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FIRE & C.D., REGION 5  
AUG. - NOV. 1944

TO :- HQ. AC.

FROM :- HQ. AMG/AC., Abruzzi-Marche Region.

SUBJECT :- U.N.P.A. - Detachment of TERAMO.

REF :- R5/514/6/

DATE :- 6 November 1944.



Reference your ACC/14501/4/PS, dated 4 October 1944, received 21 October 1944.

1. Enquiries show that the decree of the Prefect of Teramo dated 4 July 1944 dissolving the U.N.P.A. detachment and appointing the Comandante of the 81 Corpo Vigili del Fuoco as Commissario Straordinario for Civil Defence was made with the prior knowledge and full approval of the AMG Provincial HQ and that civil defence was not abandoned but reorganised.
2. At the time communication with Region V HQ. at Campobasso was almost impossible and the area was under AMG Rear Eighth Army.
3. The whole of Teramo Province has now been classified as a "C" class area for civil defence by the Military Commander and civil defence is run on a voluntary basis under the Comandante of the Fire Brigade. This HQ. has no desire to see U.N.P.A. revived in the province.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

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*ab 10/11/44*

*S. Pickering* - 4211

S. PICKERING,  
Lt. Colonel,  
R.P.S.O.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 478703

4 October, 1944.

ACC/14501/L/PS

SUBJECT : U.N.P.A. detachment at TERAMO.

TO : H.Q. Abruzzi-Marche Region  
(R.P.S.O., through R.C.).

1. Enclosed is copy of letter to the Ministry of Interior regarding the UNPA organisation at Teramo.
2. It appears that the Prefect dissolved the detachment under in an order made on 4th July 1944 and appointed the Comandante of the Fire Service as Commissario straordinario.
3. From our point of view it is thought we need not concern ourselves with the way the Italian Government deals with the settlement of the matter as long as all documents are passed through our channels.
4. The important thing is that you should decide if UNPA is necessary or not at Teramo and instruct the Prefect accordingly. It is thought probable that you will decide that it need not be re-organised or revived.

*John W. Chapman*  
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.C.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to Ministry of Interior  
(Anti fire & P.A. Services).

GHM/C.

Subject: Mupre of Terauo

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I enclose a copy of the letter which was sent to me by the ex Commandant of the Mupre of Terauo with joined copy of the ordinance of the Prefect of that town with which it was ordered the dividing of those detachments of the Mupre.

I enclose as well a letter that I am going to send to the Commission appointed by the Prefect in substitution to the Provincial Commandant, asking for the list of the materials and for the administrative documents. I am waiting for your approval before sending the letter.



Subject: Provincial Command of Teramo

I hasten to report the strange and unhappy case which as happened to this department of yours and to me his legal Commandant, because thru the reestablished postal communication I have known that still exist this Command, contrary the assurance given to me in July and August by this Prefettura -

The 6<sup>th</sup> of July u.s. it was sent to me from the local Prefettura an order Prefettizio dated the 4/7/1944 of which I enclose a copy -

My objections to the hastily and illegality of the above order, which I presented to the "~~Vice Prefet~~" "Political Vice Prefet." Avv. De Merolis, or the direct intervention on to other members of the "Comitato di liberazione" made by some of the members of our corps, whom because of the immediate dismissal were threatened by an absolute disoccupation as ~~for~~ a premium for a year good ~~work~~ service, <sup>420</sup> specially in the last three months filled of hard sacrifices and danger for them, could not change the over

said order.

To the objection that ~~although~~ the Unupa was still in service in other Provinces liberated by the Allied the Gen. Puttrone (of the Comitato di liberazione) replied "And we just wanted to throw you out !!!

To the undignified who, as well as to objections of general nature about the ~~exact~~ doubtful knowledge of the Prefet about the unlooming of the Delegation of a National Moral Ente, exposed prepossession <sup>about</sup> for the payments for the wages and indemnity which had been accumulating, the above named Avv. De Merolis said "You have been automatically dissolved from the very moment the Allied Trups have ~~not~~ ~~not~~ occupied Teramo; and for what regards payments ask for it to the .... Republic.

Few days after, the other Vice Prefet Dott Della Rocca declared to me that "As in Teramo, in Rome

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liberated as well, the General Command (2  
had been dissolved in the Umpa of Teramo had  
passed to the immediate and only dependence  
of the Prefecture, which had ~~been~~ unloading  
it up to the date of the 10<sup>th</sup> July -

So, dismissed the men on the 10<sup>th</sup>/7/44 against  
their protest and reserves, and only the  
Command, reduced to the Undermanned and  
a Secretary, was left for the settlement of the  
administration and expectation of the Commission  
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just to this Command, for the known reasons -

As things are standing and subjects to the opinion of this Command about the illegality and hastiness of the order by the Soviet, for an eventual better settlement derived by us all, we would like to know:

- 1<sup>o</sup> if the enlisted men ~~have~~<sup>there</sup> are entitled to the sum of 70% on the pay, indemnity and wage, since the 15 of June (day of Turenko occupation) as it has been done for all other state employees -

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on the most desperate ~~at~~ idleness, while  
their colleagues from other provinces  
enjoy the fatherly providence emanated from  
this General Command with circ. 2185/1-6 dated  
9<sup>th</sup> August ~~1943~~ U.S.

3) if the undersigned should not be in (3)

undersigned in the Command fixed the way and the false circumstances in which I was illegally and hastily dismissed without his fault.

4) if, in any case, in addition to the exercise of 10% e.s. to begin from the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, the undersigned has not a claim to all the months of August, which had already begun at the time of the creation, and taking on account that he had been called to the "service" for direct call, with a letter from this Command n. dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 1943.

I hope this letter will be well brought of

and I can assure this Command, that the undersigned order, considering the

7<sup>th</sup> and the absolute professional



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Provincial Delegation —

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All up: Biagio Bonomi =  
Commissario straordinario presso il Comando  
dell'Unipa Teramo

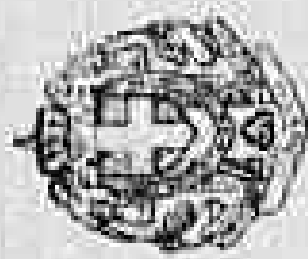
Subject: Unipa of Teramo -

Enclosed please find copy of the letter which has been sent to me by the ex Commandant of the Unipa of Teramo, Ling Pelagalli, and please send to me copies of the transcripts of the materials, administrative documents, eventual balance of funds <sup>etc.</sup> - as on the entries which are in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~entries~~ books of this General Command, we can establish the portion, in regard to the responsibility of the Commandant of the Unipa

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Unione Nazionale  
Protezione Antiaerea  
U. N. P. A.

COMANDO GENERALE

2270 Hy. 1-80  
di Protocollo  
Carta annessa N. 3

OGGETTO:

UNPA di Teramo

Risposta al

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

per il Maj. Mason =

ROMA

Le mando copia della lettera pervenutami dal già Coman-  
dante L. UNPA di Teramo con annessa copia del decreto del Prefetto  
di quella città con cui viene ordinata lo scioglimento di quelle  
formazioni .

Unisco anche una lettera che intendo mandare al Commissario  
nominato dal Prefetto in sostituzione del Comandante Provinciale , con  
la quale chiedo mi siano inviati i verbali di consegna dei materiali  
e dei documenti amministrativi . Attendo il suo benestare per la spe-  
dizione della lettera .

Il Commissario

*Prunetti*

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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Tel : 473703

5 October, 1944.

ACG/14501/4/PS

SUBJECT : U.N.P.A. detachment TERAMO

TO : Ministry of Interior  
(Anti Fire & P.A. Services).

Comando Generale U.N.P.A.

1. Reference your 2270 SG 1-30-3 dated 2 October and enclosed documents.
2. The Prefect of Teramo should ascertain if the Regional Public Safety Officer A.M.G. is satisfied that there is no need to maintain the UNPA organisation there. If the R.P.S.O. agrees that there is no need, then the matter can be dealt with in any way you please as far as records, accounts and equipment are concerned. If, however, the R.P.S.O. is of opinion that UNPA should remain active at Teramo then the Prefect must give instructions for its re-organisation to meet A.M.G. requirement.
3. Any correspondence for the UNPA officials at Teramo or any other place under A.M.G. control should be passed to this Headquarters for transmission to the Regional Officers concerned.

*Chapman*  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, I.A.C.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to H.Q. Abruzzi-Marche Region  
(R.P.S.O. through R.C.).

