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FIRE SERVICE, REST HOME
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AG/14528/PS

26 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Firemen's Rest Home (Pistola)

TO : Ministry of the Interior.

S.C.D.E
A report on the Firemen's Rest Home at Borgo A
Pugina (Pistola) as requested in your letter dated 23 October
1944, is herewith attached.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

20th November 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Fire Service Rest Home at Borgo a 112/1.
Buggiano (Pistoia)
TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.

1. Reference your AC/14528/PS dated 25th October, 1944.
2. As requested in para.s 2 and 3 thereof, the desired report is attached hereto.

For the Commanding General:

Walter Doherty

W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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MAJ. LUCKMAN		
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MAJ. BALANCE		
CAPT. POWER		
CHIEF CLERK		

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF FLORENCE

16 November, 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Fire Service Rest Home at Borgo a Buggiano, (Pistoia)

TO: Walter Doherty, Lt. Col., Chief of Public Safety, AMG, 5th Army —

1. According to the instructions in your letter as well as in the one from Headquarters, A. G. C., Public Safety Sub-Commission I have secured the desired information.
2. Instead of using an Officer from the Florence Fire Brigade I contacted an (Ing. Ardia Giuseppe) who has been the Director of this institution for many years and was in charge before, during and after the Germans occupied these buildings at which time they were used as a hospital.
3. The reason this information has not been compiled into one report is the fact that the first report that the Director submitted was not complete and I instructed him to prepare a more comprehensive report. The two reports that he has submitted together with a report from the Commandante of the Florence Fire Brigade will in my opinion furnish the desired information.

A. W. Mac Dougall

A. W. Mac Dougall
Capt., Spec. Res.,
Fire and Civil Defense
Florence City

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CASA VIGILE DEL FUOCO

Borgo a Buggiano, 5th Nov., 1944.

TO: Capt. A. W. Mac Donnell,

Fire and Civil Defense Officer
Region VIII.*5C*
*Translation of Report
on Firemen*

SUBJECT: Firemen Home, and camping.

Referring to your request, and according to the report I have already sent you with the inventory, I inform you as follows:

On May 30th 1944 the children and personnel of the rest camp were transferred to the Province of Brescia, by order of the Ministry.

The Firemen rest home, after the occupation of the German Army, was transferred in the Villa Barattolo in Borgo a Buggiano. At the end of June the Germans requisitioned this Villa to and we were obliged to move in a building belonging to our rest camp in Bellavista, which was still free. But we were not allowed to stay here either, therefore, after agreement with the Florence Fire Command, the old pensioned firemen were brought by a truck to their families in Florence. Only four firemen were left, because they did not have any family and we arranged to set them in the Old men rest home in Montecatini, temporarily at our own expenses.

The firemen that were here for a cure were sent back to their own Corps. Actually we have in service only 4 firemen, which belong to the 66th Corp force.

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Felleggrini Guglielmina, wardrobe-keeper;

Cipriani and Lenzi, washer women;

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THE DIRECTOR

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Dorgo a Buggiano, 11th Nov. 1944.

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TO: - Capt. J. Mac Dougall.
Fire and Civil Defence.
City of Florence.

SUBJECT: Request of List of Firemen of the Rest Home.

Referring to your request of 8th Nov., '44, we transmit you the following list:

The old pensioned firemen temporarily sent to their families in Florence are the following:

- 1) Uff. Pietro Borgianni, fu Antonio - Florence
- 2) Errico Filippini, fu Leopoldo - "
- 3) Emilio Pierleoni, fu Luigi - "
- 4) Luigi Giacomelli, fu Carlo - "
- 5) Errico Ferrandoni, fu Luigi - "
- 6) Bianchi Fiorlindo, fu Pietro - "
- 7) Fiumi Galieleo, fu Gaetano - "

I do not know their addresses, because the Command of the Florence Fire Corps, was directly charged of bringing them to their families.

The old pensioned firemen temporarily at the Montecatini "Old Men Rest Home" are the following:

- 1) Ceselli Vincenzo, fu Pietro - Livorno.
- 2) Leoni Carlo, fu Angelo - Lucca.
- 3) Innocenti Decimo, fu Raffaello, - Pistoia.
- 4) Fiammi Luigi, fu Gaetano - Belluno.

For what concerns the firemen on cure at the Home during the last turn from August 15th to August 31st, I allege separated list, but these firemen had already returned to their own Corps, after their cure were over, before the occupation of the Home by Germans.

There were left only the following firemen:
Barbero Giuseppe, Pino Giovanni, Falcone Diego, Dell'O Alfieri, Corps Battaglia Giuseppe, Loi Francesco, which could not reach their Corps in Sicily and Calabria, because there were no communications, as taken in force at the Corp of Pistoia, by order of the Ministry.

