1

Copy to Regl EEAA Offices, Venetian Region

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R. PREFETTURA DI ROVIGO

Div. 9890 No Prot. I.

Rovigo 12 nov. 45

OGGETTO/ Patrimonio storico archivistico nazionale

Seguito a rapporto 28 ottobre pari numero

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
(Ufficio Centrale Archivi di Stato)

R O M A

Il R. Provveditore agli Studi mi segnala con ritardo le seguenti notizie in merito agli archivi da esso dipendenti che hanno subito danni o manomissioni a causa dei recenti avvenimenti bellici.

Sono stati danneggiati gli Archivi del R. Liceo classico e della R. Scuola media inferiore di questo Capoluogo, nonché della R. Scuola tipo agraria del Comune di Giacciano con Baruchella.

Idanni però si limitano a distruzione o dispersione di qualche volume di leggi, di bollettini ministeriali, carteggi, registri o documenti scolastici facilmente ripetibili.

Nessun documento di importanza storica era raccolto in detti archivi.

IL PREFETTO
(G.S. oldaini)

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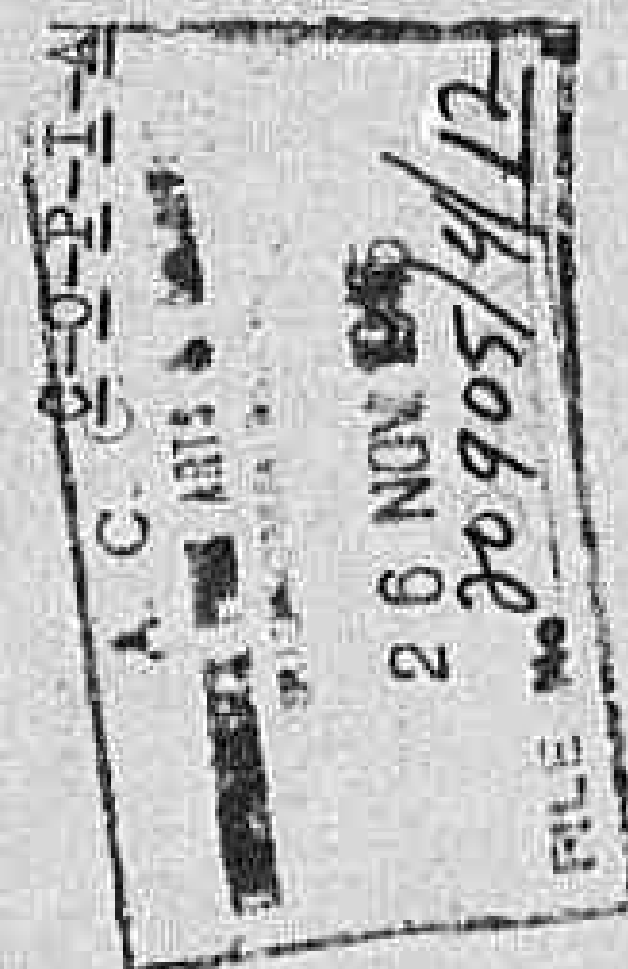
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Copy for Major H.E. BELL



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VENEZIE REGION
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Division of Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

RXII/MFA/ARC

7 Sept 45

From: Capt. Basil Marriott

Dear

Harry.

In reply (at last-delay not my fault) to your 20905/o/12/MFAA of 2 Aug 45 about TRASELLI, I enclose a copy of a report furnished through Trento Province in reply to my enquiry of 7 Aug (copy to you), which seems to indicate that everything in that particular garden is lovely.

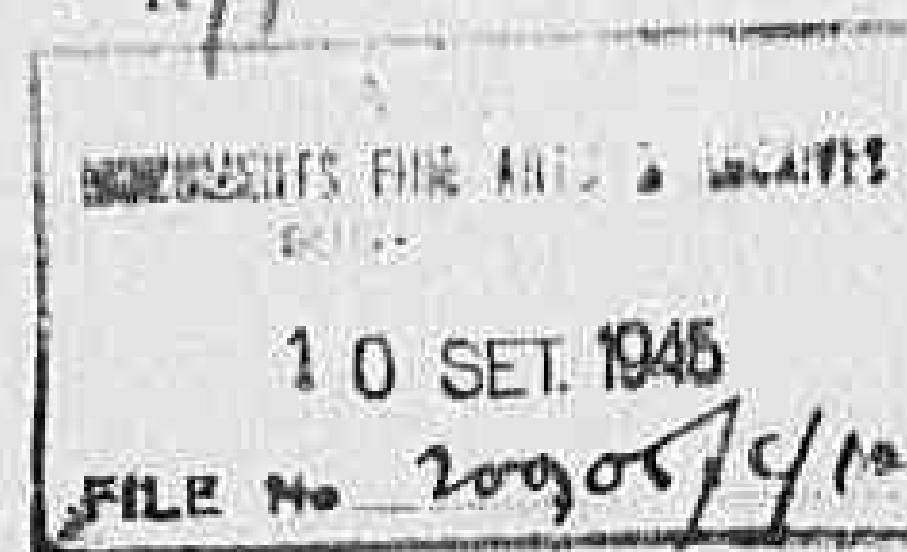
Yours ever

Basil.

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Maj. H.E. Bell
MFAA S/C

*Copy of attached
Re for TRASELLI
HEB. 11/9*



COPIAPRO MEMORIA PER IL SIG. ALBERTI

Da riservate indagini eseguite mi è stato possibile appurare che i mobili e gli oggetti di proprietà del Prof. TRASSELLI Carmelo già direttore dell'Archivio di Stato di Trento, non hanno subito danni di sorta durante la guerra.

Il Prof. Trasselli, giunto a Trento nel 1938 lasciò la città nel 1941, verso la fine, per richiamo alle armi. In atto pare si trovi a Palermo. Alla sua partenza lasciò qui la moglie la quale restò in provincia fino al principio del 1943 e durante questo tempo pare sia stata ricoverata nel nosocomio di Pergine.

Nei locali dell'Archivio di Stato e precisamente in una stanza dell'appartamento del custode perotti sono ammonticchiati i mobili del Trasselli, mentre una scrivania, una libreria e molti libri si trovano ricoverati in un locale al terzo piano dello stabile. Altri oggetti di proprietà del Trasselli si trovano presso tale Sig.ra Negri, abitante in Viale Rovereto (Villa Niccolini) alla quale vennero consegnati per la custodia dalla moglie del Prof. Trasselli.

Trento, li 22/8/1945.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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**R. SOPRINTENDENZA AI MONUMENTI
DELLE PROVINCE DI VERONA - CREMONA - MANTOVA
VERONA**

VERONA, 28/8/1945

Al LA DIVISION Monuments

Fine Arts and Archives

Headquarters - A.M.G.

VENETIE REGION

N. di Prot. 699

Risp. a

del

Prot.

Allegati

OGGETTO

Verona - Archivio notarile - Relazione

Seen. This is confusing
of Sandri (but he's sick,
I believe.) It is entirely
unlikely that the
Superintendent at
Venice knows anything
+ we aren't going to play
at Italian correspondence
games. No action
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6 SET. 1945
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In risposta alla richiesta da me
formulata in seguito alla commissione
affidatami da codesta Divisione, il Prof.
Gino Sandri, Direttore dell'Archivio di
Stato ed Incaricato della Direzione del
l'Archivio notarile di questa città di
Verona, mi comunica di non essere in gra
do di fornire la relazione desiderata
circa lo stato attuale dell'Archivio no
tarile di questa città.

Tale relazione potrà invece essere
direttamente richiesta da codesta Divi
sione alla " Soprintendenza Archivistica
delle Venezie " con sede in Venezia
Campo dei Fiori -.

Con osservanza.

IL R. SOPRINTENDENTE
(Pietro Casaroli)



Maj. H.B. Bell.

Could you possibly
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TO : Provincial Commissioner, TRENTO Prov.