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Cat Tanyi informed  
verbally of attachment:-  
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commander Commanded  
Jene Bay area, Meara.

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captain.

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TO : HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub Commission  
FROM : HQ. AMC/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region  
SUBJECT : Unauthorized possession of wood & coal by  
Ancona Fire Corps.  
REF : R5/514/6  
DATE : 15 December 1944

1. Ref your AC/14501/5/PS dated 6th Dec 44.
2. Major Albertini has been interviewed by P.P.S.O. Ancona, who states that the property complained of has been removed by his staff and is on the Fire Brigade premises for safe keeping, and is available for the Colonel when required.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

*S. Pickering*  
S. PICKERING  
Lt. Colonel  
R.P.S.O.

TO	
COL. CHAPMAN	
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. WILCOX	
MAJ. LUCKMAN	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HANBURY	
MAJ. BALLANCE	
CAPT. POWEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

15A

Tel : 478708  
6 December, 1944.

AO/14501/5/PS

SUBJECT : Unauthorized possession of wood and coal  
by Ancona Fire Corps.  
TO : Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi-Marche  
(Attention R.F.S.O.).

1. The attached copy of a report by Col. Tanzi Italian Army, G.H.Q. Headquarters Staff is passed to you for attention.
2. Please inform this Headquarters of action taken in order that a reply may be sent to Col. Tanzi.

AJP/G.

*Handwritten Signature* NAT. 4199  
JOHN A. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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TO: Captain A.J. BROWN.

*amounts  
coal 48 q.  
wood 22 q.*

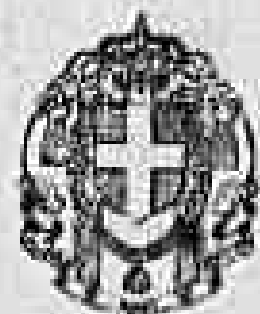
The apartment where my family lived in Ancona, situated in the former rooms of the Comando Divisione "Messina" has been occupied by the Allied Command and is now being used as a club. The Town Major of the locality granted me the privilege of using a certain room in the cellar of the building, for the purpose of storing many of our belongings, especially coal and wood for our domestic needs. The space to be used has been kept under a separate lock and key, which I left to a person of my trust, Mr Emilio Brogi, Piazza Plebiscito, Ancona. The Town Major was aware of the fact. It has now come to my attention that the lock has been forced and the coal and wood (I don't know yet if the rest of my belonging) has been taken away by order of the Comandante dei Vigili del Fuoco of Ancona, who are quartered in the same building of the former Comando Divisione Militare. The Comandante dei Vigili del Fuoco never had any authority to force the door and take away any valuables belonging to me, and his act in so doing constitutes an abuse of my rights. I notify you the situation so that you may take whatever action is possible and I shall appreciate if you would reply to my letter.

*Col M. Tanzi*  
MICHELE TANZI  
Colonnello

Colonnello Michele Tanzi.  
Via Nicola Martelli No. 1  
ROMA. Phone 870165.

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Roma, 29 novembre 1944

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DEI SERVIZI ANTINCENDI e P.A.HEADQUARTERS ALLIED  
COMMISSION Public Safety  
Sub-Commission-APC 394Divisione V<sup>a</sup> Loc. I<sup>a</sup>Prot. N.° 1182 Allegati  
30003.17.B.81Ripartizione del  
Dir. Loc. N.°

OGGETTO: Fire Service - Teramo. -

A - Headquarters Allied Commission -  
Public Safety Sub-Commission -

- 1) - Riscontriamo V/ ACC/14501/5/PS
- 2) - D'intesa con la proposta di codesta Commissione, questo Ministero ha disposto che il Comando Vigili del Fuoco di Teramo riduca il personale a 30 uomini. -

PEL MINISTRO

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Answer to ACC/14501/5/PS  
According to Your proposal, this Ministry has ordered  
that Teram VV.PF.Command, will reduce its staff to 30  
men

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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Tel : 473703

25 October, 1944.

ACC/14501/5/PS

SUBJECT : Fire Service - Teramo.

TO : Ministry of Interior  
(Anti Fire & P.A. Services).

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1. Reference our ACC/14501/5/PS dated 19 October.
2. As the Teramo province passed to Italian Government Control on 16 instant, it is now the responsibility of your department to effect the reduction in personnel.
3. The Regional R.P.S.C. approves the reduction in personnel to 30.

*G. Chapman*  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.C.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : H.Q. Abruzzi-Marche Region  
(R.P.S.C. thru R.C.).

Fire Liaison Officer.

See H.A.

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CHLW/C.



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TO : HQ ACC, Public Safety Sub Commission.  
 FROM : HQ AMG/ACC, Abruzzi - Marche Region.  
 SUBJECT : Fire Brigade, Teramo.  
 REF : R5/514/6.  
 DATE : 23 Oct 44.

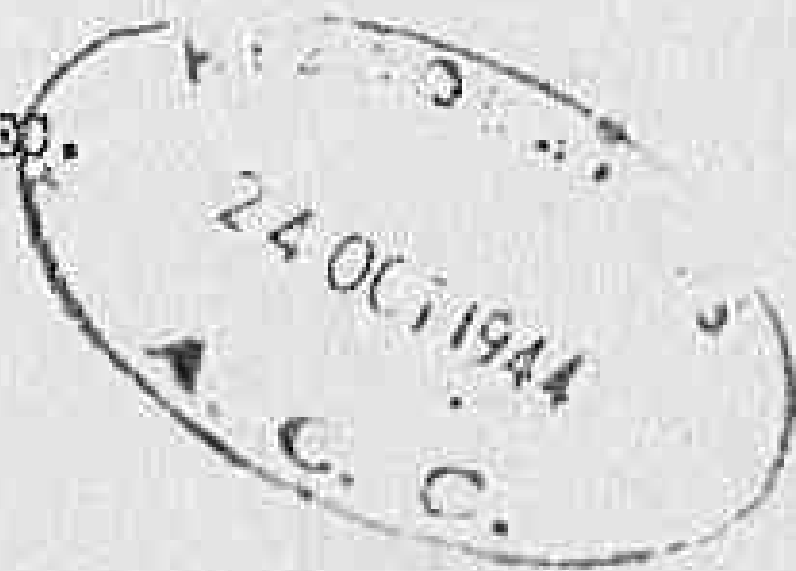
Ref your ACC/14501/5/PS dated 19 Oct 44.

1. Teramo Province was turned over the the Italian Government on 16 Oct 44, and any reduction in the size of the brigade would have to be made by the Minister.
2. This HQ would support a proposal to reduce the strength of the Teramo Corps to 30.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

S. PICKERING  
 Lt Colonel,  
 R.P.S.O.

LW/WBC.



TO	
COL. GIBSON	
COL. HARRIS	
LT. COL. JONES	
MAJ. W. D.	
MAJ. H. G.	
MAJ. J. R. V.	
MAJ. BALLAL	
CAPT. POWELL	

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EXTRACT FROM MONTHLY REPORT FROM HQ ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION AMG  
DATED 29 SEPTEMBER 1944.

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Fire Service. It. Col. Montague reported to this Region on request and is temporarily attached. He has already surveyed the Region and his reports are attached herewith. Permission has been sought from A.M.G. Eight Army Rear for the Col. to visit their area, thus completing the Regional survey.

Civil Defence. 15 Volunteers remain on duty in Aquila. In Ascoli a skeleton organization exist and is ready to function. In the Chieti Area, Civil Defence according to Allied standards is now existent, air raid shelters are well maintained.

TO : RPSO, Region V, AMG.  
 FROM : PSO, Region V, AMG.  
 SUBJECT : 81st Corps, Vigili del Fuoco, Teramo Province.  
 REFERENCE : R5/514/6  
 DATE : 19 September 1944.

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1. I have today completed inspection of the Teramo Province Fire Brigade, 81st Corps, Vigili del Fuoco, and found same almost wholly out of action through lack of transport.

2. The H.Q. of the brigade are at Teramo, with five detachments nominally at Teramo, Acquaviva (suburb of Teramo) Civitella del Tronto, Giulianova and Atri (the last planned but never activated), who combine fire brigade, rescue and ambulance duties. In peacetime and in the present state of hostilities I can see no justification for a paid brigade of the present size (80 officers and men) or the activation of the proposed station at Atri on a professional basis.

