

Prizza at night. Had thought I would
save money! Nap & then to Am Ex. &
wandered around, telling many times
of this aimless wandering. To bed
early.

Wednesday

Furnished Prof. M. boots. Signorine
Menna rushing me to go with
her to buy micrometer for Istituto
like the one I bought in Milano
for my self. Am eating at Trattoria
across the street - good cooking - one
good meal at 1.30. In evening, yogurt
& orange. Yesterday paid 1.30 L. for
7 nice oranges. Yogurt is .55 L.
to Am. Embassy to see film of Inaugural
of Kennedy. Then back to room. Turn
clear & colder. Bath & to bed early
Siganna Pino is a talker always in
room & talking for a hour!

Thursday Jan 26

After Istituto & dinner washed
out a few things with Sig. Pino
peeping up a rapid talking marathon
to Am. Ex. no mail. then walked thru
Piazza del Papale along Via Flaminia
to catch the ES to go to Isola Tiberina
to see Clair show again. Liked it even
more, that is the metal works, not so
the gauze - Cold in pomeriggio - beautiful
cloudy-sprinkling in morn.

1000 L for old
town pictures & documents

Friday

Cold wind - Istituto - dinner - crowd starts
Went to Piazza with Sig. George to introduce
me to a man who sells on Cort so
he wouldn't over charge me. I wonder.
Then to Am. Ex - letter from Hannah & Margie
Bought 2 maggs. for boys. Dropped in
to see Lehmanns. To-morrow if it doesn't
rain will go on picnic.

Sat. - cloudy - cold

To Istituto for minute then to Hotel
to meet Lehmanns. Gave Sig. Mangencl
the address Margret had sent re plot.
Off by eleven - I with wine & oranges.
Then off to Ostia Antica. They have
seen half of it so we parted & met
at 1:30. Most beautiful little theatre
proportion so nice. Saw in one
room where frescos are still
distinct. They are being removed
from wall & backed by board & in
frame. Then they are hung in place
again but about 1 1/2 inch away from
wall so that air can circulate &
they be kept dry. So quite & peaceful
lovely day, lovely people, lovely lunch
Sunday - Sunny

Went to Tivoli & the Villa d'Este
The fountains are really spectacular
It was rather cold as the garden
is mostly in the shade. Noticed that

Plenderleith's suggestion - Study
glues - Hadn't thought of it.

The water all ran downhill of course
but toward some low building with
open ponds + realized that they
must make paper there + after
asking attend this proved to be so. All
machine tho + I've seen enough of that
Monday sun

Istituto - busy washing books in
"clothes" for istituto + some old things
I picked up. Phone call from Dr
Plenderleith!! Appointed for to-morrow
was tempted not to tell Sig Magnellie
but thought better of it. As she had
given me ^{his} address + had asked several
times if I had heard from him.
So abt to-morrow. Tea with Mrs Bright.
Letter from Peter, Tito, Hannah + Womsky.

Tuesday raining

Could hardly wait to see Plenderleith
slight very badly - was so excited. He
is a very fine man - very humble
says "he has always worked with his
hands but now has to work with his
head." Don't know what I expected
of this visit but felt it was most im-
portant. Glad I made it. I can now
write to him from S.F. Dilly's sample
of plastic I think is what the
istituto is looking for. If it is
I'm very glad. Stayed in all after-
noon + wrote letters.

Letter from KRD says sun came out as soon as
I left until Jan 1. Then rain & floods again

Wednesday Feb 1-

Only 19 more days! ~~Forecasting~~ to rain
Worked on my old steel engraving removing
old glue - etc. Again looked for a straw
Coser. No luck. The italians are indeed
very immature. Signorine Mennea very
up set because Sig Mengonelli did not
tell her where we were going yesterday
to see Plenderleith. Also when Gabriella
was sent in with money to pay for
postage of letters I had written re
the plastic, she should have been told.
She seems to feel that I am her sole
property - Its sort of an inferiority
complex. The fact is she knows
very little beyond the mending of
paper - but is very annoyed if I ask
some of the others for information. Nina
has a boy! Got caught in a fine hail
storm - half hour after a beautiful
sunset & I thinking its going to clear up

Thursday

Worked on restoration paper engraving -
scraping dried glue off. Went to Piazza
Argentina & found a straw basket I wanted
Felt the man charged me too much but it was cheaper
than on Via Quatro Fontana. So bought it. Raining
so stayed in. Wrote letters - Rantled

Friday. Bright sunny

Still scraping glue off backs of engraving
After leaving institute started out for

Students on march seemed very young
some a mere 14. They had whistles as used
by traffic police. Disrupted traffic.

