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ABSTRACT (ENGLISH)

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The urban cohorts, a corps of 2000-3000 men created by Augustus, were put under praefectus urbanus's command to perform duties connected with public order in Rome. New and revised evidence as well as many research works developed from the datum-point study of Helmut Freis (1967) allow us to deal with the results and improvements in the field of the history of cohorts urbanae in Rome as far as duties and administration are concerned. In particular, a closer examination of the epigraphic evidence at our disposal about their dislocation and evolution and about the vicissitudes of analogous troops located in different towns of ancient Italy and of the Empire; as well as of the various

information obtained from iconographical, historical and numismatic evidence offer a more clear picture of the original sense and true value this corps of troop had in almost forty hundred time of life.