3. The Fire risk does not appear to justify more than two fire turnouts, one mobile dam, one rescue turnout, one ambulance, one car and one motor-cycle at Teramo, one fire turnout and one ambulance at Civitella and one fire turnout and one ambulance at Giulianova. The main station at Teramo is excellent and the second station at Acquaviva seems worth retaining only as garage and workshops; only if the bridge over the River Tordino were broken would Acquaviva be useful as a fire station, and at present at least Teramo is hardly a military target as its roads are useless for heavy military communications.

4. Teramo station has at present in commission :  
 (1) One mobile dam complete, but with bad 12-volt battery and with unsatisfactory tyres; two tyres 32 x 6 are required.  
 (2) Two trailer pumps with carriages complete.

5. Acquaviva has at present nothing in commission.

6. Civitella has at present in commission one truck but no pump. Truck can be used for first aid duties.

7. Giulianova has at present in commission one portable pump with full gear but no vehicle.

8. Out of the jumble of vehicles and trucks out of commission at Teramo and Acquaviva a good deal can be salvaged :

- (1) A rescue turnout with crane needs one 160 x 20 tyre and a 12-volt battery. Should stay at Teramo.
- (2) Two fire cars require each four tyres 7.00 x 18. Should stay at Teramo with the two trailer portable pumps.
- (3) One fire truck requires four tyres 4.75 x 18. Should go to Giulianova, where it would be used for both fire and first aid duties. No mobile dam is required at Giulianova owing to

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the excellent water supply, according to the caposquadra.

(4) One autoambulanza requires four tyres 7.00 x 18. Should stay at Teramo.

(5) Two cars, one needing four tyres 4.00 x 15, the other needing four tyres 5.00 x 15. If one is fitted out for Teramo, the other could be transferred or used for scrap.

(6) One portable trailer pump without wheels should be put on the truck in commission at Civitella, together with small gear.

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9. The following vehicles are considered more worth scrapping and being broken up for spare parts :

(1) Ceirano 22 mobile dam, wheel-less and in complete disorder.

(2) Fire car Fiat 525 with cracked cylinder block, no battery and only two tyres 6.00 x 18. It is suggested that these tyres be transferred by the Minister to 47th Corps, Macerata, to fire car VF 636 at Recanati.

10. The stock of small gear is good and any other corps short of extinguisher refills could draw a number from Teramo; about 200 litres of foam compound are required from HQ ACC or the Minister.

11. The station premises are the best I have seen in Italy and the men seemed reasonably efficient but very downhearted as a result of being unable to accept fire and first aid calls over a long period. Only at Giulianova had the men confidence; here the capo squadra when he receives a call goes out in the street and temporarily seizes the first car or empty cart he sees, but by night he is usually unlucky.

12. The firemen are receiving only the civilian ration scale instead of heavy workers' rations and it is suggested that the matter be taken up with the local authorities by Provincial AMG.

13. Even with only one mobile dam available for all purposes, petrol issued to the corps has been so little that many calls for first aid and even fire have had to be refused; this naturally does not improve the attitude of the public to the corps. The vice-comandante stated that they received only 120 litres of petrol a month against requirements of 1200 litres. I consider his estimate of requirements too high and suggest that the Provincial Supply and Public Safety Officers try to arrange for a monthly allowance of 500 litres of petrol and 20 kilos of oil for the whole corps with a reserve of 200 litres petrol and 10 kilos of oil at Teramo and 50 litres of petrol and 5 kilos of oil each at Civitella and Giulianova, the comandante to keep logs of all journeys and consumption and no petrol to be used except for turnouts and visits to his two outstations.

14. It seems unlikely that wither the brigade or the Provincial Public Safety Officer will be able to solve the tyre shortage and that we shall have to apply to Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC HQ and the Ministry for an allocation of 12 tyres 7.00 x 18, four tyres 4.75 x 18, two tyres 32 x 6, one tyre 160 x 20 and two 12 volt batteries.

L. MONTAGUE Lt. Col.



SUBJECT : 47th Corps Vigili del Fuoco, Macerata Province.  
Ref. : R5/514/6  
Date : 21 September 1944.

1. I have today completed inspection of the Macerata Province Fire Brigade, 47th Corps, Vigili del Fuoco.

2. The HQ of the brigade are at Macerata, with six detachments, nominally at Macerata, Recanati, San Severino, Camerino, Tolentino and Porto Civitanov, but at present only the Macerata and Recanati detachments are in action and this has resulted in Macerata in the last fortnight having to cover respectively 34 km. and 60 km. to attend outbreaks in Tolentino and Caldarola with the result that great damage was done before they could arrive and much petrol was used.

3. In view of the fire risks, distances from Macerata and the necessity to be ready to assist the Ancona fire brigade, the present strength of two officers and 50 Ors does not seem excessive. When possible, the brigade in addition to fire duties assists with rescue, first aid, and transport of sick and injured persons, but has not a single ambulance available. For the time being, it seems wise not to attempt to reconstruct the detachment at Tolentino, but to try to bring the other five stations up to the following minimum :

(1) Macerata (which has one machine always on call to support Ancona); 2 fire turnouts, one ambulance, one car for comandante, one motorcycle.

(2) Recanati (which covers Loreto in Ancona Province and Porto Recanati and is on first call to reinforce Ancona): One fire turnout, which in emergency outside air raid periods can also act as ambulance.

(3) Porto Civitanova, San Severino and Camerino : Each one fire turnout, which in emergency can act as ambulance.

4. Macerata station has in commission at present :

(1) One first class self-propelled 500 g.p.m. water pump with first aid tank and full equipment ;

(2) One fire car complete with light pump and full equipment;

(3) One car for comandante with very bad 4.00 x 15 tyres;

(4) One motorcycle with very bad 3 x 12 x 25 tyres;

(5) One spare 1100 trailer pump;

(6) One very small portable pump which is used when it is necessary to leave men cooling down after a fire.

5. Recanati has at present in commission one very good fire car complete with light pump and full equipment, but two of the tyres stay inflated apparently only by will-power as the inner tubes are visible. In report on 81st Corps, Teramo Province, the transfer of two 6.00 x 18 tyres necessary from Teramo to Recanati is recommended.

6. San Severino will, as a result of repairs just completed, have in commission from today one fire car with light pump and full equipment.

7. The only spare equipment in or out of commission available

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towards re-equipping Porto Civitanova and Camerino is one trailer pump correct, one trailer pump in poor order and one trailer pump under repair. On the other hand Macerata in July 1940 sent on loan to Brindisi one fire car with pump, full gear and six men on loan and they have not yet returned. If the Minister can and is willing to order the return of this turnout, Camerino can be reopened at once. As regards Porto Civitanova, it is suggested that the prefect be requested by Provincial AMG to requisition at once a camioncino in going condition and hand it over to the comandante of the corps, this with the correct trailer pump spare at Macerata would suffice temporarily. In view of the fact that the prefect often uses the comandante's car for prefettura business, he should be glad to help the brigade in return.

8. The corps has the usual difficulty with petrol and lubricating oil and it is suggested that the Provincial supply and Provincial Public Safety Officers arrange with the local authorities for a monthly ration of 600 litres of petrol and 20 kilos of oil with a total reserve, deposited at stations as opened, of 250 litres of petrol and 20 kilos of oil, the comandante to keep logs of all movements and consumption and no petrol to be used except for turnouts and visits to his outstations; when the prefettura wishes to use the comandante's car the prefettura to supply petrol and oil.

9. The comandante has obtained a small quantity of leather to repair stivali, but the quality is unsuitable for the work.

10. The firemen seemed to be keen and of satisfactory standard, but again there is the complaint that they are on ordinary civilian rations instead of receiving heavy workers' rations. It is suggested that Provincial AMG take the matter up with the local authorities.

L. MONTAGUE, Lt. Col.

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SUBJECT : 7th Corps, Vigili del Fuoco, Ascoli-Piceno Province.  
REFERENCE R5/514/6  
DATE 20 September 1944.

1. I have today completed inspection of the Ascoli-Piceno Province Fire Brigade, 7th Corps, Vigili del Fuoco, with considerable assistance from the Provincial AMG staff and Ing. Tomassini, comandante of the Brigade.

2. The HQ of the brigade are at Ascoli-Piceno with two detachments at Fermo and San Benedetto; the detachment at San Benedetto was withdrawn when the Allies bombed the town, but the comandante has ordered the reopening of the station. In addition to ordinary fire duties the brigade assists with the mine-lifting (a squad under DI MOLTEDO, the vice-comandante, has already lifted over 2000 mines and unexploded missiles), rescue and first aid work, including removal of sick and injured to hospital.