Gallery of Modern Art to see the Henry Moore
showing but it looked a little cloudy
so decided to skip it & went in to have
dinner - and it poured for about 15 min
then to late for gallery. Another time. Found
a book on bookbinding in Italian. Am
Ex & then walked to station to catch
#5 Streetcar - back to room.

Saturday - Sun - nippy
Scraped glue & tried to remove Red stain.
It's amazing how Sig. Menna changes when
it works for the institute she keeps cautioning
me "piano - piano" but when it's any thing
else she goes rough shod was showing
me what to do & rubbed off a good pc of
surface paper & part of Corabi's face. I
got so damn mad! The italians are so
childish - I have to get away - after dinner
went to Piazza del Popolo & climbed to
Pincio gardens to watch sunset (had
a nap before leaving) full of people
leaning on parapet looking at each
other - not at sunset. From there walked
to Barberi & went to see "Mai il Dominio"
V.H. Walking to station after show realized
that my 10 year dream was at an end
& not at all what I expected. Do not
belong ^{every} there. Few tears! Well that part so why
feel bad? Bought yogurt, orange & bread. Found
I'd left my keys in room. So had to wait from
8:30 to 10 before Jonnet came & I could go in.

Signore Pino having trouble with police
over not registering lodgers. All the red tape
here. Saw students mocking thru the bussey
streets in protest of Austrian descent? Stole one flag, &
what seemed to be the Fascist salute!?

Had my knitting so did something! I
could have killed myself!

Sunday - Sunny - cold.

Went to Nemi but even that
failed to lift my spirits. Wind was
blowing & when not in sun, it was
freezing. So came back to Rome
& took first streetcar which took
me in direction of St. Peter's.
Had dinner ^{new} there and then wandered
to St. P. for last look. Sun streaming
thru upper windows making gold
gleam & shine. At the back of the
church is the baptisml chapel. There
is a steady stream of new babies
being baptised every Sunday, 2
priests doing a going business. One does not
have to make an appointment. Back in
room by 6 PM.

Monday - Sunny - cold

With Prof. Runge to the Vatican Library.
Was shown through the restoration dept. where
the equipment is of the latest type & very ship-
shape. See notes on B.B. Prof. R. all the way
there in street car, pointing out historical places.
He is a walking encyclopedia. Wasted clothes;
to questura to change address, Bel. to room -
wash hair & bath. Sq. Pino had hair dryer.
Letter from K. Drummond, Mary had the flu.
Saw Codex Vaticanus (Cod. B) 1209 - one
sheet in Museum & a 4 vol. for simile in library.

Tuesday - Cloudy

Menna just seems to annoy me more & more. Riding rough shod over my work. If I ask any information from some one else - she doesn't like it at all only I wish more! Went in search of parchment today near San Giovanni - Brynoid. Found it after much asking. Bought a skin so I'll have something to work with. Would like to do one of Herbert's books in parchment. Arrive back here after 2 and hungry. Showers, then seem to clear, went out but as it was clouding up again come back.