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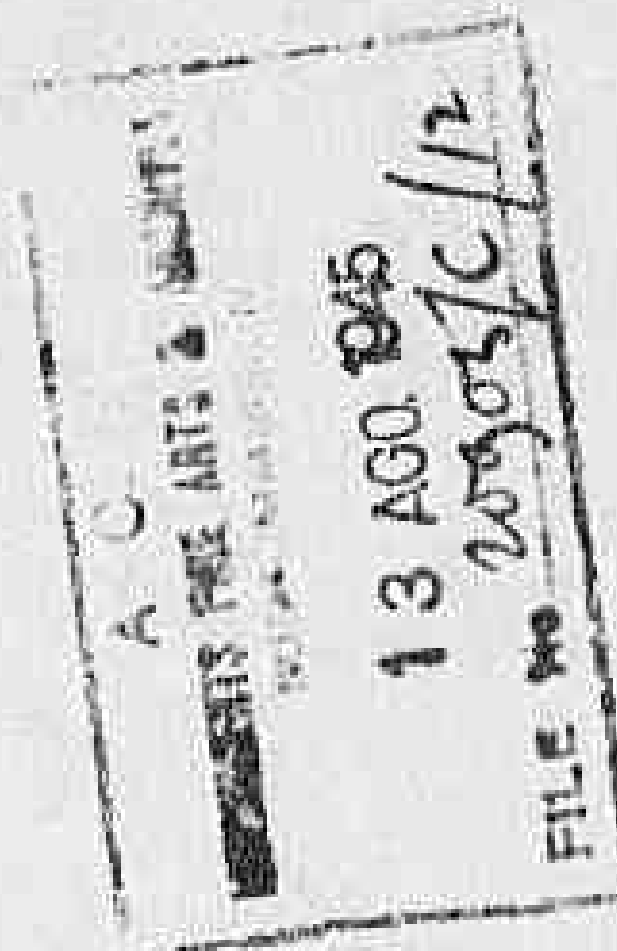
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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts & Archives
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2 August 1945

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

Dear

I am sorry to bother you with a personal query, but one can't altogether keep them out of the work.

I have to-day seen Dr. Traselli, who used to be Director of the Archivio di Stato at Trento. The question has arisen of restoring him to that position, but I am reluctant to do that at present as it would mean ejecting the present incumbent, who is a local nominee.

On the other hand, I can't help sympathizing very much with Traselli's desire to know what damage his furniture and so on has suffered in the successive air-raids of 1943-5, which are known to have damaged the Archivio building of which his apartments formed part.

It would be difficult to get him up to Trento to see for himself, and anyhow not very desirable to have him around while the other Director is there, and I'd be most grateful if you could get a short report for me on the state of his living quarters and property remaining in them.

I imagine that, with P.C. Trento's consent, the Prefettura could supply this fairly easily.

Yours

H.E.B.

Captain B. Marriott
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26 June 1945

SUBJECT: Proposed repairs to war damaged Monuments in TRENTO
and BOLZANO Provinces.

TO : SCAO, 5 Army (Attention MFAA Officer)

1. The undersigned visited Trento and Bolzano on 20-25 June 45 and inspected listed monuments in those cities and provinces under arrangements made with AMG Fifth Army. The purpose of the visit was primarily to discuss with the Superintendent his proposals for first-aid projects. During part of the tour the undersigned accompanied Maj H. E. BELL, Architectives Officer. A brief visit was paid to the Superintendency at VERONA (see para 5). Capt Deane KELLER, MFAA Officer AMG Fifth Army, was away from his HQ on duty but was contacted in the field (see para 4).

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- a) S. Lorenzo
- b) S. Maria Annunciata
- c) S. Martino
- d) S. Maria Maggiore
- e) Ch. delle Orsoline
- f) Municipio Vecchio

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In some cases, the necessary materials are available on site in re-usable condition. At the Duomo, repairs are being done by the Genio Civile with the Superintendent's collaboration.

4. BOLZANO. On the following day Bolzano was similarly inspected. (Undersigned's report of 22 May 45, RXII/MFA./Rpt para 5 refers). With certain modifications, the Superintendent's proposals were again agreed and approval will be sought by separate letter for those exceeding 100,000 lire. They cover the following:

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24 June 45

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TC : SAC, TARVISIO (Prov. Udine).

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/s/ E. T. N.

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SUBJECT: Archives of BRESSANONE.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.

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SUBJECT: Archivio di Stato and Biblioteca Comunale TRENTO.

TO : Regional Commission, Venezia Region.

The above mentioned institutions are housed in the same building the Vecchio Seminario Vescovile, via Roma. Both are at present under the acting direction of Prof. Zieger, formerly Director of the Archivio di Stato at BOLZANO but dismissed by the German Commissariato Supremo per la Zona di Operazioni delle Prealpi during the autumn of 1943.

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Under the circumstances, Provincial Commissioner TRENTO has agreed to this work being undertaken as follows. Prof. Zieger has been instructed to apply to Provincial Transportation Officer (Capt. Osborne) for a 3-ton lorry from Autotrasporti; this Capt. Osborne stated that he will be able to make available. When he receives the account from Autotrasporti for carrying out this service, Prof. Zieger will take it to Provincial Commissioner TRENTO, who will authorize payment and a supplementary budget of the Archivio to cover this cost.

(b) BIBLIOTECA COMUNALE

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(iii) STAFF.

In neither Archivio nor Libreria does staffing appear to present an urgent problem, since Zieger and Pisoni appear to be doing a good job. Unfortunately, when undersigned visited TRENTO he did not know that the Commissary for State Archives wished Dr. Trasselli to be appointed Director of the Archivio, and to date no action has been taken in that ~~conversation~~ connection.

/s/ HE Bell Major

/t/ H.E. Bell, Major, A.E.O., Archives Officer

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RXII/MFA/ARC

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TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.

Undersigned visited Bolzano, 20th. 23th. June 1945.

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Especially interesting from the point of view of possible German intentions of theft is the deposit at Campo Tures; material there was transferred from an earlier deposit at Castello Goblino in October 1943.

Interesting also is the German policy of restoring to Preture their own archives, though these have been held elsewhere since as long ago as 1899. There has recently been evidence of exactly the same policy being carried out in the Province of Udine. The reason for these transfers is not apparent.

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(ii) PHOTOGRAPHY OF ARCHIVES had, from evidence in the current files of the Archivio, occupied a great deal of Huter's time from Oct. 1942 - a year before he was appointed Commissary. There is evidence that he was assisted by another scholar, named Kramer, and by technicians - Fust, Osten, Gasser and two women, Tschurtschenthaler and Oberrauch.

Questioned on this subject, Huter was cagey, if not downright dishonest. He stated that all photographs taken had been despatched to Germany, actually some appear to remain in Bolzano (see 2 below). Undersigned instructed Huter to prepare a full written account of his activities in this connection.

It must be said that the extensive photographic activity undertaken suggests that, at any rate initially, abstraction of archives to Germany was not contemplated.

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(2) ARCHIVES AND BOOKS AT VILLA TRENER, GRIS.

This locale is at present occupied by the Military Railway Service 774th Grd. Div. Undersigned had his attention drawn to it by the Arch-Bishop of Bolzano, who stated that he applied for authority to enter the building and take away films relating to parish records of the dioceses of Bressanone and Trento that are said to be stored there.

Certainly some films of the kind - doubtless the work of Huter and his collaborators - do remain in the cellar

of the villa. They are mixed up with a few files of the Arbeitsbereich Erziehung und Wissenschaft, the Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Lände und Volksforschung, and some medical office, and with much electrical equipment. To add to the confusion a small deposit, labelled "Museum", has at some time been broken open and there are very many books with the mark 'R Istituto Tecnico'.

At the back of the villa is a vast air-raid shelter, tunnelled out of the cliff-face; undersigned found in it records of some technical office of the German Commissariato Supremo, but there had clearly been much dispersion.

The Adjutant of unit at present in occupation (Capt. Falsone) understands the importance of preserving books and papers as they are; on the other hand, he says that civilian thefts, not necessarily of archives, have taken place from the shelter which is not occupied by his unit.

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The Arch-Priest reports these safe, except for a single volume of the parish register.