3. The main fire risks are at Ascoli-Piceno, San Benedetto, where POL is unloaded, Fermo and Porto San Giorgio, another small port well covered from the Fermo station. The present strength in men (2 officers and 45 Ors) and appliances available seems adequate and the difficulties of the brigade are small in comparison with those of others.

4. Ascoli-Piceno has at present in commission :  
(1) Two fire cars, with light pumps and full equipment.  
(2) One emergency truck used as ambulance.  
(3) One water carrier with dam  
(4) One car for use of comandante  
(5) Three spare light pumps.

5. Fermo station has at present in commission :  
(1) One self-propelled motor pump with first aid tank and full equipment except two spades, two picks and one extinguisher.  
(2) One fire car with light pump and full equipment, except two spades, two picks and one extinguisher.

6. San Benedetto station will have in commission on reopening in a few days :  
(1) One fire truck with light pump and full equipment, which can also be used as ambulance.  
(2) One self-propelled foam pump with full equipment.

7. If possible a motorcycle should be put in commission at the Ascoli-Piceno station; the cycle is available but needs two tyres, with inner tubes, 3 x 9 x 25 or 3 x 9 x 50.

8. The comune of Ascoli-Piceno has two motor water carts garaged at the fire station and in emergency these are at the disposal of the fire brigade.

9. It is suggested that the self-propelled motor pump at Fermo and the self-propelled foam pump at San Benedetto should be regarded

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as available for immediate reinforcement of the Ancona fire brigade on call.

10. The provision of petrol and lubricating oil has not been altogether satisfactory in the past and it is suggested that in view of the risks and the distances to be covered the Provincial Supply and Public Safety Officers arrange for a monthly ration of 300 litres of petrol and 15 kilos of oil for the whole corps and a reserve to be carried of 200 litres petrol and 10 kilos oil at Ascoli and 50 litres petrol and 5 kilos oil each at Fermo and San Benedetto, the comandante to keep logs of all journeys and consumption, and no petrol be used except for turnouts and visits to his two outstations.

11. An adequate supply of foam compound is required; a minimum of 400 litres additional stock is advisable and can only be supplied through Hq AGO and the Minister.

12. The state of the footwear of the firemen is deplorable, but if the Provincial Consiglio dell'Economia can be persuaded by Provincial AMG to release sound strong leather all repairs can be done on the stations.

13. The comandante was very urgent that he needed spare tyres for all vehicles; his views are understandable, but his demand seems to be of very low priority. Likewise, he wishes to have four new 12-volt batteries and one new 6-volt battery to replace very poor batteries. This demand is more reasonable, but again I cannot recommend that it be given high priority when others have no batteries at all.

14. The stock of small gear is fair but 600 extra meters of 70 mm delivery hose are desirable and it may be possible to arrange a transfer from some well-provided province such as Campobasso through the Minister. The need for spades, picks and extinguishers at Fermo should be met from the corps HQ, and it is suggested that the Provincial Police Officer instruct the comandante on this point and check that the San Benedetto station is reopened as promised.

15. Instead of receiving heavy workers' rations, the firemen have had only ordinary civilian rations since 1 September 1944, it is suggested that the Provincial AMG office take this up with the local authorities. 418.

16. In addition to the machines already mentioned, there is a Fiat 522 six-seater car with motor in good order but lacking wheels and tyres; the comandante wishes to put this in commission as a first turnout fire car because it is fast and consumes little fuel; if he succeeds in obtaining wheels and tyres, one of the fire cars at present in commission should be considered available for transfer, complete with pump and small gear.

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L. MONTAGUE, Lt. Col.



SUBJECT : 24th Corps. Vigili del Fuoco, Chieti Province.  
 REF R5/514/6  
 DATE : 26 September, 1944.

1. I have today completed inspection of the Chieti Province Fire Brigade, 24th Corps Vigili del Fuoco, with considerable assistance from Captain Cotton P.P.S.O. Chieti Province, and C.S.M. Cater, Army Fire Service.

2. The H.Q. of the brigade are at Chieti with six detachments normally at Chieti, Carunchio, Lanciano, Orsogna, Ortona and Vasto but at the moment only the Chieti station is in Commission, and Fire protection is being given to the other districts by the Army Fire Service. In order to support and release for service elsewhere the AFS brigades it is essential to reopen the stations at Ortona and Vasto immediately and that of Lanciano as soon after as possible. For the time being it seems wise not to reopen the stations at Carunchio and Orsogna.

3. The main fire risk is military, at Ortona, and Chieti should therefore be considered of secondary importance, whatever the Italian authorities think. The minimum requirements would be one fire turnout, one car, one motorcycle, and one ambulance at Chieti, one ordinary fire turnout, one foam pump, and one motor water carrying turnout and one ambulance at Ortona, and one fire turnout each at Lanciano and Vasto, and if necessary I suggest reinforcements be sent from the 7th Corps of Ascoli Piceno. Before making summary report of the Situation throughout the Region I have, however, arranged to meet Captain Lewis, officer commanding Army fire Service throughout the Region, on the afternoon of 27 September 1944 at Ortona and discuss his probable requirements. I have no confidence in Ing. Battaglini, head of Italian Corps, whose removal has already been suggested to Hq. ACC. Manpower is adequate at 74.

4. Chieti station (57 men) has in Commission at present :

- (1) One self-propelled motor pump with full equipment;
- (2) One fire truck and one light pump, but one tyre 600 x 16 stays up by will power and must be replaced;
- (3) One autoambulanza, but the tyres 5.50 x 15 are very bad;
- (4) One autebette-complete-with motorcycle and sidecar;
- (5) One autobotte complete with full gear which belongs to the Ortona station and should be sent the Ortona at once;
- (6) One autopompa without water tank;
- (7) One light pump.

5. Ortona station has at present 11 men who are working <sup>4185</sup> demolition of dangerous buildings and can provide a fire squad throughout the 24 hours. The Brigadier appears to be keen and intelligent; he was unknown to the AFS but I brought him into contact at once and arranged for mutual training and help.

6. Orsogna station has at present 6 men who are doing useful work on clearance of wreckage but are, on present orders, due to

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return to Chieti for the winter.

7. There are no Italian Firemen and no equipment at Carunchio, Lanciano and Vasto.

8. Out of commission at Chieti are :

- (1) The Lanciano autobotte, which needs four tyres size 210 x 20 or 34 x 6 or 32 x 6;
- (2) One three wheel light fire truck, needing two tyres 5.50 x 15 and one tyre 4.25 x 17.

9. The general state of the machinery was dirty and men at Chieti did not seem as good as those at Ortona. The comandante was absent both morning and afternoon from the station.

10. The small gear was sufficient except that an additional 1000 metres of 70 mm. hose are desirable if the Ortona, Lanciano and Vasto stations are to be reopened.

11. The men's footwear here also is in disgraceful condition.

12. A monthly ration of about 1000 litres of petrol and 40 kilos of lubricating oil for the corps with a reserve of 200 litres petrol and 5 kilos of oil at each station open seems advisable, the comandante to keep records of all consumption and journeys and no petrol to be used except for turnouts and visiting his stations. It is suggested that the Provincial Supply and Public Safety Officers arrange this with the local authorities.

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SUBJECT : 69th Corp Vigili del Fuoco, Pescara Province.  
REF : R5/514/6  
DATE : 26 September, 1944.

