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MICROFILMS AND PHOTOSTATS OF EUROPEAN MANUSCRIPTS

It has been brought to the attention of the Committee on Documentary Reproduction of the American Historical Association that many European manuscripts have been destroyed. How serious this is is shown by the horrifying list of French losses which is printed below. In a letter to Professor MacKinney which accompanied that list, Mlle Marie Thérèse d' Alverney, Keeper of Manuscripts at the Bibliothèque Nationale, wrote: "Here is the list of manuscripts in French libraries destroyed during the War. It is even worse than I had thought myself. We shall be extremely grateful to you and to other members of the Mediaeval Academy of America if you let us know what microfilms and photostats of these lost manuscripts are presently in your possession."

From Italy a member of the Committee reports similar losses. Details are not available but the libraries which have suffered are listed below. Correspondence is in progress with German authorities to obtain similar information there. Further information from other countries is hereby solicited.

We hope that the suggestion in Mlle Alverney's letter will be taken up, and that use can be made of copies of lost originals.

An obvious first step in such a program of scholarly reciprocity is creating a list of potential replacement material. It is therefore requested that holders of reproductions from any of the libraries listed below report these holdings to The Executive Secretary, Mediaeval Academy of America, 1430 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts. This request has been extended beyond the specific manuscripts in the French list because it is known that manuscripts not included in it have been so severely damaged as to be unusable.

A gesture of reciprocity such as this will not only be a natural expression of gratitude for past favors but also will solidify and improve scholarly relations across the Atlantic. Please therefore make reports as soon as possible.

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Committee on Documentary Reproduction

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Chairman, Italian Sub-Committee,
Committee on Documentary Reproduction

French Manuscripts Destroyed during the War (1939-1945)

BEAUVAIS: 1, 22, 23, 26, 43-69, 71-78, 82.

BREST: 1-3, 5-7, 9-13, 16, 19, 20, 22, 25, 31-39, 41-43.

CAEN (B.U.): "Tous les manuscrits ont été détruits."

CHARTRES: 1, 2, 9, 17-24, 26-28, 30, 34-53, 56, 58-61, 63-80, 82, 84-88, 90-102, 104-117, 119-121, 123-129, 131-134, 145, 147, 151, 154-160, 162, 164, 166, 167, 170-177, 179-184, 186-196, 198, 199, 201-204, 206, 207, 209-212, 214-230, 232-235, 238-254, 256, 257, 259, 260, 262, 263, 266, 268, 272, 273, 278, 279, 283, 288-290, 292, 294-309, 312-317, 320, 322, 323, 325-332, 334, 335, 337-348, 350-355, 357-360, 362, 366, 367, 370, 371,

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A large part of the manuscripts still existing in Chartres are in bad condition or fragmentary.

DOUAI: 57 (2), 171, 257, 469, 562, 605, 719, 735, 1041, 1053, 1076, 1086, 1225, 1258, 1294, 1305, 1345, 1369, 1422, 1448, 1478.

FALAISE: "Tous les manuscrits ont été détruits."

LISIEUX: 20.

METZ: 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 13-18, 20-26, 29, 32-36, 38-53, 55, 57, 58, 62, 64, 66-71, 73, 76-83, 85-89, 91, 93-97, 100, 102, 106-109, 111-113, 115-130, 132-136, 139-148, 151-153, 156, 158-162, 164-166, 169, 170, 172-175, 179-182, 184-200, 202, 204, 207-221, 226, 228-231, 233, 234, 236, 237, 239-244, 246-249, 254, 258, 260, 269, 271, 274, 275, 278, 279, 281, 283, 285, 286, 288, 292-297, 301-307, 310-313, 315, 316, 319, 322, 328-338, 343, 347, 350, 355, 357, 360, 368, 374, 377, 379, 387, 388, 390, 395, 396, 398, 400, 401, 425, 429, 431-433, 441, 445, 447, 452-454, 456, 457, 461, 465, 469, 470, 476, 481, 482, 489, 497, 499, 500, 507, 516, 517, 519, 522, 523, 525, 527, 529, 530, 535, 546, 558, 564-567, 574, 578-581, 587, 590, 596, 597, 617, 618, 628, 637, 646, 652-654, 669, 676, 689, 693, 697, 700, 706, 713-716, 725, 730, 731, 741, 750-759, 762-765, 770-774, 776-779, 782-786, 798-807, 810-826, 828-831, 834, 835, 837-840, 842, 847, 856-858, 864-870, 872, 873, 876-879, 882, 884, 886, 888, 889, 892-896, 899, 919, 921, 925, 935, 940-942, 944-948, 952, 954-956, 958, 960, 961, 963-965, 967, 968, 971, 972, 975-991, 993, 998, 999, 1002, 1010, 1011, 1014, 1017, 1019, 1026, 1028-1030, 1037, 1050, 1051, 1054-1057, 1064, 1068, 1070, 1071, 1073-1076, 1087, 1103, 1110, 1113, 1120, 1126, 1128, 1130, 1133, 1143-1148, 1150, 1151, 1157, 1158, 1166, 1167, 1169, 1170, 1173, 1180, 1183, 1184, 1187-1190, 1192, 1194, 1195, 1199-1202, 1204, 1206, 1209, 1214, 1216, 1217, 1220, 1221, 1225, 1228, 1238, 1244, 1246, 1254, 1255, 1258, 1261, 1268, 1269, 1271, 1273, 1277, 1284, 1292-1294, 1336, 1360, 1363, 1378, 1380, 1382, 1400, 1406, 1409, 1411, 1412, 1414, 1418, 1425, 1429, 1432-1449, 1458, 1462, 1465.