/s/ H.E. Bell Major

/ t/ H.E. BELL MAJOR A.E.C.,
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Merkanthilmagistratsarchiv
Stadtarchiv Brixen
Schlossarchiv Kasten

2. CASTELLO S. ERASMO z.T. in Kisten, z.T. aufgestockt:

Verfachbücher bis 1810 von allen Südtiroler
Gerichten
Archiv der Landeshauptmannschaft Bozen
Archiv der Kommissionsschreiberei Meran

3. CASTELLO BOCCA (in Gestellen):

Verfachbücher 1811-1850
Notariatsbücher 1810-1816

4. CASTELLO BRUNICO & Schloss Bruneck (in Gestellen):

Kataster
Servitutenregulierungskommission
Genealogiearchive
Sammlung Steiner
Stadtarchiv Sterzing (in Kisten)

5. Zurückgegeben an die Prätur Schländers: Verfachbücher Schländers

ab 1851
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Pasqueler Lana ab 1851
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Sammlung Stöckler
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Passeler, Lana ab 1851 |
| Pratur Bozen | : Verfachbücher Bozen
Bezirksgericht, Bozen
Kreisgericht, Sarnthein,
Kalterz ab 1851 |
| Pratur Klausen | : Verfachbücher Klausen,
Kastelruth ab 1851 |
| Pratur Bruneck | : Verfachbücher Bruneck,
Enneberg, Taufers ab
1851 |
| Pratur Sterzing | : Verfachbücher Sterzing
ab 1851 |

AUFSTELLUNGüber die Bergungsräume des Staatsarchivs für dieProvinz Trient.

1. CASTEL BUONCONSIGLIO IN TRIENT : ein grosser Kellerraum inmitten des Castel Vecchio.
- Casse nr. 1 - 83 adesso a Castel Tanfuss (Tàrea)
2. VILLA SALVADORI IN GABBIOLO DI POVC : ganz belegt mit Ausnahme von 3 Zimmern, welche eine Gräfin Thun bewohnt
3. ALTE KIRCHE VON ALBIANO: ganz belegt.
4. ALTE KIRCHE VON BASELEGA DI ZINZ: ganz belegt.

AUFSTELLUNG"über die Bergungsräume der Stadtarchive Bozen und Meran

1. Schloss Schemna: 1 kleiner Kellerraum (Stadtarchiv Bozen)
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B. ARCHIVIO DI STATO

T R E N T O

Trento, 11 giugno 1945

Alla Soprintendenza Archivistica

Fritannica

VENEZIA.

N. 2816/ I di protocollo

OGGETTO: Relazione sull'Archivio.

L'edificio in cui l'archivio risiede è stato danneggiato sensibilmente durante i vari bombardamenti, che avevano per obiettivo la vicina stazione ferroviaria, precisamente il 2 settembre 1943, 13 maggio 1944, 4 e 31 dicembre 1944, 1 gennaio 1945, 1 e 8 aprile 1945. Il tetto ha subito danni notevoli ed è la principale preoccupazione dei lavori iniziati dall'Ufficio Tecnico Municipale. Una parte delle tegole sarà sostituita, mentre per l'altra la difficoltà di acquisto sono quasi insormontabili, come mi ha assicurato l'ingegnere. E' ormai abbastanza gravi sono stati causati ai soffitti, alle pareti divisorie, alle porte finestre e imposte del terzo e del secondo piano verso la via Torre Vanzo e l'andrea del Pozzo.

Il pozzolo della sala dell'archivio vescovile è pericolante e ha bisogno di essere o restaurato o demolito.

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Quanto si trova in sede, collocato al piano terreno, anch'esso in parte senza vetri, è dato dall'elenco che segue:

1) Tribunale di Trento - atti civili - pezzi n. 1262	
2) " " " penali " 1220	
3) Pretura " " civili " 275	
4) " di Cembra " " " 137	
5) " Vezzano " " " 396	
6) Tribunale di Trento e Preture di Trento, Cembra, Vezzano - registri " 1300	
7) Ufficio Pretorio di Trento " " 12415	
8) Atti giudiziari antichi " " 2020	

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2) " " " penali " 1220	
3) Pretura " " civili " 276	
4) " " di Cembra " " 137	
5) " " Vezzano " " 336	
6) Tribunale di Trento e Pretura di Trento, Cembra, Vezzano - registri " 1300	
7) Ufficio Pretorio di Trento " 12415	
8) Atti giudiziari antichi " 2020	
9) Processi militari austriaci " 531	
10) Archivio dell'ex Direzione del Genio militare austriaco di Trento " 1800	
11) Archivio dell'ex Congregazione di Carità di Trento " 1724	
12) Cartelle cliniche e altri documenti sanitari relativi agli ex militari ss. A. U. nati nei Comuni della prov. di Trento che presero parte al conflitto 1914-18 n. 2923.	

Il resto del materiale venne, gradatamente, trasportato in zona più sicura, o in rifugi adatti. I lavori relativi si svolsero in parecchie riprese, e precisamente il 15 dicembre 1942 l'archivio Vescovile

72 casse venne trasportato nella cantina in roccia del Castello del Buonconsiglio, dove il 27 luglio 1943 erano pure poste altre 122 casse contenenti gli atti delle Confraternite, catasti, rogiti notarili più antichi, Commissariato Polizia Trento, documenti diversi (p.c. corte Firsiak, pergamene Telveana) come da indici, che su richiesta potranno essere spediti.

Oggi però al castello di queste 194 casse se ne trovano soltanto 110 (cioè i catasti, rogiti notarili antichi, Commissariato e atti diversi) perché le prime 84 casse vennero asportate per ordine del Commissario Supremo di Bolzano, nel castello di Campo Tures (Pusteria) nei giorni 2 - 4 dicembre 1944 e lì si ritrovano ancora. Esse contengono i documenti dell'Archivio Vescovile di Trento (come risultano dall'indice pubblicato da F. Mascellini), più gli atti delle Confraternite, nonché gli indici e repertori relativi.

Nel novembre-dicembre 1943 venivano trasportati a Gabbio di Povo, oltre i nobili d'ufficio, la biblioteca e il carteggio d'ufficio, i seguenti atti, che venivano posti nella villa Salvadori:
 Archivio notarile: Protocolli n. 4820, repert. 604 = 3424
 Libri di archiviazione: atti 5454, indici 1058 = 7312
 Processi politici trentini
 Archivio Buffa
 Trento - Atti preesidiali -
 Protocolli militari diversi

Nel mese di aprile 1944 venivano collocati nella vecchia chiesa parrocchiale di Albano, con parte delle scaffalature necessarie, gli atti seguenti:

Trento: Reggenza Circolare	atti n.	1	
" Sezione Luogotenenza	"	28	
" Consigliere Solico	"	282 reg.	34
" Capitano Circolare	"	576 "	380
" Distrettuale	"	920 "	262
" atti vari	"	3	44
" Pretura politica	"	60	2708
" Commissariato di Polizia	"	500	151
Clas: Capitano Distrettuale	"	508 "	234
Lavis: Giudizio Distrettuale	"	187.	

Infine nel maggio 1944 veniva trasferito nella vecchia chiesa parrocchiale di Bassano di Piné il materiale archivistico qui elencato:

Capitanati e Sindaci Distrettuali:

atti n. 273 registrati n. 154 = 437

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	mezzi n.	154	registri n.	115	259
alliano-Poly.	"	50	"	24	74
Mogadeno	"	20	"	55	75
Arco	"	20	"	39	59
Romi	"	"	"	10	10
Ala	"	37	"	40	77
Stenico	"	86	"	59	155
Pieve di Ledro	"	14	"	23	37
Segonzano	"	8	"	"	8
Trento	"	181	"	107	288
Pergine	"	12	"	44	56
Caldonazzo	"	22	"	"	22
Atti diversi	"	147	"	134	281
Mappe n. 418					
Leggi austriache	voll. n. 387.				

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Con osservanze

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18 JUN 1945

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

30001/1/AFAA

18 June 1945

Subject: Proposed Appointments, Archivio di Stato,
TRIESTE, ROMANO.

To : All 5 Army, AFAA Officer.

1. The Comandante agli Archivi del Regno, on his return from his recent visit to North Italy has requested (see accompanying letter by Com. No. of 15 June 45) the consideration of the following two appointments:

- a. To Archivio di Stato, TRIESTE: Dr. Camillo TRAMERLI, former director and at present in ROMA.
- b. To Archivio di Stato, ROMANO: Sig. Guido CANALI, for many years at BOLZANO until 1943, since then at TRIESTE and at the Archivio di Stato, TRIESTE.