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1. I have to-day completed inspection of the Pescara Province Fire Brigade, 69th Corps Vigili del Fuoco.
2. The H.Q. of the Brigade are at Pescara with three detachments nominally at Pescara, Penne, and Popoli, but at present only the Pescara station is in commission, and it does not seem necessary to do more for the other two than arrange a small squad with a utility turnout at Popoli to do fire, ambulance, and demolition work. At Pescara it is necessary to have two fire turnouts, one ambulance, one mobile dam, most important, one motorcycle.
3. Pescara station has at present in commission:
  - (1) 12½ ton British truck with light pump and full equipment;
  - (2) 1 Fire car with light pump and full equipment;
  - (3) 1 motorcycle, belonging to the Italian Army but salvaged by the Fire brigade and used by them.
4. Penne and Popoli stations have no men and no equipment at present.
5. The following machines, at Pescara can be salvaged;
  - (1) Good autoambulanza needing four tyres complete 400 x 15;
  - (2) Balilla fire camioncino needing four tyres complete for an 1100 (suitable for use in Popoli).
6. Small gear is adequate except that much hose is unsound and worn out; 500 m x 70 mm. and 500 m. x 45 mm. are advisable, also two sets of Scale Italiane. Two tyres (without inner tubes) 700 x 13 for a Fiat 525 and one tyre (without inner tube) 30 x 6 are available for transfer.
7. The firemen are still receiving only civilian rations and in view of the heavy work they are doing at present on fire, first aid ambulance, and demolition work it is urgent that the Provincial supply and Public Safety Officers arrange with the local authorities for the correct rations for heavy workers.
8. H.Q. AGC wrote in August last that Ing. Smariglia was being sent from Naples to take charge of the brigade, but he has not yet arrived. Ing. Battaglini of Chieti was supposed to be looking after both Chieti and Pescara, but has done little or nothing. Meanwhile there is only one brigadier left with 34 men and he urgently requests that an officer be sent to help. I suggest that Ing. Masini of Aquila a spare second officer, be sent temporarily until Smariglia arrives.
9. A monthly ration of 800 litres of petrol and 25 kilos of lubricating oil is necessary with a reserve of 200 litres petrol and 5 kilos of oil.

L. MONTAGUE Lt. Col.

TO : R.P.S.O. Ho. Abruzzi - Marche Region A.M.G.  
 FROM : P.S.O. HQ. ruzzi-Marche Region A.M.G.  
 SUBJECT : Summary of Position of Fire Brigades.  
 REF : R5/514/6.  
 DATE : 29 September 1944.

1. I have now completed inspection of the fire brigades in the six provinces directly under AMG Abruzzi-Marche Region - Aquila, Ascoli Piceno, Chieti, Macerata, Pescara, and Teramo - and am in touch with the Army Fire fighting Company operating in the same area.

2. Separate reports were made regarding the individual problems of the six corps dei Vigili del Fuoco, and the position is summarised from a general point of view here. Recommendations are based on (a) Probable military needs, (b) normal fire risks, (c) risks increased by the present state of hostilities including need for reinforcements, (d) rescue, demolition, first aid, and ambulance duties, (e) available machinery and small gear.

3. There is a direct military need for competent Italian fire sections to assist and eventually release British sections in the lines of communication. Such crews are being trained to use British as well as Italian equipment and if necessary to form half of the crews on British pumps. The British firemen like working with the Italian firemen, but often find them hardly strong enough for the job - this in my opinion largely due to their receiving unsatisfactory rations. The securing of heavy workers rations for the Italian firemen is important and should not be avoided by Provincial Officers.

4. Additional war risks are small apart from towns on the coast road between Ortona a Mare and Ancona, and even on this road permanent cover seems required only at Ortona, Pescara, Giulianova, San Benedetto del Tronto, Porto San Giorgio, Porto Recanati and Ancona, and reinforcements appear likely to be needed only by Ortona, Pescara, and Ancona. The remainder of the region seems to me worthy of consideration only as a normal risk from the fire point of view. In winter it seems that it may often be impracticable to send reinforcements over the Apennines and that the region should be wholly discounted by Rome as a possible source of assistance.

5. Aquila Brigade, 5 Corpo. Recommended to keep four existing stations at Aquila, Avezzano, Castel di Sangro, and Sulmona with one fire turnout and one ambulance at each, and one mobile dam, car, and motorcycle in addition at Aquila. Proposal for station at Tagliacozzo not supported. Provincial authorities instructed to try to find and requisition the tyres, etc, required to put in commission the two ambulances and two fire turnouts at present not available. Sulmona appliances would be available to assist Pescara (70) Km. or Ortona (91) km. at all times of year. At least 16 paid firemen available for transfer or C.D. duties.

6. Ascoli Piceno, 7 Corpo. Recommended to keep three existing stations at Ascoli Piceno, Fermo (covering Porto San Giorgio), and San



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Benedetto del Tronto, with two fire turnouts, one ambulance, one car, and one motorcycle at Ascoli Piceno, two fire turnouts (one available also for ambulance duties) at Fermo, and one turnout, and one selfpropelled foam pump at San Benedetto del Tronto; it may be that Army will wish to move the foam pump temporarily to Ortona or Ancona. If four wheels and tyres are found it may be possible to station an emergency ambulance also at San Benedetto del Tronto; the other machines are already in order. A good mobile dam is also in commission at Ascoli Piceno and as the commune has two motor water carts with fire brigade fillings also available it is suggested that the Ministry transfer the mobile dam to Pescara, 69 Corpo, where it is urgently needed. The two turnouts at Fermo are suitable for reinforcement to Ancona (67 km.). A trained squad of mine and bomb disposal men has been formed in the brigade under the second officer and has done excellent work. 400 litres foam compound and 600 metres of 70 mm. hose required.

7. Chieti Brigade, 24 Corpo. Recommended to keep four stations at Chieti, Ortona, Lanciano, and Vasto and to have two fire turnouts, one ambulance, and one motorcycle with side car (all available) at Chieti, one self propelled motor pump with 200 gallon tank (available), and one ambulance at Ortona, one self propelled motor pump with 200 gallon tank (lacks tyres only) at Lanciano, and one fire turnout (available) at Vasto. On inspection all machines were still at Chieti, but necessary orders for moves and for securing tyres have been given. Chieti first machine suitable to reinforce Pescara (17 km.) Ortona (38 km.) or Ancona (167 km) Lanciano machine suitable to reinforce Ortona (27 km) or Pescara (48 km); Ortona machine suitable to reinforce Pescara (21 km). Proposal to reopen Carunchio and Orsogna stations not supported. One thousand metres of 70 mm. hose needed. A new Chief officer in place of Ing. Battaglini (see previous report by Provincial P.S.O.O.) strongly advised. The ambulance for Ortona is not available locally.

8. Macerata Brigade, 47 Corpo. Recommended to keep five stations at Macerata, Camerino, Porto Civitanova, Recanati (covering Porto Recanati and Loreto), and San Severino, and to have two fire turnouts, one ambulance, car and motorcycle (all except ambulance available) at Macerata, one fire turnout and one ambulance (neither available) at Camerino, and one utility fire turnout usable as ambulance at Porto Civitanova (not available), Recanati (available) and San Severino (available). Prefect has been asked to requisition camioncino for Porto Civitanova, pump being available. Macerata in July 1940 sent on loan to Brindisi one fire car turnout complete with crew and if this car be returned by the Ministry Camerino station can be reopened immediately. No ambulances are available for Camerino and Macerata and it is hoped that allocation of ambulances can be made by the Ministry. The excellent first two fire engines at Macerata (57 km) and the machine at Recanati (34km) are available to reinforce Ancona. Comandante agrees that reopening of Tolentino station is unnecessary.

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9. Pescara Brigade 69 Corpo. Recommended to keep Pescara and Popoli stations, with two fire turnouts (available), one mobile dam (to be transferred by ministry from 7 Corpo, Ascoli Piceno), one ambulance, and one motorcycle (Italian Army machine salvaged by fireman, available) at Pescara, and one utility fire truck usable as ambulance at Popoli. Instructions have been given for necessary requisitioning of tyres for ambulance and utility truck. An officer is urgently required here. Ing. Masini, second officer of 5 Corpo Aquila, sent pending arrival of Ing. Smariglia from Naples. 500 m. x 70 mm. and 500 m x 45 mm hose and two scale italiane needed.
10. Teramo Brigade, 31 Corpo. Recommended to keep three stations at Teramo Hq. Civitella del Tronto, and Giulianova with two fire turnouts, one mobile dam, one rescue ~~xxx~~ turnout with crane, one ambulance, one car, and one motorcycle at Teramo Hq., and one utility fire truck usable as an ambulance, each at Civitella del Tronto and Giulianova. Nothing is in commission at present owing to lack of tyres and batteries, but instructions have been given to the provincial authorities to try to find and requisition the necessary articles. Proposal to open station at Atri not supported. Recommended to use Teramo Acquaviva station only as garage, workshops, and training ground. At least 30 men available for transfer or C.D. work.
11. Previous full reports on each brigade showed problems of rations (recommended to Provincial Supply Officer), petrol and lubricants (recommended to Provincial Supply and Public Safety Officers), and footwear, which is in very bad condition everywhere and can only be repaired with first class leather which the brigades have not been able to obtain locally.
12. Various chief officers have been on begging expeditions to the ministry; this practice is deplored as the ministry cannot possibly make a wise distribution of its few assets without a much more complete picture than one chief officer can give.
13. It is suggested that the ministry consider transferring hose and ladders required from Campobasso Province, where I believe there is a surplus to requirements; I had begun inspecting the Campobasso Brigade when I was transferred to Region V.
14. Three copies of this report are submitted so that if you think fit copies may be sent to Hq. ACC Public Safety Commissioner (for attention Major Mason) and to Hq. 154 Army Fire Fighting Company.