NEUFCHATEL-en-BRAY: 6-47.

PONT-à-MOUSSON: 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-19, 21-24.

SAINT-MALO: 8, 12, 13, 14, 25.

STRASBOURG (B.N. & U.): 61, 158, 166, 966, 1081, 1082, 1916, 2376, 2782.

TOURS: 208, 209, 211, 377, 458, 488, 491, 499-517, 519, 521-551, 553, 556, 561-564, 566, 567, 569, 570, 577-595, 597-614, 616-643, 645-648, 650, 652, 653, 656-667, 674-678, 682, 684, 687, 691, 692, 695, 700-702, 704, 717, 719-732, 734-740, 742, 744, 745, 749-754, 756, 759, 760, 763, 765-775, 777-782, 785, 787, 788, 790, 793-797, 801, 802, 804-809, 811, 813-815, 818-820, 823-828, 831, 837-840, 846-849, 851-853, 855, 856, 858-871, 873-878, 886, 888-890, 892, 895, 896, 899-902, 906, 908, 910-919, 929, 934, 954, 955, 957-960, 967, 969, 977, 979, 981-983, 1053, 1068-1072, 1074, 1076-1110, 1112-1129, 1136-1153, 1158-1160, 1164-1181, 1184-1196, 1198, 1199, 1201-1205, 1210, 1212, 1221, 1224-1242, 1244-1289, 1292, 1293, 1297-1307, 1322, 1323, 1336, 1337, 1340-1375, 1377-1382, 1385-1423, 1430-1440, 1443, 1445, 1449, 1454-1465, 1468-1481, 1485, 1487-1502, 1504-1528, 1531-1711, 1713-1741, 1743-1748, 1750-1849, 1851-1999.

VITRY-le-FRANCOIS: 1-17, 19-175.

Italian Libraries in which Manuscripts were Destroyed, Damaged, or Lost
during the War

- Alessandria**, Biblioteca della Deputazione Subalpina di Storia Patria
Ancofia, Biblioteca Comunale
Benevento, Biblioteca Capitolare
 Biblioteca dei Minori
Bologna, Biblioteca dell' Archiginnasio
 Biblioteca e Museo Carducciano
Cagliari, Biblioteca Comunale
 Biblioteca dei Padri Carmelitani
Capua, Biblioteca Arcivescovile
 Biblioteca del Museo Provinciale Campano
Chioggia, Seminario Vescovile
Citta della Pieve, Biblioteca Comunale
Crevalcore, Biblioteca Comunale
Faenza, Biblioteca Comunale
Fano, Biblioteca Comunale
Florence, Biblioteca del Conservatorio di Musica Cherubini
Formia, Biblioteca Comunale
Formicola, Biblioteca Privata Fusco
Fossombrone, Biblioteca Civica Passionei
Genoa, Biblioteca della Missione Urbana di S. Carlo
Grosseto, Biblioteca Vescovile
Isernia, Biblioteca Comunale Michele Romano
Lanciano, Biblioteca del Convento Sant' Angelo della Pace
Leghorn, Biblioteca Comunale Labronica
Messina, Biblioteca del Gabinetto di Lettura
 Biblioteca dell' Accademia Peloritana
Milan, Biblioteca Civica
 Biblioteca dell' Archivio Storico-Civico e Trivulziana
 Biblioteca Melziana
Modena, Biblioteca dell' Accademia di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti
Montecassino, Biblioteca dell' Abbazia
Naples, Biblioteca della Società dei Naturalisti
 Biblioteca della Società di Scienze e Lettere e Arti
 Biblioteca della Società Napoletana di Storia Patria
 Biblioteca Zangari
Palermo, Biblioteca del Conservatorio di Musica Bellini
Pesaro, Biblioteca Oliveriana
Pescara, Biblioteca Provinciale Gabriele d'Annunzio
Pieve Santo Stefano, Biblioteca Comunale
Piacenza, Biblioteca del Convento Cappuccini
Ravenna, Biblioteca Comunale Classense
Reggio Emilia, Collegio Missionario dei Frati Minori
Savignano sul Rubicone, Biblioteca Comunale e dell' Accademia dei Filopatridi
Tivoli, Biblioteca Comunale
Turin, Biblioteca della Comunità Israelitica
 Biblioteca dell' Associazione Nazionale Combattenti
 Biblioteca Umberto Secondo Sacerdote
Torre del Greco, Biblioteca dei Carmelitani Scalzi di S. Teresa
Treviso, Biblioteca Capitolare
Udine, Biblioteca del Seminario Arcivescovile
Vasto, Biblioteca Comunale
Verona, Biblioteca del Seminario Vescovile