2. It is understood that both appointments were discussed with Archives Offices, LOMBARDIA Region.

3. If approved, this A C would try to arrange the dispatch of TRAMERLI.

For the Director:

J. B. R. R. R.

J. B. R. R. R.
Lt. Col. R. A.
Deputy Director.

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Copy to:

AFAA Officer, VIENNA RegionAFAA Officer (Archives), LOMBARDIA Region

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VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Division of Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

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RXII/MFA/Rpts

1 June 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for May 1945.

TO : Director, Subcommittee for Monuments, Fine Arts,
and Archives, HQ Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Herein are reported the activities of the Division of Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives, Venezia Region, during the first three weeks of its active existence in Region's territory.

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4. Italian State Personnel. Already instructed and working under Divisional Guidance are the following Superintendents and their staffs: Dr. Giovanni Battista BRUSIN, Soprintendenza alle Antichità delle Venezie (at Padova); Ing. Ferdinando FORLATI, Soprintendenza ai Monumenti del Veneto (at Venice); Prof. Vittorio MOSCHINI, Soprintendenza alle Gallerie del Veneto (at Venice); and Prof. Umberto PIAZZO, Ispettore della Soprintendenza ai Monumenti ed alle Gallerie di Venezia Giulia (Trieste), temporarily appointed by the Regional Commissioner on 28 May as Acting Superintendent for territory of that Superintendency within the boundaries of Udine province, with Headquarters at Aquileia and Udine. Working under AMG Fifth Army, but in excellent liaison with this Division, are: Ing. Antonio RUSCONI, Soprintendenza ai Monumenti del Trentino (at Trento); and Arch. Pietro GAZZOLA, Soprintendenza ai Monumenti di Verona, Mantova, e Cremona (at Verona).

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5. Visit from S/O. The Deputy Director of the MPAA Subcommission, Lt Col J. B. Ward Perkins, paid a flying visit to Padova, Venezia, Vicenza, and Verona on 16-19 May, after having spent some days with Capt. Deane Keller, MPAA Officer AMG Fifth Army, on the problem of huge German deposits of art objects at Campo Gures and San Leonardo in Passiria, Bolzano Province. Capt. Keller is continuing in that locality his always energetic and effective work.

6. Trips. Maj. Newton, having previously inspected Rovigo, Padova, Stra, Venice, and Treviso for AMG Eight Army, spent the period 17-24 May inspecting conditions at Udine, Cividale, Aquileia, Venzone, and 22 other localities in Udine and Treviso Provinces. Maj. Bell, for Region and for AMG Fifth Army, conducted an incisive and successful inquiry into the problem of Fascist Ministerial and other archives at Verona, Vicenza, Padova, Venice, Bassano and Treviso during 5-13 May. Capt. Marriott completed a preliminary survey of the five western provinces during 7-12 May, and, at the request of AMG Fifth Army, spent 18-21 May inspecting Vicenza, Verona, Bolzano, and other points in those provinces.

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- c. At Vicenza: Basilica Palladiana; Duomo; Palazzo Valmarena; Palazzo da Schio; Palazzo Scamozzi; Palazzo del Triestino.
- d. At Bassano: Civic Museum; Ponte Vecchio, blown by patriots.
- e. At Treviso: Palazzo dei Trecento; Chapter Library; Duomo; Civic Museum.
- f. At Udine : San Francesco; Notarial Archives.
- g. At Venzone: Palazzo Comunale.

Projects for first-aid repair to these and other monuments are being prepared by the Superintendents for submittal.

8. Galleries and Deposits. Fortunately, most of the truly important moveable paintings and sculptures of the Region had been moved to safety in deposits where they are still intact; the task of restoring them to their normal places is a huge one. Capt. Keller is understood to be arranging for AMG Fifth Army the return to Florence of two huge deposits made by the Germans in Bolzano province (see para 5). Venice is at the moment a veritable storehouse of materials deposited there from central and northern Italy. Other less voluminous deposits are at: Convento di Praglia (mainly archeological material from Padova and Venice); Possagno, Montebelluna, and Biadene (material from Treviso); Villa Nazionale di Stra (a few very bulky items from Museo dell'Arsenale di Venezia); Abbazia di Veduggia (material from Belluno); San Daniele del Friuli (material from Udine and Venezia Giulia). Plans for redistributing these are being studied with the Superintendencies. The Property Control Section is being kept in touch with deposits in Venice containing certain drawings and paintings that are the property of Allied nationals.

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12. Exhibitions. Two small exhibitions in Venice were arranged by the Superintendents and the Comune for the sake of the many visiting troops: one of Venetian Primitives in the Gallerie dell'Accademia; another of purely temporary but most unusual character in the cortile of the Palazzo Ducale, where the San Marco horses, the mounted Colleoni equestrian, and the Lion of San Marco are being shown at ground level pending construction of scaffolding for their erection in place, ordered on 7 May by OC AMG Eight Army. Likewise at Padova, at the particular request of the Regional Commissioner, the statue of Gattamelata is being brought from its resting place in the Cloister of the Basilica di Sant'Antonio and is expected to be back in place on its pedestal by 9 June, in time for the great

Festa di Sant'Antonio, which is to be held again this
13 June for the first time in four years.

/s/ Norman T. Newton.

/t/ NORMAN T. NEWTON,
Major, Air Corps,
Regional MFAA Officer.

In duplicate

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Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region
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30 MAR 1945

HEADQUARTERS
VENETIAN REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Division of Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

30 May 1945

RXII/MFA/ARG

SUBJECT: Archivio Storico, Gorizia Province.

TO: CAC, Pontebba (Prov. Udine).

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Report of Commendatore Ronca, Superintendent
of Archives, Venezia.

Con riferimento al colloquio avuto con la S.V. il giorno 2 corr. e al desiderio da Lei espresso di avere notizia circa le condizioni e le vicende occorse a questo Archivio di Stato e a quelli della giurisdizione archivistica veneta durante il periodo bellico, mi prego significarle per sommi capi quanto segue:

Archivio di Venezia -

In seguito alla dichiarazione di guerra del giugno 1940 furono subito incassati, con i fondi forniti all'uopo dal Ministero dell'Interno, i documenti più pregevoli allo scopo di cautelarli dalle minacce di offese aeree. Essi avrebbero dovuto essere ricoverati nel castello del Catajo nel comune di Battaglia Terme (provincia di Padova), luogo preventivamente prescelto per tale fine e presumibilmente lontano da ogni pericolo. Furono acquistate e riempite n° 320 casse, che raccolsero il materiale più prezioso sia dal punto di vista politico che da quello diplomatico. Queste casse dovevano restare in Archivio fino al momento che sarebbe stato giudicato opportuno e sarebbe stato segnalato dall'Autorità superiore. Esse infatti furono trasportate nel luogo di ricovero (in seguito ad ordine ministeriale da me sollecitato a motivo del carattere di pericolosità della ulteriore permanenza in sede dei documenti preziosi) nel dicembre 1942 insieme ad altre che nel frattempo erano state approntate, per un complesso di n° 650 casse, comprendenti circa 20.000 pezzi archivistici. Parte di questo materiale ebbe ricovero, oltre che nel castello di Catajo, anche nel Monastero di Praglia, gentilmente messo a disposizione degli enti culturali da quel rev. Abate. In questi due rifugi i documenti restarono fino alla fine del 1943, quando per i noti nuovi eventi verificatisi (l'armistizio 8 settembre - invasione tedesca) le vicende e i pericoli bellici assunsero nuova forma. Una commissione composta dai capi degli istituti culturali di cui feci parte, ritenne più opportuno e conveniente far rientrare in sede tutto il materiale sfollato; in conseguenza di ciò e con l'approvazione ministeriale ebbero luogo le operazioni di rientro, eseguito a vario riprese e con tutte le cautele e gli accorgi-

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Infatti stimai di non concentrare tutto il materiale prezioso nella sede dell'Archivio, ma di frazionarlo in più siti, e precisamente presso altri Enti, che per la ubicazione loro e la loro stessa natura, offrivano garanzia di buona custodia e soprattutto maggiori speranze di preservazione dai pericoli che potevano incomberne su questa città per effetto di vicende belliche. E così furono collocate:

- n° 160 casse a CA' PESARO, sede del Museo di Arte moderna,
 - n° 165 nel Palazzo Ducale;
 - n° 80 nella sala del Capitolo della chiesa dei Prati,
 - n° 100 nei locali dell'Archivio notarile;
- le rimanenti in locali a pianterreno della nostra sede.