L. MONTAGUE Lt. Col.

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## LOCATION OF PERSONNEL

## ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION

H.Q. Lt. Col. S. Pickering R.P.S.O.  
Chieti Capt. Cotten P.P.S.O.  
Teramo " Bellamy  
Vasto " Dodridge  
Aquila Maj. Mighall P.P.S.O.  
Capt. Ashton  
Ascoli Capt. Hills  
Macerata Maj. Jackson

Ancona Province (8th Army)

Maj. Manifold P.P.S.O.  
Capt. Greenhough  
Lt. Marinkov

Pesaro

Capt. Decker  
Lt. Bernard.

Capt. Johnson is on strength of 8th Army but attached Ancona.  
Capt. Decker is alerted and assigned to Region 12.  
Capt. Ashton is still on supplies Aquila, this matter is being taken up with Regional Commissioner.

Capt. Bellamy & Dodridge have been doing Provincial Officers work.

H.Q. Lt. Col. Montague, Fire & C.D.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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APO 394

AOO/11511/5/PS

Tel : 378799

19 October, 1944.

SUBJECT : Fire Brigade, Teramo.

TO : H.Q. Region Abruzzi-Marche  
(I.P.S.C. through R.C.).

1. Reference your R5/514/6 dated 13 October.
2. A copy of our letter to the Ministry of Interior is enclosed.
3. It is suggested that you might well reduce the strength of the Teramo Corp to 20.
4. Please let us have report on any such action you may decide to take.

*[Signature]*  
for JOHN A. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.S.T.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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HEAD QUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 391

Tel : 473701

19 October, 1944.

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SUBJECT : Fire Service, Teramo.

TO : Ministry of Interior  
(Anti Fire & P.A. Services).

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1. Enclosed are copies of letter from Prefect of Teramo and letter from H.Q. Region Abruzzi-Marche in reference to supply of tyres and batteries.
2. It is requested that you endeavour to obtain some of the requirements from the Corps in liberated Italy who may have such sized tyres in unused vehicles.
3. It is thought that should any such tyres do exist that they should only be supplied to Teramo if the needs of more important Brigades have been met.
4. It is proposed to suggest to H.Q. Region that the strength of the Corps be reduced forthwith to 20.

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*John W. Chapman*  
John W. Chapman  
Colonel, U.S.A.R.  
Director Public Safety  
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Copy to H.Q. Region Abruzzi-Marche  
(A.P.S.O. through R.C.)  
Fire Liaison Officer.

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TO : HQ. A.C.C.  
FROM : HQ. A.M.G. Abruzzi - Marche Region.  
SUBJECT : Fire Brigade, Teramo Province.  
REF : R5/514/6.  
DATE : 13 October 1944. *813*

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Reference attached copy of report from Prefettura di Teramo.

1. Every effort has been made to persuade the Italian authorities of Teramo Province to find the articles needed to put the 81 Corpo dei Vigili del Fuoco on its feet, but the result is failure as the prefect's letter shows.
2. As the military fire risk in the province is negligible it is not proposed to waste one of our AC Public Safety Officers in doing a job which, it appears, can be done by the Italians if they make up their minds to do it, and the entire brigade of 80 men (far too many) will remain out of action.
3. If when the territory comes under ACC the Province or commandants of the Corpo applies to the Minister for help from him, it is suggested that he should consider telling them that if they will not help themselves in part at least they will receive no help.

4. Articles required in Teramo Province are:

- (1) 12 tyres complete 7.00 x 18
- (2) 4 tyres complete 4.75 x 18
- (3) 2 outer covers 32 x 6
- (4) 1 tyre complete 160 x 20
- (5) Two 12 volt batteries.

For Regional Commissioner:

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Lt. Colonel,  
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- (5) Two 12 volt batteries.

For Regional Commissioner:

*S. Piccinini*  
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Copy to :- Mr. A.M.C. Chieti-Pescara-Teramo Provinces.

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R. Prefecture of Teramo  
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Teramo, 9/10/1944

to : Allied Military Command - Chieti  
subj.: Requisition of motorcar materials for VV.FF. services

According to application of that Command, this Prefecture, has appealed to Auto-transportation office of the Chamber of Trade and Industry, for a rapid inquiry and requisition of tubes and other motorcar implements, needed for service of 81st VV.FF. Corps of Teramo.

This Chamber of Trade and Industry, has answered that through several inquiries carried out on the proprietors of motorcars, once allowed to circulate, it has ~~not~~ been found any tube of the kind needed by VV.FF., excepting some one absolutely out of efficiency.

For what concerns the 12volt battery, the Chamber of Trade, stated that according to laws in force, no requisition of detached materials or motorcar various material, is allowed.

Therefore, it is absolutely impossible, to requisition tubes or motorcar materials, needed for services of 81st VV.FF. Corps.

the Prefect : Giovanni Lorenzini



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the Prefect : Giovanni Lorenzini

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R. PREFETTURA DI TERAMO

N. di Prot. 13077 - Gab

Teramo 9.10.1944.

Oggetto: Requisizione di materiale automobilistico per i servizi dei Vigili del Fuoco.

AL COMANDO MILITARE ALLEATO  
CHieti

In relazione a quanto richiesto da codesto Comando, la Prefettura ha interessato la Camera di Commercio ed Industria - Ufficio Autotrasporti - per la sollecita ricerca e la immediata requisizione di gomme ed altro materiale automobilistico, occorrente per i servizi dell'81 Corpo dei Vigili del Fuoco di Teramo.

La predetta Camera di Commercio ed Industria ha risposto che nei diversi accertamenti eseguiti presso proprietari di autovetture già ammesse a circolare e successivamente non più autorizzate, non si sono trovate gomme quali quelle richieste per i servizi dei vigili del fuoco o sono state rinvenute gomme assolutamente inefficienti.

Per quanto si riferisce, infine, alle due batterie di 12 volt, la Camera di Commercio ha fatto presente che le disposizioni in vigore non consentono la requisizione di parti staccate di automezzi e comunque di materiale automobilistico vario.

Allo stato delle cose pertanto non risulta assolutamente possibile provvedere alla requisizione delle gomme e del materiale automobilistico occorrente per i servizi dell'81 Corpo Vigili del Fuoco.

Rto. Il Prefetto  
Giovanni Lorenzini.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 478708

6 October, 1944.

ACC/14501/5/PS

SUBJECT : ANCONA Fire Brigade.

TO : Ministry of Interior (Anti-fire &amp; P.A. Services).

1. For your information attached is copy of report on Ancona Fire Brigade received from the Comandante of the 58<sup>o</sup> Corpo of Palermo.

*John W. Chapman*  
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel J.A.C.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to H.Q. Region Abruzzi  
(R.P.S.O. thru' R.C.)  
Fire Liaison Officer.

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DIREZIONE REGIONALE  
SERVIZIO ANTINCENDI E PIRELLA CIVILE  
DELLA SICILIA

19 September, 1944.

Al Maggiore Mason G.H.I. ACC.

SUBJECT : News on the Ancona's Corp.

Dear Major,

I received from Ancona some news, which I pass on to you.

The Corp of Ancona is commanded by Ing. Albertini Carlo.

During the war period, 7/10 of the town of Ancona has been destroyed following 126 air bombardment, 58 minor action and two naval bombardment.

The entire corp has remained to his post until the moment of the Allied occupation. All the service in the Province is assured. The relationship between the Allied Government and the Command is very good. Ing. Albertini, whom I was acquainted with, has been always a very capable, disciplined and intelligent officer. The above for your knowledge.

Ing. Luigi Bigi.





DIREZIONE REGIONALE  
SERVIZI ANTINCENDI E DIFESA CIVILE  
DELLA SICILIA  
(Comando Vigili del Fuoco - Palermo)

TRANSLATE  
Palermo, 19 settembre 1944

Al Maggiore Mason G.H.I.

A.C.C.

