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## "Italian Renaissance Frescoes as Casualties of World War Two"

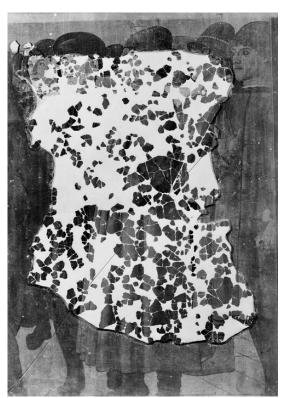
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Today, military conflicts draw our attention to the fragility of cultural heritage. This paper will look back to consider the impact of WWII on Italian Renaissance art, focusing on the vulnerability of wall-paintings, which were damaged when buildings were struck. It will discuss not only remarkable rescues from the ruins, but also how restoration ethics dictated that scars of war remain visible, thereby affecting the aesthetics of paintings for years to come.

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Image: above, Lorenzo da Viterbo, detail from *The Marriage of the Virgin* (1469), Mazzatosta Chapel, Viterbo, during restoration (1944-46); at left, part of the fresco in its present condition.