Non credo che la interessi l'enumerazione di tutte le provvidenze che furono attuate per la protezione del nostro Grande Archivio; furono eseguiti lavori, sopraelevati idranti, costruiti muri spartifuoco ecc., tutto un complesso di opere che, nei limiti del possibile, tendevano ad evitare, o per lo meno a mitigare, danni eventuali prodotti da incursione aerea.

Ed effettivamente, ringraziando la illuminata comprensione del Comando Alleato che ha evitato incursioni sull'abitato di Venezia, si può con orgoglio affermare che dalla bufera della guerra è uscito intatto l'ineguagliabile patrimonio documentario di questa città le cui gloriose vicende storiche trovano in esso la nobile, luminosa, inesorabile testimonianza nei secoli.

Si ebbe solo alcuni danni all'edificio in occasione dello scoppio di una nave carica di esplosivo nel corso dell'offesa aerea del 21 Marzo U.S. per effetto dello spostamento d'aria. La natura dei guasti è quella ben nota in tali circostanze: scrostazione di intonaco nei soffitti e nelle pareti, scardinamento di porte, contorcimento e rottura di serrature, rottura di numerosissimi vetri. Nessun danno, per fortuna, al materiale archivistico e alle scaffalature.

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Notizie su altri Archivi della Giurisdizione:

VERONA

L'Archivio di Stato di questa città, molto noto per la
importanza dei suoi documenti e per il grande numero di atti
membranacei, trasportò la parte più pregevole nella villa Sagra-
moso in ILLASI, paese della stessa provincia. Il materiale ivi

depositato restò fino allo scorso anno, quando essendosi resa pericolosa la zona per la vicinanza di fortificazioni belliche, venne trasferito a VERONA e murato negli archivolte dell'Arena romana di quella città. Il materiale risulterebbe incolame.

VICENZA

Una prima spedizione di materiale prezioso di quell'archivio compreso in 42 casse, fu trasportato qui a Venezia e collocato parte nel palazzo Pisani di San Stefano, uno dei più solidi e monumentali edifici veneziani, e parte in un pianterreno di Palazzo Ducale.

Una seconda spedizione di materiale archivistico sciolto per un volume di 32 metri cubi fu ultimamente collocata, parte nella Sala sansepolcristica della Biblioteca Marciana e parte nel Palazzo Ducale negli stessi locali ove trovavasi già sistemato l'accennato complesso documentario appartenente all'Archivio di VENEZIA.

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ZARA

Nel Luglio 1944 in seguito ad ordine ministeriale furono depositate provvisoriamente nella sede dell'Archivio di VENEZIA, dopo un viaggio fortuoso e vicende di varie indole, n° 149 casse di documenti trasportati da ZARA.

BOLZANO

Il materiale archivistico di BOLZANO trovasi attualmente diviso parte nel Castello di Campo Tures e parte nel Castello di Werburgo a Tesimo.

TRENTO

I fondi della sede di TRENTO sono così distribuiti: la parte più preziosa, riguardante particolarmente l'Archivio principale vescovile, trovasi a Campo Tures; altro materiale è conservato nelle vecchie parrocchie di Baselga di Piné e di Albiano in Val di Cembra; il rimanente con gli uffici a Gabbiole nelle vicinanze della città di TRENTO.

May 1945

Albiano in Val di Cembra; il rimanente con gli uffici e Cabiclon
lo nelle vicinanze della città di Trento.

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C O P Y

23 MAR 1945

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

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29 May 1945

Subject : Inspection of Archives of Ministero
dell'Interno in VENEZIA Region.

To : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.

1. The Archives Officer, LOMBARDIA Region, made a special trip on May 28-29 into VENEZIA Region for the purpose of locating and inspecting records of the Direzione Generale di Pubblica Sicurezza, Ministero dell'Interno. He was accompanied by Dr. Emilio Re, Commissario agli Archivi del Regno, Ministero dell'Interno, Rome, and Dr. Guido Mangenelli, Soprintendente del R. Archivio di Stato, MILANO. Very courteous help was given by Lt. Col. Pergus Homersham McCleary, Provincial Commissioner, Venezia Province, and by Major H.S. Harris, Public Safety Officer, VENEZIA Province.

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b. VALDAGNO, PROVINCE OF VICENZA.

The Provincial Commissioner and the Public Safety Officer were away from VICENZA on business. The Legal Officer was most cooperative and supplied the necessary information for finding the offices of the Direzione Generale di Pubblica Sicurezza in the village of VALDAGNO. These offices were found there in a large modern building called Popolavoro Badoglio. Military guards, apparently placed there at the request of the Provincial Public Safety Officer, were guarding the building. The guards were under the command of a confused and misinformed young lieutenant who was determined that no one should have access to the records. Other records were stored across the street in the basement of the Teatro Impero. Informed civilians estimated

that the two deposits contained about 1200 boxes of records that came from ROME or were produced during the regime of the Repubblica Sociale Italiana. A casual inspection of the records partly verified this estimate. The Public Safety Officer seems to have made a detailed inventory of the contents of both buildings and to have transmitted the same to VENEZIA Region Headquarters.

/s/ William D. McCain

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Capt., GAO
Lombardia Region,
Archives Officer.

Copies to:

Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region.
Archives Officer, Emilia Region.
AFSA, Allied Commission.

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
Direzione Generale di Polizia

ATTI E MATERIALE VARIO DELLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DI POLIZIA
CUSTODITI IN VENEZIA

1) SCUOLA ROSALBA CARRIERA - Site in Campo SS. Giova e Paolo -
piano 2,4 aule contenenti atti della Divisione A.G.R. siste-
mati in casse N. 390

2) PALAZZO LABIA - Sito in Campo S. Geremia -
Piano 2° e 3°, 23 ambienti, vi si trovano
sistemati in casse fascicoli ed atti vari delle:
Divisione A.G.R. casse " 758
" Pol. Pol. casse " 181
" (compreso una gabbia di legno conte-
nente una lampada di quarzo)
" Personale " 91
" Frontiera e trasporti " 124
" Gest. Contr. e Forniture " 97
" TOTALE CASSE.. " 1321

3) EX CHIESA ABBAZZIA N. CECILIO - site alla
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Divisione A.G.R. (atti fascicoli e stampati)
casse N. 554
" (di cui 176 emmesse, le
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" A.G.R. Schedari (in legno ed in ferro) " 42
" (di cui alcune vuote)
" A.G.R. Cassaforte N.1
" Frontiera e traspo. (Casse ammassate)... 2892 " 94
" Polizia (casse ammassate) " 109

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atti, schedine, schedari e materiale
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Idem, casselloni, schedari in ferro ed altro

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TIPOGRAFIA Tutto il materiale trasportato da Roma (macchinari, accessori, marginatura e carta). Una parte del materiale è tenuta in consegna dal Com. Capo Pennetta, direttore della piccola tipografia della D.C. Pol. installata a Venezia negli stabili - Dorsoduro 2874 2876.

A VALDAGNO - nella sede della Direzione Generale di P.S. si trovano custoditi gli atti correnti. Per quanto riguarda la Divisione Forze Armate di Polizia: gli atti inerenti agli Ufficiali si trovano custoditi a VOBARNO, gli atti inerenti agli agenti da poco tempo sono stati portati a MILANO dove si troverebbero in una Scuola della periferia. Gli auto-mezzi, quelli non requisiti dai tedeschi, si troverebbero a GAVARDO (BRESCIA).

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

25 May 1945

RXII/MFA/TRV

SUBJECT: Inspection of Monuments, CONEGLIANO.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.