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Risposta al foglio del \_\_\_\_\_

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OGGETTO: Notizia sul Corpo di Ancona. =

Igregio Maggiore,

ho avuto da Ancona alcune notizie  
che le passo per conoscenza:

Il Corpo di Ancona è comandato dall'Ing. Albertini  
Carlo. = Durante il periodo bellico la città di Ancona  
è stata distrutta per i 7/10 in seguito a 126 azioni  
di bombardamento, 58 azioni di spezzamento e due a-  
zioni Navali. =

L'intero Corpo è rimasto al suo posto fino al momen-  
to della occupazione Alleata. =

Tutto il servizio in Provincia è assicurato. =

Esiste buona armonia fra il Comando e il Governo  
Alleato. =

L'Ing. Albertini da me conosciuto è sempre stato un  
ottimo Ufficiale, intelligente disciplinato ed attivo. =  
Tanto per conoscenza. =

Ing. Luigi Bigi. =

*Luigi Bigi*

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Subject: ~~events~~ events on the Aueoua's Corp.

Dear Major

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I received from Aueoua some news, which I pass on to you —

The Corp of Aueoua is commanded by <sup>ing</sup> Alphonse. Carlo-

During the war period of the town of Aueoua has been subjected following 126 air bombardment, 58 minor action and two naval bombardment —

The entire corp has remained to his post

until the movement of the Allied occupation.

All the services in the Province is assured

The relationship between the Allied

Government and the Command is very good.

I have for your knowledge

and acquainted with

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Subject: ~~events~~ events on the Aneoma's Corp.

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Dear Major

I received from Aneoma  
some news, which I pass on to you —

The Corp of Aneoma is  
commanded by ing. Albertin. Carlo-  
During the war period of the town  
of Aneoma has been destroyed following  
126 air bombardment, 58 unwar action  
and two naval bombardment —

The entire corp has remained to his post  
until the movement of the Allied occupation.

All the service in the Province is armed.

The relationship between the Allied  
Government and the Government is very good

The above for your knowledge

I was acquainted with

126 air bombardment, 30  
and two naval bombardment —

The entire corps has remained to his post  
until the movement of the Allied occupation —

All the service in the Province is assured  
The relationship between the Allied  
Government and the Province is very good \*

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Ref. AGC/14501/5/PS

Tel. 478709.

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21st September 1944.

SUBJECT : Fire Services, Region V.

TO : HQ Region V (R.P.S.O. through R.C.)

1. Ref. your R5/514/6 dated 18th September 1944.
2. It is agreed that no new station be opened.
3. Provided that suitable accommodation for personnel and equipment exists at present, the rebuilding of destroyed or damaged Caserme should be left till the Italian Government take over.
4. In view of the policy of the Italian Government to place C.D. Services under the Fire Commanders it is felt that the trained firemen should be kept in service on the Civil Defence side and that useless C.D. personnel be dismissed. This would not only provide a more reliable type of man for C.D. but would also provide a reserve of trained firemen in event of an emergency.

*A.E. Young*  
A.E. YOUNG, Col.  
Acting Director  
Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to Ministry of Interior (Anti-Fire and P.A. Services).  
Liaison Fire Officer (A.C.C. HQ.)

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394.

Tel. 478709.

Ref. AOC/14501/5/PS.

21st September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Fire Service, Region V.

TO : Ministry of Interior (Anti-Fire and P.S. Services).

1. Enclosed are copies of Report on Fire Services from the Region Public Safety Officer of the Region and a copy of our reply for your information.

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*A.E. Young*  
A.E. YOUNG, Col.  
Acting Director  
Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to Liaison Fire Officer (A.G.C., R.O.)

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COPY.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. ACC. (for  
att. Maj. MASON).  
HQ No. 2 District (for att. P.A.D. Officer).

FROM : HQ Region V, AMG.

SUBJECT : Fire Brigades.

REF : RS/514/6.

DATE : 18 Sep. 44.

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1. The various corpi dei vigili del fuoco in the provinces attached to this Region are all more or less in a state of decay, owing to the removal of vehicles and parts by the Germans and destruction by bombing.
2. A survey of all actual assets and needs is being made by the Regional Superintendent of fire brigades and Civil Defence with a view to the pooling of results and finding out exactly what cannot be replaced locally and must therefore be requested from HQ ACC and the Anti-Fire Services section of the Ministry, and it is hoped to complete this survey by the end of the month (excepting the Provinces of Ancona and Pesaro-Urbino, at present under AMG Eighth Army).
3. The present strength of paid whole time personnel is determined by the last Italian Government war scheme, and in some cases the comandanti still want to open wartime stations planned under this scheme. However, in view of the present state of hostilities, the greatly reduced equipment and the inability of the present vehicles to make long journeys to support heavily bombed towns further North, it is felt by this HQ that no further expansion should take place and that paid whole time personnel should be reduced in the provinces of Chieti, Aquila, Pescara, Teramo, Ascoli and Macerata to a number sufficient to man available or desirable equipment in towns normally justifying a fire station or because of their being military objectives justifying a temporary station.
4. For example the Province of Aquila can hardly be said to include target areas, but the paid whole time strength is 56, and there are four detachments at Aquila, Avenzano, Castel di Sangro and Sulmona - doing fire rescue and

ambulance duties - and the corps wishes to open a new station at Tagliacozzo near Avazzano. The Tagliacozzo station seems to be quite unnecessary, and the fire risks at the other four small. It appears that one complete fire turnout and one ambulance at each of the four with a total wholetime personnel of not more than 45 is ample for the needs of the time. Sufficient equipment can, it is hoped, be scraped together to make the number of machines available - but no more.

5. If you are in agreement with the views of this HQ, the final survey report will be based on these assumptions:

- (a) No new stations should be opened.
- (b) Destroyed stations should only be replaced where normal fire risk or military needs of the moment suggest.
- (c) Paid wholetime strength in back area provinces of little or no military importance as regards fire should be cut down to the number sufficient to cover machines necessary and available; the men released to remain, however, on call in the event of an emergency such as a demand for reinforcements of men for the North.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

S. PICKERING,  
Lt. Col.  
R.P.S.O.

LM/WBC.



*Public Safety Sk*  
 TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ ACC. (For att ~~ej~~ LASON).  
 HQ No 2 District (for att P.A.D. Officer).  
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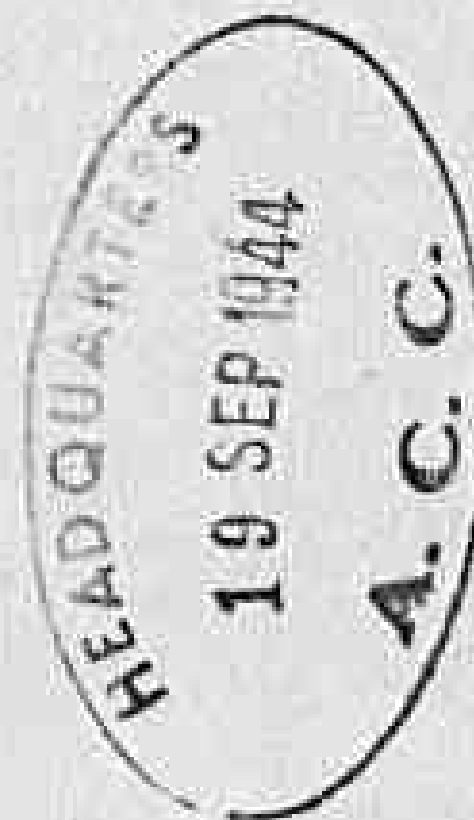
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FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

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*M. Ching*  
S. PIERRE,  
Lt. Col.  
R.I.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 475709

10 September, 1944.

ACC/14501/5/PS

SUBJECT : Fire Services - Region V.

TO : Headquarters Region V  
(R.P.S.O. through R.O.)

- 2B/D.
1. Enclosed is a copy of the report made by Ing. Colangelo of the Ministry of Interior on his visits to the various corps in your Region.

*A. E. Young*  
for A. E. YOUNG, Col.,  
Acting Director  
Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to - Ministry of Interior  
(Anti Fire & P.A. Services).

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ASCOLI PICENO CORPS

Commander - Engineer Tomassini, appointed 28th of last month by the R. Prefettura by proposal of A.M.G.

Vice-Commander - Dott. Molitodo Gabriele - Volunteer officer.

Vigili - No. 44

A detachment 'a Fermo' - efficient.

For the cars there is a deficiency of tyres and spare parts.

It has a scarce supply of fuel (the Council of Economy provides).

