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ARTILLERY RANGES
JUNE, JULY 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SWOTIGN
APO 394

Ref/7CL/11/CA

14 July 1944

SUBJECT: B Calibrating and Artillery Range.

TO : R.C. Region V

With reference to this Headquarters letter 7CL/8/CA of 21 June 44, AFHQ now advise that the AVERSAHO range area is unlikely to be required. You will be informed if any further action is required.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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14 JUL 1944
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SUBJECT: Calibrating and Practice Range.

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
ADV AFHQ, OMF

Tel: 16282

DMT/58/MT1

11 Jul 44

HQ ACC,
RC & MG Section,
APO 394.

Reference your 701/9/CA dated 21 Jun 44.

1. It is now unlikely that the AVEZZANO range area will be required for 10 A.G.R.A. owing to the difficulty of maintaining units in that district.
2. It is further probable, as a result of recent changes, that 10 A.G.R.A. may be required for operations. Recces are accordingly being made further forward, with the object of finding an area where the A.G.R.A. can both concentrate and train.
3. The problem of requisitioning an inhabited area may not therefore arise. We shall inform you if any further action becomes necessary, ~~which is being considered at the moment.~~ Your co-operation is much appreciated.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/TOL/9/CA

21 June 1944

SUBJECT: Calibrating and Practice Range.

TO : Adv. AFHQ (INT)

Reference your IMT/58/MTI of 10 June 44. The Provincial Commissioner, Aguila Province has indicated that he can handle the request made in letter from the standpoint of safety arrangements and other civilian requirements such as harvesting. Before practice commences contact should be made with Regional Commissioner Region V within whose territory the proposed range now lies.

[Signature]
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

Copy to:
R.C. Region V

JHR/JR

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/701/B/GA

21 June 1944

SUBJECT: Calibrating and Practice Range.

TO : R.C. Region V.

1. Copies of the correspondence in this matter is forwarded to you for information along with copy of reply from AMQ 8 Army dated 18 June 44. The information contained in this last mentioned letter (para 3) has been passed on to ADV. AFHQ. If you have any further remarks or comments to make may we have these by return.

2. In future all correspondence and questions in connection with this range will be dealt with through you.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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 Subject: B Calibrating and Artillery Range.

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In H.Q., A.M.C.
Eighth Army.

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15 June 44.

R.C. & M.C. Section,
 Main H.Q., A.M.C.
A.P.C. 324.

Reference your 701/3/CA of 14th June 44.

1. Correspondence dealing with subject matter as above and reference number cited above are herewith returned.
2. The territory referred to is in Aquila Province. That area has already been turned over to Region V. Subject matter should therefore be considered and attended to by that Region and Aquila Province.
3. P.C. Aquila Province can handle the request made in these communications from the stand point of safety arrangements, and other civilian requirements, such as harvesting.

G. J. Malatesta
 Capt

For: Group Captain,
 Officer Commanding,
 H.Q., A.M.C. Eighth Army Main.



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/701/3/CA

14 June 1944

SUBJECT: B Calibrating and Artillery Range.

TO : AMG 8 Army

The attached copy correspondence dealing with an area including the Eastern end of ALVEO DEL LAGO DI FUSINE, East of AVEZZANO and hills near which will be required as a calibrating and training artillery range is forwarded for information. Please do a recon of the area, if possible, and forward a report on the arrangements made or necessary before this area can be used as a range.

J.F.
NORMAN F. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Directorate of Military Training Adv AMB
GMP. (Your LMT/58/MEL of 10 June refers.)

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TO: 3993 C.A. Br

11 JUN 1944

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SUBJECT: 10 A.G.R.A.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING.
ADV AFHQ., CMF.

Tel: 11667

DMT/58/MT1.

Allied Control Commission, CMF.

10 Jun 44.

Copy to: Allied Control Commission Liaison, HQ AAI.
B.R.A. CMF.

Ref B.R.A. letter 2303/9/RA (copy attached) dated 6 Jun 44.

If the area is in our hands soon, (as appears likely) an area including the Eastern end of ALVERO DEL LAGO DI FUCINO, East of AVEZZANO and hills near it will be required as a calibrating and training artillery range.

This requirement would not allow of long delays for negotiations. I should be glad of any views or information you could give on this proposal, and if notice could be given to local authorities when contacted so that safety arrangements and arrangements for early harvesting could be put in hand.

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Brig.,
D.M.T.

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for 15/6*

*8th Army report on arrangements
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SUBJECT: 10 A.G.R.A.

2303/9/RA

6 Jun 44.

D.M.T.

1. 10 A.G.R.A. is being constituted as a reserve and training A.G.R.A. for R.A. units held out of the line in A.A.I. reserve. I am also making arrangements for them to run a calibration and practice range, with the assistance as necessary of the EIGHTH Army R.A. Training Team.
2. The present location of 10 A.G.R.A. in the KBOLI area has now become too far in rear of Armies for their task to be carried out efficiently, and I am therefore looking for a suitable area behind EIGHTH Army, to which units can be pulled back without inordinately long moves. Extensive range organisations are not required; what is wanted is somewhere that a flat range is available for calibration purposes, with rather more broken ground available for normal shooting practice.
3. There is nowhere that meets this requirement in the area so far occupied. EIGHTH Army, should, however, shortly have over-run an area which appears from the map to be highly suitable. This is the ALVEDO DEL LAGO DI FUCINO, a drained lake bed just East of AVEZZANO (G. 5280). The East end of this bed appears to be less highly populated than the rest and would be a suitable target area, while the hills on either side would be available for the other ranges.
4. I shall be grateful if you will note our requirement for this area, so that we may take it over and get the ranges going as soon as possible after capture.

Copy to R.A. EIGHTH Army.
"Q"

(Sgd) ??
Brigadier.
B.R.A., A.A.I.

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