1. Herewith summary report of inspection of monuments at CONEGLIANO (Prov. Treviso) on 17 May 45 by Major Newton.
2. General. Only damage here was from bombing of railway; harm to monuments is virtually negligible.
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5. S. Caterina. Undamaged
6. S. Francesco. Unknown locally.
7. S. Maria della Neve. Undamaged.
8. S. Martino. Roof slightly damaged by bomb fragments but already repaired.
9. S. Rocco. Undamaged.
10. Casa Sbarra - Vitali. Undamaged.
11. Palazzo Montalbano Vecchio. Intact, but Palazzo Montalbano

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11. Palazzo Montalban Vecchio. Intact, but Palazzo Montalban Nuovo was considerably shaken by near-miss.
12. Monte di Pietà. In Via XX Settembre, not in Via Mercatelli as listed. Is now Trattoria del Canon d'Oro. Intact; Pordenone fresco on facade is badly faded. Adjoining houses burned out in fire following direct bomb hit two doors away.
13. Porta del Leone. Intact, but Pordenone fresco is in very poor repair.
14. Archivio Comunale. Intact, but material was considerably disturbed by necessary moving of communal quarters during German occupation. Information furnished by Segretario Comunale, Dr. M. BELLONZI.

/s/ M.T. Newton 25 MAR. 1945
/t/ N.T. NEWTON,
Major, 1st Airborne Div Officer

Copies to: PC, Treviso Province
Major General, 1st Airborne Div Officer
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489084, ext. 442 & 254; 478480)

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20906/12/MFAA

21 May 1945

Subject: Archives Deposits.

To : Regional Commissioner, VENETIAN Region.

MFAA Austria has notified this S/C of two deposits of archives, which appear on their lists but seem to fall rather in Italian territory. They are both at FUSINE, a few miles east of TREVISO 07467, in two castles Schloss Walsburg and Schloss Sandsee.

For the Director:

J.B.

J.B. WARD PHILLIPS
Lt.Col., R.A.
D/Director.

Copy to:

Major Bell

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Division of Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

24 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Inspection of Monuments, Province of UDINE.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezie Region, AMG.

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7. Loggia S. Giovanni. Facade slightly marred by near-miss referred to in para 6. No action needed.
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CASARSA DELLA DELIZIA (C1008)

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Middle of roof collapsed; half of right wall down; all walls cracked. C.O (Capt SIMPSON) at San Vito al Tagliamento is having protective notices posted and ordering recovery of movables under supervision of parroco, Giovanni STEMININI. Piazza will submit project for consolidating walls, repairing frescoes, and rebuilding roof. CC military unit moving into Casarsa was advised of importance of church and necessity for safeguarding its debris.

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PASSARIANO (C2307)

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terrace-balustrade in drunken brawl, according to Contessa MANIN, who occupies one wing. Unit of R&F now using grounds without harm; officers' mess is in wing of villa with full consent of owner. Before armistice this was main repository for moveable objects of Venezia Giulia and Udine. After 8 Sept 43 deposit was redistributed under supervision of Superintendency, material being either returned to proprietors or red deposited in Museo Civico of Udine and special deposits at San Daniele (see para 35).

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STRASSOLDO (H4797)

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TARCENTO (C3837)

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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
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22 May 1945

Subject: Damage to Monuments in TRENTO.

To : S.C.A.O., AME, 5 Army.

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11. Archives. Archivist could not in the time available be located, so that no information could be obtained.

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In the field
21 May 45

Subject: Archivio Storico, Gorizia Province.
To : Director, MFA&A Sub-Commission, A.C.

1. Private information was obtained by the undersigned in Klagenfurt (Austria) that shortly before the opening of the spring offensive in Italy the Germans had arranged for the removal of the Archivio Storico of GORIZIA for acquisition by the Reich.
2. This Archivio is reported to consist of important documents relating to Italian territory, formerly preserved at Vienna, but transferred under a clause of the Treaty of St. Germain.
3. The information obtained further stated that owing to transport difficulties the Archives had been abandoned by the Germans in a baggage at Lussnitz, near the Austrian frontier.
4. On May 20 the undersigned visited Lussnitz and confirmed the accuracy of this story. The 'baggage' is a small wooden hut, No. 17, which had evidently been used as a storeroom for office furniture, copies of Gazettes and other periodicals, and files from the office of the German Commissariat at Trieste. Local information states that the archives from Gorizia arrived towards the end of March and were left intact when the Germans withdrew. The whole place was sacked by the "civilian population" on about 6 May and the only trace of the archives is the empty wooden boxes (about 10 in number) each labelled 'Archivio Storico - Provincia Gorizia'. Not a particle could be found of any parchment, hand written documents or books among the large quantity of torn, trampled and disorderly paper which is all that remains in the hut.
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8. The theory is prevalent that the removal may have been the work of Jugo-Slavian irregular troops who are strong in that area.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION AMG

Archives/1

16 May 1945

To: Regional Commissioner, Venetie Region

Subject: Sezione of Archivio di Stato and Biblioteca
Comunale. VERONA.

1. Undersigned visited the above mentioned institutions, which are housed in the same palazzo, on 14th May 1945. Premises of both were inspected and information received from Dr. Faciolli of the Archivio and Dr. Carrara of the Biblioteca. The Direttore Reggente of the Archivio (Prof. Sandri) is sick and was not available for interview; nor did undersigned see the Direttore of the Biblioteca (Prof. Faenelli).

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- d. The Farinati frescoes in the Sala Campostrino should be covered, though it was pointed out to undersigned that, being true frescoes, they have suffered less from the elements than would otherwise have been the case.

3. Content of Archivio. Archives are safe, the best of them in two deposits as under:

- a. In a shelter in the Arena, VERONA (pergamene, and generally records of date prior to 1400).

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- b. in the Palazzo e Museo di Scienze Naturali (the ancient Archivio Notarile and also several private archives).

Undersigned feels some anxiety about the first deposit: if roof repairs do not permit of its return to the Archivio within a month, it should be entered and tests made for damp. A former deposit at the Villa Pompei, Illasi was abandoned when the villa was occupied by the Germans and the material all safely brought away.

4. Content of Biblioteca. Losses cannot yet be computed, but are mainly amongst the less valuable books. The most serious single loss is that of the catalogue of the old part of the Library; the second that of much bibliographical material, both printed and also the ms. work of the Library staff; the third of the collection of engravings of the 17th and 18th centuries, a part only of which has been recovered.

The best things from the Library (incunabula, mss. etc) are in two deposits:

- a. in the shelter in the Arena, VERONA.
b. a small part in the villa Rizzaldi, NEGRAR.

5. Undersigned apologizes for going outside his own field in this report and also, perhaps, for including matters already dealt with in report of MFAA Officer 5th Army; owing to the fluidity of the present situation, however, that report is not yet to hand.

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/s/ H.S. Bell Major

/t/ Major H.E. Bell,
A.E.C. Archives Officer

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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Reference: Archives/1

14 May 1945

Subject : Archives of Italian Ministries Located in Venezia Region

To : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region

1. General

I have to-day completed a period of ten days temporary duty in Venezia Region. Although I took this opportunity to inspect some of the more important historical collections of the region, and have already reported separately on these, the main purpose of my tour was to locate the archives of various Italian ministries and state organizations, evacuated from Rome in 1944, and so far as possible to organize measures for their protection.

In this connection I made the basis of my inquiries the list of deposits of ministerial archives compiled by the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission, reference 20905/B/3/MEAA, dated 15 March 1945, supplemented by such further, and more up-to-date, information as was available on the spot.

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4. Venezia Province.

Please see my report reference as above, dated 10 May 1945.

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Hearsay evidence of a rather secondhand character suggests that the majority of the offices are still in existence, and that their archives are in fact being exploited by various Allied organisations. Surprising, however, I am less happy about the position here than elsewhere and will make further inquiries when I am free to return to Venetian Region.

6. Vicenza Province.

a) The Air Ministry had offices at Bassano del Grappa the archives of which still exist in the following locations :-

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COMANDO PRESIDIO
UFFICIO AMMINISTRATIVO PRESIDIO
MAGAZZINO MATERIE ORDINARIO
UFFICIO REQUISIZIONI ALLOGGI E LAVORI
UFFICIO STRALCIO COMMISSARIATO
UFFICIO STRALCIO COSTRUZIONI SERVIZI ARMI
E MUNIZIONI
UFFICIO STRALCIO TELECOMUNICAZIONI
UFFICIO STRALCIO DENARIO
CORTE DEI CONTI
RAGIONERIA GENERALE
INFERMERIA PRESIDARIA
AUTOREPARTO PRESIDARIO
MENSE PRESIDARIA

Villa Ionco.
Collegio Graziani
Piazza Duomo Vecchio
Piazza Duomo Vecchio
Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

Via Barbieri 25
Villa Ionco
Collegio Graziani
Piazza Terreglio
Villa Ionco
Piazza Duomo Vecchio
Villa Ionco
Cinema Grotta Azzurra

I had a long conversation with Dr. Trincheri, who was appointed by the C.L.N. to take charge of these records. He is doing a good job of conversation, and very rightly attempting to concentrate the archives into a smaller number of repositories. I left a note for C.A.O. Bassano, requesting that Dr. Trincheri be given all assistance possible in this connection particularly to obtain packing- chests and transport. In particular evacuation from the Collegio Graziani must be regarded as urgent, since a part of this building is used to house P.O.W.