The Corps with its own personnel, directed by the officer Dr. Molitodo, by order of the R. Prefettura, provides for the removal of un-exploded mines and bombs.

The Corps has detached a lorry 38 RE - SPA, to that of Agrigento, and a fire-boat to the Central Schools. It would be convenient that said vehicles re-enter their Corps.

AQUILA CORPS

Commander - Engineer Folpe - Permanent Officer.

Vice-Commander - Engineer Masini Emanuele.

Vigili - No. 56.

Detachments at Salonna, Castel di Sangro and Avezzano. Said detachments are insufficiently equipped and due to this a temporary suppression is proposed or else to sufficiently equip, at least the Avezzano detachment.

A.M.G. officers often ask for the cars, spare parts and tyres.

Up till now they have had given 9 tyres and 2 inner tubes, of which 4 size 6x18, and 5 of various sizes.

To intervene at the A.M.G. for the restitution of the tyres is forbidding the forwarding of further requests for material etc.

ASINI CORPS

Commander - Engineer Massalini - Volunteer officer.

Vigili - No. 64.

On the cars, the A.M.G. has had written the sign A.M.G. It is instead suggested to write that which is on all the other cars of the Corps i.e. "Italian Fire Service 3."

Some car has become inefficient for lack of tyres.

The barracks has again urgent need of roof repairs.

TERAMO CORPS

Commander - Engineer Bonomi - permanent officer.

Vigili - No. 80.

Detachments at Civitella Casanova and Giulianova. The detachment at Giulianova has only one motor-pump; the presence of the detachment is necessary there.

PERCARA CORPS

Commander - Nil.

Vice-Commander - Brigadier.

Vigili - 38.

It has re-occupied the old barracks which were previously occupied by



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the German troops. The work for re-arrangement are in course.

The Corps is gradually re-organizing, and its work mostly in removal of debris to re-establish the hydraulic and electric services, is satisfactory to the Allied authorities.

CRISTE COMPT

Captain Cotton of Public Safety has referred that the P.S.S. is not satisfied of the actual Engineer Battaglini - Volunteer officer. Captain Cotton and the prefect instead are satisfied, for which it would be desired, on agreement, to suspend his substitution for the moment.

Translation 9/9/44

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CORPO ASSOLI TICINO.-

Comandante - Ing. Tomassini, nominato il 28 del mese scorso, dalla

R. Prefettura su proposta dell'A.M.C.-

V. Comandante - Dott. Moltedo Gabriele - Ufficiale Volontario

Vigili : n° 44

Un distaccamento a Yerno - efficiente.

Per le macchine vi è deficienza di carbone e pezzi di ricambio.

Ha una scarsa assegnazione di carburante (è il Consiglio dell'Economia che vi provvede).

Il Corpo col proprio personale, diretto dall'Ufficiale Dott. Moltedo, a seguito ordini della R. Prefettura, provvede alla rimozione di mine e bombe inesplose.

Il Corpo ha dislocato a quello di Agrigento un camion 38 RR SPA ed alle Scuole Centrali un'autobotte. Sarebbe opportuno che tali macchine rientrino al Corpo.

CORPO DI AQUILA.-

Comandante: Ing. Volpe - Ufficiale Permanente

V. Comandante: Ing. Masini, Emanuele

Vigili : n° 56

Distaccamenti a Sulmona, Castel di Sangro e Avezzano. Gli distaccamenti sono insufficientemente attrezzati e per cui si propone la temporanea compressione oppure attrezzare sufficientemente almeno uno, quello di Avezzano.

Ufficiali dell'A.M.C. spesso chiedono le macchine, pezzi di ricambio

Ha una scarsa assegnazione di carburante (è il Consiglio dell'Economia che vi provvede).

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CORPO DI AGUIA.

Comandante: Ing. Volpe - Ufficiale Permanente

V. Comandante: Ing. Maslini, Emanuele

Vigili: n° 55

Distaccamenti a Sulmona, Castel di Sangro e Avezzano. Tali distaccamenti sono insufficientemente attrezzati e per cui si propone la temporanea compressione oppure attrezzature sufficientemente almeno una, quello di Avezzano.

Ufficiali dell'A.M.G. spesso chiedono le macchine, pezzi di ricambio e gomme.

Si sono fatti consegnare finora 5 copertoni e camere l'anno 418 e 4 di sezioni 6X 38 e 5 di sezioni varie.

Intervenire presso l'A.M.G. per la ~~28~~ sostituzione delle gomme e visto che si avanzano ulteriori richieste di materiale ecc.

CORPO DI STETI.

Comandante: Tno. Massalini - Ufficiale Volontario -

Vigili: n° 64

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Tutte macchine l'A.I.C. ha fatto scrivere la sigla A.M.C. Si propone scrivervi invece la scritta adottata per tutte le macchine degli altri Gruppi, e cioè "Italian Fire Service". Qualche macchina si è resa inefficiente per la mancanza di olio.

La caserma ha urgentissimo bisogno di riparazioni al tetto.

#### GRUPPO DI VERONA.

Comandante : Ing. Bonini - Ufficiale Permanente  
Vigili n° 20

Distaccamenti : Civitella Casanova e Giulianova. Il distaccamento di Giulianova ha una sola notturna; la presenza del distaccamento di notte ivi necessario.

#### GRUPPO DI PESCARA.

Comandante : S.F.

V. Comandante : Polignone

Vigilanti 38

Ha ricevuto la vecchia caserma precedentemente occupata dalle truppe tedesche. Sono in corso i lavori di sistemazione.

Il Gruppo si va ripresentando e il suo lavoro, in massima parte, in agguato di notte per effettuare i servizi di notte e di giorno, e di manutenzione dell'antenna di Allente.

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Comandante : Ing. Bocchi - Ufficiale Permanente

Vigilia n° 30

Distaccamenti a Civitella Casanova e Giulianova. Il distaccamento di Giulianova ha una sola motonorma: la presenza del distaccamento si rende ivi necessario.

#### CORPO DI PRECARIA

Comandante : M.M.

V. Comandante : Brigadier

Vigilia n° 30

Ha ricoperto la vecchia caserma precedentemente occupata dalle truppe tedesche. Sono in corso i lavori di sistemazione.

Il Corpo si va ricostituendo e il suo lavoro, in massima parte, in agguato di munizioni per riattivare i servizi idrici e elettrici, e di addossazione dell'Antorit  Allente.

1° Settembre 1946 -

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Genere Virgilio nel Museo di Chiostro

Il Capitano Cotton della Public-Safety ha riferito che la T. A. non è soddisfatto dell'attuale Comandante Ing. Battaglioni - Ufficiale Volontario.

Il Capitano Cotton e il Prefetto sono invece soddisfatti per cui si vorrebbe in accordo, al momento, di sopprimere alla sua sostituzione.

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### ASCOLI PICENO CORPS

Commander - Engineer Tomassini, appointed 28th of last month by the R. Prefettura by proposal of A.M.G.

Vice-Commander - Dott. Molledo Gabriele - Volunteer officer.  
Vigili - No. 44.

A detachment 'a Perno' - efficient.

For the cars there is a deficiency of tyres and spare parts. It has a scarce supply of fuel (the Council of Economy provides).

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Vigili - No. 64.

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The barracks has again urgent need of roof repairs.

### TERAMO CORPS

Commander - Engineer Bonomi - permanent officer.

Vigili - No. 80.

Detachments at Civitella Casanova and Giulianova. The detachment at Giulianova has only one motor-pump; the presence of the detachment is necessary there.

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PESCARA CORPS

Commander - Mil.

Vice-Commander - Brigadier.

Vigili - 38.

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Translation 9/9/44.

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EXTRACT FROM MONTHLY REPORT - A.M.C. REGION V - DATED 28 AUGUST 44.  
-----FIRE SERVICE.

In Aquila the Brigade has one engine, one truck and one Ambulance in working condition.

In Chieti the strength of the Brigade for the Province is 74 with an additional 48 in training. The latter when fully trained will form the nucleus of Brigades at Ianciano, Vasto and Ortona.

There has been no change in other parts of the Region. In COLANGELO is at present on a tour of inspection in the Region.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

Ascoli and Fermo have Civil Defence organisations. These are on a small scale; neither town being of military importance they are considered adequate. In Aquila the organisation is being worked out with DAPM and Fire Brigade. No system of air raid alarm in operation owing to absence of continuous electric power. Air raid shelter capacity sufficient.

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