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FIRE & C.D. EXTRACTEXTRACT FROM AMG 5 ARMY'S REPORT No.203/14 DATED 1st OCTOBER 1944 VIAREGGIO

Vigili Fuoco. Station in good order. Strength 1 Maresciallo and 13 men. Equipment 1 motor engine of combined tank and pump, 3 motor pumps, 1000 metres of hose and other accessories.

EXTRACT FROM AMG 5 ARMY'S REPORT No.203/14 DATED 1st OCTOBER 1944 PISTOIA

Vigili Fuoco. Three officers, 4 Junior Officers and 45 men. This corpo is responsible for Pistoia, Montecatini, Pescia, Gavinana and Abetone (th last two are still in enemy hands).

Equipment : 2 engines, 5 motor pumps, 7 trailer pumps, 2 rescue appliances and good supply of ladders, hose and miscellaneous equipment, distributed over three stations. There is also good amount of equipment which the enemy stripped before leaving. Generally speaking there is a sufficient supply to easily cover the fire risk.

U.N.P.A. The governing committee have all left but the provincial inspector is present. Four first aid posts are established and personnel consisting of volunteer squads of 50 men report on the alert. They are trained in reporting, rescue and first aid. They possess no equipment. Their efficiency has still to be tested, nevertheless the nucleus is there to be developed in an emergency. The siren system is lacking electric energy.

There is shelter accommodation for 20,000.

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMG FIFTH ARMY  
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

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15th September 1944.

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SUBJECT : Public Safety - Pisa.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

5. Vigili Fuoco.

The commander Capt. Finelli Alvaro, is thought to have been taken away by the enemy. The senior member present is Maresciallo Frangioli, Achille. The Station in Via di Carmine was destroyed. In the sub-station at Porta Lucca, which is intact, there are three motor pumps capable of pumping 1,000 litres per minute, but require batteries; 2 Fiat Lorries, 1 Lorry wheelless, 1 small motor car and 400 metres of hose. The force of 30 are expected to be back on duty soon.

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13 September, 1944

SUBJECT : P.A. Florence.

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

1. The U.N.P.A. organisation is still in being in Florence and is doing very good work in the removal of mines and bombs.
2. Special squads have been trained and organised for this important work but are very short of transport.
3. It is thought that with the reduction of P.A. posts in Rome it might be possible to send to Florence 5 or 6 of the 3 wheel motor trucks from Rome.
4. Will you discuss this with the P.A. officials of Rome and have them arrange through Capt. Brown for the sending of the trucks to Florence.

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Acting Director  
Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : HQ, Region IV  
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EXTRACT FROM PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT FOR  
AUGUST, 1944.

Dated 3rd Sept. 1944.

14. FIRE SERVICE:

In FLORENCE the Civil Fire Service is in a poor way. In peace time they operated from 1 Central Station but in wartime 6 stations were in use. The Germans rendered most vehicles useless, leaving only 3 pumps and a water tank.

The strength of 6 officers and 200 men have been incorporated in the Army Fire Service. The men have also been used in the removal of dead bodies, etc.

In LIVORNO, there is a strength of 1 officer and 146 men. There are 3 caserme in good condition. There are sixteen mobile appliances of various types but Fire Extinguishers and hose are badly needed for escape ladders.

In Siena there is a strength of 3 officers and 90 men which now has 11 small appliances including motor cycles out of an establishment of 23 vehicles. Most of the larger appliances were taken by the Germans.

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In GROSSETO there is a strength of 1 officer and 60 men. Only 5 mobile appliances remain, the larger vehicles having been removed by the Germans. One 1100 Camioncino is believed to be in the possession of the ex-commandante in the vicinity of Poggibonsi. Enquiry is in hand to trace.

In AREZZO a strength of 1 officer and 20 men remain. These are co-operating with Army Fire Service.

All the Fire Services are in urgent need of equipment and clothing. A further report will be submitted giving details.

At MONTEVARCHI there is 1 officer and 17 men with 2 old trucks and 2 portable pumps.

15. U.M.P.A.

In FLORENCE the strength of 150 is working in close co-operation with the Army P.A.D. There is adequate shelterage but most are in a filthy condition. Work is in hand under an Army P.A.D. Co-ordination Scheme.

There is no A.R.W. System except church bells at present. The same remark applies to Siena: Arezzo, Grosseto and Livorno.

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(Florence City) The Civil Defence and Fire Systems, despite the damage done by the enemy to the equipment of the Vigili Fuoco are all co-operating under their apposite numbers in the Army. One good feature is the presence of 30 persons trained in bomb disposal work and they are working with Army P.A.D. Reg 8

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Fire Service. At Grosseto, Siena and Livorno, Fire Department teams are available but are much depleted in strength, vehicles and equipment. Army Fire Service is on duty at Piombino.

2. U.N.P.A. - Operating in Siena, Grosseto and Livorno. Good shelters in Siena and Grosseto. Air Raid Warning System is not yet functioning.



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