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- Italian Officers (Capt. Chiodo, Grandi and Col. Gallo) have apparently been looking into, and after, the protection of these archives. Though I did not have the opportunity of meeting these gentlemen, I am satisfied that the value of the archives concerned is fully realized, and that further damage is unlikely to occur.

7. Conclusions.

The following conclusions suggest themselves from this short tour of inspection.

- (a) Thanks to Patriot action of one kind and another losses of archives have been much less considerable than at one time was feared likely.

- b) Owing to the very considerable number of offices, and sections of offices involved, (except in the case of a centralised ministry like that of Public Instruction direct protection by MFAA personnel is impossible.
- c) Having regard to the two previous conclusions, it would appear that protection can most effectively be arranged through Italian Officials. I hope that in attempting to work on these lines I am carrying out the spirit of Allied Commission letter reference 501/76/EC dated 1 May 1945.

H E Bell *major*

Major H.E. BELL, A.E.C., Archives Officer

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Provincial Commissioner, Verona Province { para 5 }
Provincial Commissioner, Vicenza Province { para 6 }
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C.A.O. Bassano del Grappa { para 6 (a) }
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In the Field
12 May 45

Inspection of Archives at UDINE undertaken at request of Major
Bell 12 May 45.

Archivio di Stato
 Archivio Comunale
 Biblioteca Comunale

In Palazzo Bartolini. Undamaged. The
 Librarian Dott. G. Battista Corgnoli is
 also 'Reggente' for the new Sezione of the

Archivio di Stato. The latter exists only in the form of a metal
 plate on the entrance, as since the decision to create a sezione was
 made (in 1941) no suitable site has been available in which to
 concentrate the archives, the library itself being already short of
 space.

There is a deposit of incunabula, MSS. etc. from the library
 at PAVIA DI UDINE in the care of Dr. Urbano Capsoni de Rinaldi (a
 local scholar). These are said to be safe and likely to be brought
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Archivio Notarile.

From an archival point of view this was the most important deposit in Friuli, a rich collection from 13th century, and was intended as the nucleus of the proposed Archivio di Stato. The Repository, Via Cairoli 71, was occupied by a detachment of SS, a portion of it however being blocked off and reserved for the archives; it was precisely this portion which received a direct bomb hit in February 1945; two large rooms, containing among much else, all the older documents, were completely shattered. Both the Conservatore, Dott. Donnichiarico (a very elderly person) and the Librarian agree that the initiative for recovery work was taken by female German Fine Arts officer, Dott. Hanfstaengel, who, with the Librarian, supervised rescue from the rubble of 150 boxes of archives and several sacks of fragments, estimated to be at least 2/3 of the original deposit. The Librarian blames the conservatore for slowness in beginning this work and states that much was lost

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through civilian loot before the German Lady appeared on the scene. On the other hand the Conservatore alleges that the German Lady gave orders for modern records to be thrown away, only salvaging material earlier than 1800.

Nothing appears to remain in the rubble, but on the roofless top floor, large quantities of copies of notarial acts of recent date have been left abandoned and sodden. The Conservatore states that the originals of all these are safe.

The salvaged material is now in deposit at CAMESETTO, in the house of the Director of the Museo of Udine, Prof. Someda. It is safe where it is, but the accommodation is needed by the owner for other uses, and the problem of finding an alternative repository is therefore urgent, assuming that in Udine, a town which has not been heavily bombed, it would be easier to do this rather than to effect repairs to the present building (a major undertaking).

Ecclesiastical Archives

The undersigned had a long conversation with ^{Map.} ~~Vener~~ Vale, archivist at Arcivescovile. The important collections of ecclesiastical archives and books in Udine are safe, but a full report for the Diocese, with details of some local losses through enemy vandalism, already prepared by the ~~Mgr~~ will be sent to the Sub-Commission with a request to forward to the Vatican in the next day or so.

/s/ T.H. Brooke Capt.

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RC, VENIZIA Region
Major Bell.

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION AMG.

12 May 1945

Subject: Archives of BASSANO DEL GRAPPA

To : Regional Commissioner, VENEZIA Region

Accompanied by Captain Basil Marriott, undersigned visited BASSANO DEL GRAPPA today.

1. The Archivio Storico Comunale and Biblioteca Comunale are located in the same premises as the Museum. The building was heavily damaged by bombs immediately prior to the liberation of BASSANO; repair will be a matter for MFAA Officers's consideration. Archives and manuscripts are all reported safe by the director, Prof. Paolo Tusa. The best are in deposit in the Palazzo Ducale, Venice.
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4. When undersigned visited BASSANO, rubble was being cleared from a house adjacent to the museum. It contained correspondence of early 19th century dates, and undersigned arranged with Prof. Tusa to have all papers of an archival character collected and held in safety for their proprietor.
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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION AMG

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Subject: Archives in Treviso and Vicenza

To : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.

Visits were made to Treviso and Vicenza on 10th and 11th May 1945 respectively.

1. TREVISO

The Archivio Storico Comunale occupied the same building as the library, gallery and museum. In April 1944 the building suffered a direct bomb-hit, which totally destroyed the premises housing the Archivio. Major Newton is reporting on this building, the reconstruction of which must, of course, be handled as a single problem.

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The Archivio del Tribunale, situated in the Corte d'Assise, was, for the great part, destroyed in the serial bombardment of April 1944; the remains are in the Palazzo del Tribunale.

2. VICENZA

The Sezione of the Archivio di Stato is housed in the Biblioteca Comunale, a building only slightly damaged in the most

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recent air-raid; its windows lack glass, but otherwise all is well. All documents are safe, the best of them in deposits as follows:-

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

10 May 1945

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Subject: Inspection of Monuments, TREVISO
To : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.

1. Herewith summary report of preliminary inspection of monuments of TREVISO, made to day by undersigned.
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9. S. NICOLO'. Architecturally the most important Church in TREVISO. Intact except for the small hole in roof, caused by direct small-calibre hit at top of wall on left side of nave. Frescoes on columns of nave are well covered, and no damage has been done by rain. CAO (Major SHOVE) has already asked Superintendency of Monuments at Venice to arrange for repair of hole and cornice. Best removable paintings in church had been sent to Venice and are believed safe. Adjacent cloister slightly damaged.

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10. S. PAOLO. Listed in "Protected Monuments" but could not be found. Persons questioned said they had never heard of it.
11. S. TEONISTO. Of no outstanding value except for Gothic apse. Badly hit. Walls remain standing in large part, but entire roof has collapsed.
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 Major, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
 VENEZIA REGION
 Allied Military Government
 APO 394

10 May 1945

To: Regional Commissioner, VENEZIA Region (attn. of Major
 Norman Newton, MFAA Officer)

Subject: Inspection of R. Archivio di Stato, VENICE.

File: no RXII/ARG/I/

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To: Regional Commissioner, VENEZIE Region (attn. of Major Norman
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Subject: Archives in Padova.

File no. RXII/ARC/1

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ARCHIVES/1

8 May 1945

To: Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.

Subject: Archives of Ministry of Public Instruction in
Scuola Professionale per le Donne, PADOVA

Undersigned arrived in Padova on 5 May 1945 and reported to Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region, who arrived the same evening.

The building housing the above mentioned records had been chosen as Regional H.Q. It must be said at the outset, however, that Regional Officers concerned (and especially the advance party under Major - Cates) showed full appreciation of the importance of the archives. Undersigned found that one room on each floor had been set aside and that the work of concentrating documents in these rooms was already in progress under the supervision of responsible Italian officials.

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- (iv) Education Officer (Major Gregory) has agreed to interest himself in the continued protection of these archives.