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To make clear what precedes, we inform you that from the 1st of June to the 31st of August, the firemen were sent from the different Corps to our Rest Home, in turns for cures.

The functioning of this Home was only suspended during this difficult period waiting the liberation in order to be reopened. For this reason I remained on the spot with some firemen, and could save some clothes and other equipment necessary for the functioning of the Home.

THE DIRECTOR
ING. G. ARDIA.

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November 16th, 1944.

31st Fire Corp of Florence

TO: Capt. A.W. Mac Dougall
Fire Civil Defence
City of Florence.

On your request we send you the addresses of the seven pensioned Firemen of the Cure Home of Borgo a Buggiano, that were transferred to Florence after agreement with this Command:

Uff. Borgianni Pietro, Viale Macchiavelli 10
Firemen Filippini Enrico, Via Cimarosa 19
" Pierleoni Emilio, Via dei Neri 33 (presso Castelluccio)
" Giacomelli Luigi, Via Vaisiello 92
V. Brig. Serantoni Enrico, Via Giampaolo Orsini 36 (Quar. 105)
Brig. Bianchi Florindo, Via S. Antonio 36 (Presso Del Monte)
" Fiumi Valerio, Via Telesio 17.

They are all in good health, except Filippini Enrico, that was at the hospital for a long time, but is now well again and back home.

The Commandante.

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The Comandante.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/ 14528/PS

11 November 1944

SUBJECT : Disabled Members of the Vigili del Fuoco.

TO : C.P.S. AGO, 5th Army.
(Attn: Capt A.W. MacDougall, Fire and Civil Defence).

1. Reference your letter dated 1 November, 1944.
2. If the Fire Corps authorities in Florence can arrange transport to Rome for the two Vigili in question, the Direction Anti Fire Service Rome will undertake transport from Rome to Messina.
3. Transportation of furniture and other household effects cannot be undertaken.


JOHN A. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FLORENCE

1, November, 1944

TO: Major G.H.L. Mason, Fire and C.D., ACC Headqtrs.,
 SUBJECT: Disabled members of the Vigili del Fuoco

Sir:

I have been informed by the Commandante of the 66° Corpo in Pistoia, Capitano Donatelli, about two aged Vigilis who are being cared for near Borgo Buggiano.

These Vigilis are permanent members of the Vigili del Fuoco and have between 20 and 25 years of service to their credit. Their names are Falcone and Barbaro. Falcone is nearly blind and Barbaro is suffering from a leg disorder of some kind. They were previously in the home with their families until the Germans turned them out. As they both formerly lived in Messina and are members of that Corpo they are desirous of returning to their homes.

Hoping that you can get this letter to the proper authority for consideration as I think this case warrants immediate attention.

A. W. Mac Dougall
 A. W. Mac Dougall
 Captain, Spec. Res.,
 Fire and Civil Defense
 Florence City.

1. Is there any provision or pension for these people?
2. Can we transport them to a near Messina?

Answer:
 1. Reports of insurance
 2. Money can arrange.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

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25 October 1944

SUBJECT : Italian Fire Service Rest Home at Borgo A Buggiano (Pistoia)

TO : Headquarters APC 5th Army, for,
(Attn: Fire and C.P. Officer, Florence)

1. It is understood that certain of the equipment at the above location has been distributed between the Fire Brigades of Florence and Pistoia. This information has been passed to the Ministry of Interior (Anti-Fire and P.A. Services).

2. The Ministry now asks if we could obtain any information re the inmates of the Rest Home. There were firemen and wives or children of firemen from various parts of Italy.

3. It would be appreciated if arrangements could be made for an officer or sub-officer of the Florence Brigade to collect any available information and pass it to the Ministry through your Headquarters and this office.

[Signature]
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

Copy to:

Ministry of Interior (Anti-Fire and P.A. Services).
Headquarters Toscana Region (R.P.S.O. through R.C.).

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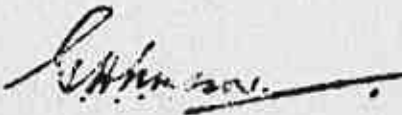
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Roma, 23 ottobre 1944

PEL SIG. MJ. MASON

Pregasi interessarlo cortesemente per ottenere il permesso che un automezzo dei VF si rechi a Borgo a Buggiano (Pistoia) per prendere contatto col personale dei vari Corpi rimasto nella Casa di Cura e nella Colonia dei Vigili del Fuoco, nella suddetta località.

SEEN:

 MAJOR

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