Wednesday Beautiful Sunny

Much talk between Pennell & Menna on method that I should use in restoring picture - old & torn that I had bought. Very frustrated to have to work with her. At last I was ~~per~~ put on film of plastic. But so much talk! The fact is Menna know just her work of adding little piece of paper to sheets - & nothing else - she is not willing to have any one show me any thing else. She sent me to get paper to patch with - "like we used yesterday" "ma giusto" well there is no such thick paper as the original picture is made of. So it goes! Left early 12 o'clock took bus to Bell. Auto bought salami, cheese & bread & figs. Walked up to Henry Moore show at National Gallery in Paris & ate in sun then to see showing. Did three parks to top Via Veneto & down side st. along wall to Am. Ex. Little from Hestride of Montreal

Then walked to San Pietro where there is
a restaurant that makes good pizzas &
not expensive with wine & salad. Trying to
save in case check does not come.
Back by bus - Rather a lot of walking
Thursday

Will the 20th ever arrive! Last evening
spent a very pleasant hour with the Martini
but nothing more than was told me over
phone "that they had hear from Dolts from
N.Y. Tobi growing - speaks 4 languages, very
bright." Martini's sister & husband were there
also a very nice young appearing viola
player in a quartette who had been in
SF three times. Signora Giuliana.
We had tea. It was a long journey
to reach there 3 buses. I had just
arrived back at 8:30 & was greeted by Signor
Pino - "let's go to Am. There to hear a
Am. folksong singer - Gordon by name so
I went even if I felt like going to bed.
Martini's brother-in-law said "Italians talk too
much, are jealous of each other & their position
to change even a bus stop, has to go three
8 department before an Alt. is reached. I was
glad to hear an Italian say these things.
Friday - Sunny

Mamma not well, wants to stay home on Sat.
but does not want ~~me~~ to come when she is not there
Time is too short & I will go just the same.

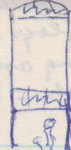
Italian flag + Vatican flag of red + orange
celebrating anniversary of reconciliation of state
+ church - Feb. 11

Letter from Clair, Alicia Ruffe + Alder with check. A
skiff as money is very short. In afternoon taken
to a lecture on the eclipse of sun. Prof Rungo
had given Menna + I tickets. Introduced me
to his wife, who was horrified that I had left
my unmarried sons alone! Who takes care of
them? New renter - young man from America
much chattering last night in hall by Sig Piro
+ Jeanette.

Saturday - very warm

Went to institute + patched up all little holes in engraving
I'm repairing. Menna + Magnanelli not there. Then to
Am. Ex. only tunnel, letter from Wilma, to Lion Bishop +
chairs at little grocery where I used to eat when first in Rome.
To Forpi to ask about bd. materials, ~~knows~~ nothing. To
Fountain where I ate my Canone(?) did not throw pennies
in F. wandered over hill of Quirinale thru little back
streets to Mercato Traianei, Foro of Augustus, around
Foro Romano up the back, over old Roman Rd
to Campidoglio then took bus to Termini, & from
there #5 to end of line thinking I went to San Paolo.
But I didn't so had coffee (awful) + returned on
#5 to Room. Really tired. Had ysgood, orange + figs.
I can really only enjoy Rome when thinking
of past. The present Romans are obnoxious! Am also
upset because of not staying + waiting for Peter.
But I can't take ~~any~~ more of strange rooms +
beds + just wandering around to kill time.
No matter how long I'd stay at institute I'd get
no further than I am now. I'm really
fed up. But am grateful for what I did get now
up to me.

also much mosaic



Sunday

Cold, grey, on my way to San Giovanni to catch Plalman for Roca di Papa walked along the route of #5 car to look at some of the buildings I have been seeing from the street car. One was very interesting with long arches to center of roof. The stain glass windows were about eye level & only a narrow band of very bright glass depicting stories of bible that a blank cement space and another portion at top. Saw an old place & grounds that is now the German Academy. Nice old trees, avenue with large urns, statues. Thought I might find sun in Roca di Papa but there too it was cold & windy - Paid too much for lunch at only place I could find. So returned to room nap & write letters. Feeling very depressed even tears - wonder why - certainly not because I'm leaving - Perhaps because I'm dissatisfied about Italian, or year is up & haven't accomplished as much as I had hoped, fear of future?

Monday

A week from today! sailing! Sunny, warm. Menna said nothing about Sat. & I did not mention it. All were upset as Gabrielle was not there, her father being much worse. A group of men come visiting a few Lebanese, Indians, taking notes. Walked past Am. Ex to have lunch at little grocery to make up for yesterday heavy expense along the rail line.