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It does not appear that, at any stage, the archives have been unprotected. According to Dr. Puppi, an Official of the Ministry, it functioned until 26 April; it was then superseded by a commissary, Prof. Laura, appointed by C.I.N. C.I.N. and later S. Force prevented entry of all unauthorised persons. It appears that only on the night of 3-4 May was the building occupied - by a medical unit; a chalk mark on one wall reads 58 F.D.S. and on another 57 F.D.S. -

Under the circumstances it is unlikely that much loss of archives has taken place, though a certain amount of disturbance of series necessarily occurred when the records were transferred to the rooms set aside to house them. This transfer from the nature of things, had to be rapid and Ing. Galante who was responsible for its supervision and carried out his duties admirably, had to depend on inexperienced, and largely juvenile labour.

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7 MAG. 1945

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

SUBJECT: Monuments of PADOVA (Supplemental), STRA and VENICE.

CA/132

7 May 45

TO: SCAG, AMG Eighth Army.

1. Herewith summary report of further inspection of monuments at PADOVA (supplementary to CA/132 of 2 May 45) and of initial inspections at STRA and VENICE.
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7. Duomo. Bombing caused considerable damage at front of church, already in great part repaired. Reordering of undistinguished interior remains to be done.

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6. Villa Nazionale. Placed Out of Bounds by Corps during advance; neither villa nor park has been entered by troops. Manager Giuseppe PASSMAN says no damage or loss has occurred except cutting of many trees in park by Germans for firewood and fortifications. Of material formerly in deposit here, all was moved to Venice except items normally kept at Villa Nazionale.

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VENICE.

9. General. Sole Allied bombing mission caused explosion of German ammunition, jarring fixtures and breaking some windows throughout Venice. Otherwise everything in city is unharmed. Superintendent of Monuments (Ing. FORLATI) and Superintendent of Galleries (Dott MORESCHINI) will submit at once to Provincial Commissioner a list of urgent cases of need, window-blocking to prevent possible further harm from rain. They will also indicate places from which temporary materials (such as that used for blackout screening) can be quickly obtained. These first-aid measures (including, for sake of visiting troops, early restoration to place of horses on S. Marco and two statues on columns in Piazza) will be ordered to be done immediately by Provincial Commissioner.

10. Superintendencies. Offices of Ing. Forlati and Dr Moreschini will take up at once with Intendente di Finanza the continuation of normal budget accounts. Dr Moreschini is in Venice. Ing Forlati is understood to be away on a trip to deposits in Trentino in company with Ing RUSCONI, Superintendent for that area.

11. Deposits. According to Dr Moreschini, all deposits within territory of Venice Superintendencies (Provinces of Rovigo, Vicenza, Padova, Venezia, Treviso, Belluno) were cleared some time ago and all material moved back to Venice itself, with the sole exception of the deposit at PRAGLIA, where material from Padova is still being safely kept. Storage space at Venice is entirely satisfactory and no losses have occurred. Information furnished by Venice Superintendencies was signalled 4 May to MEPA Officer AMG Fifth Army regarding remaining two deposits of Florentine works at CAMPO TURES (near BREVICO) and SAN LEONARDO IN PASSIRIA (near MERANO). It is also understood that Superintendents Forlati and Rusconi are checking these, thanks to transport and permits arranged by AMG.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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OA/132

6 May 45

SUBJECT: Monuments of ROVIGO PROVINCE.

TO: SCAO, AMG Eighth Army.

1. Herewith summary report of inspection of monuments of ROVIGO, together with first-hand reports on LENDINARA and RADIA FOLIESINE.

ROVIGO

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11. Accademia dei Concordi. Plain building on Piazza, housing Biblioteca Civica, Pinacoteca, and small Museum. No evidence of damage; no losses of material. Best pictures were consigned to Superintendency at Venice, where they are known to be safe.

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LENDINARA and BADIA POLESINE.

12. Pressure of time has prevented personal inspection of these places by undersigned, who had already received first-hand reports in both Ferrara and Padova, from priests just returned from Lendinara, to the effect that no damage had come to Lendinara or to the remains of the Abbey of Vangadizza at Badia Polesine. These reports were further confirmed by the Rector of the Seminario Arcivescovile at Rovigo.

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3 May 1945

SUBJECT: M.F.A.A. Report - Verona.

TO: S.C.A.O., AMC 5th Army.

General.

1. The situation in general is pretty bad. Sixteen of some twenty churches of artistic value have been hit. Undersigned will visit Verona again and see all the damage. Some was seen and the rest comes from Supt. Gazzola. He was at Villa Rizzardi, Negrar, 15 - 20 Kms. out of Verona, where his office had been transferred with the records for safety's sake. He was not in town when undersigned arrived 28th April 195. Avenna is in the country too. Care of Monuments in this City is not too good. Rubble piles, with valuable fragments, are still lying around. Undersigned's opinion of Gazzola is not too good. He has been told to get on the job in certain language.

2. a. The Ponte Pietra is practically a ruin. The Roman part is gone.

b. Ponte Castelvecchio is gone. Both were blown over protest of the Archbishop and Gazzola and other people. Kesselring had forbidden this over his own signature.

3. Cathedral. Cloister and Chapter Library, Mecca of scholars all over the world was hit and reduced to rubble. Mons. Turini has done a great job of recovering the books. This is a serious loss.

4. SS. Apostoli. In the demolition of the bridges the facade was injured beyond that caused by bombing.

5. S. Bernardino. In bad shape.

6. S. Rufina. Light damage.

7. S. Fermo Maggiore. Cloister and sacristy are in bad condition.

8. S. Giorgio Maggiore. Light damage - repairable. Veronese picture of Martyrdom of St. George is away and safe.

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of Monuments in this City is not too good. Rubble piles, with
valuable fragments, are still lying around. Undersigned's opinion
of Gazzola is not too good. He has been told to get on the job in
certain language.

2. a. The Ponte Pietra is practically a ruin. The Roman
part is gone.

b. Ponte Castelvecchio is gone. Both were blown over
protest of the Archbishop and Gazzola and other people. Assessing
had forbidden this over his own signature.

3. Cathedral. Cloister and Chapter Library. Mecca of scholars
all over the world was hit and reduced to rubble. Mons. Turini has
done a great job of recovering the books. This is a serious loss.

4. SS. Apostoli. In the demolition of the bridges the
façade was injured beyond that caused by bombing.

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6. S. Rufina. Light damage.

7. S. Fermo Maggiore. Cloister and sacristy are in bad
condition.

8. S. Giorgio Maggiore. Light damage - repairable. Veronese
picture of Martyrdom of St. George is away and safe.

9. S. Giovanni in Valle. Grave damage.

10. S. Maria in Organo } light damage.
S. Lorenzo }
SS. Nazaro e Celso }

11. S. Paolo. Severe damage.

12. S. Stefano } light damage.
S. Tommaso Cantuariense }

13. SS. Trinità. Grave damage.

14. S. Zeno Maggiore. Windows out - rest is safe. Triptych of
Mantegna is safe.

15. Palace of Archbishop. Slight damage.

16. Palazzo Canonici. Chapter library and Archives destroyed. Most valuable things were removed.

17. Palace of Prefettura. Glass damage, but the Academy of Science and Literature suffered severe damage.

18. Municipio of Barbieri. In bad shape.

19. Palazzo Bevilacqua }
Quastaverza } light damage.
Orti }
Casa Mazzanti }

20. Palazzo Canossa. Very bad damage from bombing. The Tiepolo fresco suffered some from this and was out of existence in the demolition of the Ponte Castelveccchio.

21. Palazzo Lisca. Bad fire and bomb damage.

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23. Castelveccchio. Bombed in one corner - large rubble piles.

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36. DEPOSITS.

- 1) Pictures and statues from Verona Churches in Church S. Anastasia.
- 2) Arena - Roman. Large part of pictures, books, archives, etc. The Germans did not know of this deposit. Apparently they were searching for valuables at the end.
- 3) Castelvechio. Pictures.
- 4) Cloister of the Duomo. Chapter Library.

- 5) Palazzo Forti. Pictures from Churches of Verona.
- 6) Crypt of S. Zeno. Statues.
- 7) To VENICE - Ducal Palace. Books and Pictures.
- 8) Villa Rizzardi at NEGHER. Pictures and Archives of the Superintendency.

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