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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 1378/0/6/ADD.

TO: I.M.A.S. L.F.S.S.

DATE: 22 February 1947.

SUBJECT:- Signal.

Further to 54/0/6/ADD. dated 30 January 1947. A.A. personnel arty school and advanced arty recruits training centre have begun 19 inst drogue firing exercises in area Santa Severa. Said exercises will also be carried out 25, 26 and 27 inst from 0900 hours to 1000 hours. Gun positions on gun emplacements former British A.A. School.

R.A.G.

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File : 1 G/ 16/2/2
Date: 24/2/47

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GSO 3 TRG
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GSO 4 TRG

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War..

REF: 54/0/6

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 30 January 1947.

SUBJECT:- A.A. firing exercises.

Reply to letter TRG/26/2/2 of 19.12.1946.

1. - The Air Force S.M. has informed us that the Baltimore aircraft equipped for target towing for A.A. firing exercises, has proved unsatisfactory during trial flights, for which reason it cannot be used at present.
2. - In order to commence the firing exercises in question as soon as possible, the a/m S.M. has informed us that they have ordered that a Cant Z 501 aircraft, already equipped for target towing, be transferred ~~from~~ to Vigna di Valle.
3. - Regarding the above the exercises in question will commence within the month of February next and this S.M. will inform you on what days they will be carried out.

sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

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TRG M.M.I.A.
Ref: TRG 26/2/2
Date: 31.1.47

Telephone: 489081
Rome. Ext: 476

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (M.I.A) CME

TRG/26/2/2

19 Dec. '46.

Ministry of War.

Subject: A.A. Firing Practice.

1. Reference your 7684/O/6 of 11 Dec. '46.

It is suggested that you should contact the following officers in the Italian Air Ministry regarding the provision of target towing aircraft and the details of your requirements.

Col. REMONDINO Chief Air Staff.
Col. VALENTINI Senior Operations Officer.

2. May this Mission please be informed of the days when practice will actually be taking place.

GBC/cb

CS.
NORMAN E. FISKE
COLONEL
DEPUTY COMD
M.M.I.A.

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REG M.M.I.A.
File : 76/26/2/2
Date: 20/12/46

TRANSLATION

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From:- M. of W.

Ref: 7654/0/6

To:- MMIA

Date: 11/12/46

Subject:- A.A. Firing Practice

Reply to letter TRG/26/2/2 dated 22/11/46.

~~This Ministry~~ ^{S.M.} is in full agreement with your Mission regarding the training programme for A.A. firing.

It is foreseen that the firing practices would begin :
 First phase - presumably between the end of December - beginning of January, for the practical training of the instructors and personnel of the School;

Second phase - presumably in May, for the practical training of the personnel of Divisional batteries.

sgd. Liuzzi
Gen.

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File :	26/2/2
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Col Remondino (of Air Staff)

Col Valentini Senior Ops Officer

Air Staff.

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FILE (11)
LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MIA) DMF

TRG/26/2/2

22 Nov 46

MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: AA Training.

1. Owing to lack of facilities for target towing little practice with full charge Ammunition has been carried out against towed targets by AA personnel during the past 12 months.

2. The present shortage of manpower in AA Units should not stand in the way of such firing practice for those who are present with units.

3. The Air Force Sub-Commission, A.C. have informed this HQ that an aircraft suitably equipped for towing will be available by the middle of December.

4. This HQ advises therefore that the best plan for AA shooting would be to consider the matter in 2 phases:

Phase 1. Practicing of School personnel and Instructors.

Phase 2. Practicing of Unit personnel.

5. Phase 1 could be carried out on the AA practice Range at CIVITAVECCHIA, and later at SABAUDIA, the aircraft flying from Rome.

6. Phase 2 would probably be more economically effected if the Gunnery Instructors practiced in phase 1 were to establish a Camp in the North nearer to the 5 Divisions equipped with the Bofors Gun. Any strip of suitable beach could be used provided it were close enough to an airfield to enable the towing aircraft to function at close range.

7. May we please be informed of your views on this matter, and if you concur be given the approximate dates on which both phases 1 and 2 might commence.

GBC/AM

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Major-General,
COC, MIA.

Subject: AA Firing Practice.

RA Branch,
GHQ, CMF.
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Land Force Sub Com, AC(MMIA),
C.M.F.

Copy to: HQ 2 AA Bde

Reference your TRG/26/2/2 dated 23 Oct 46.

I regret to say there are, at present, no facilities for towed targets in this Theatre.

When towed targets are available I will put the project forward for the GOC-in-C's approval.

[Handwritten Signature]

Brigadier,
C.C.R.A.

29 Oct 46.

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TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/26/2/2
Date: R/1/11/46.

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SUBJECT: AA Firing Practice.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MBIA)

(TEL EXT: 476)

TRG/26/2/2

23 Oct 46TO : RA Branch
GHC

1. The LAA Batteries of the 5 Italian Divisions are up to the standard of training when Firing Practice is required. So far they have only been able to do silent practice due to the lack of facilities for target towing.

2. It is understood that Major ALEXANDER IG attached to 12 B.L.U. has discussed this matter with Commander 2 AA Bde who said that it might be possible for the Italians to shoot at LIGNANO.

3. The scheme envisaged was that the Italian should form a small camp at LIGNANO where they would keep 4 or 6 LAA. guns and to which Troops from the LAA Batteries could be sent for firing practice. All the accommodation and Administrative duties appertaining to this camp were to be an Italian responsibility. The sole requirements from the British was the use of the target towing aircraft.

4. Will you please confirm that it will be possible for this project to be carried out and can you please give an approximate date when it can start.

5. On receipt of this confirmation, further details will be worked out by HQ MBIA and 2 AA Bde direct, if you agree.

GBC/smf

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B.S.S.
Major-General,
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: 2 AA Bde.

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : G/26/2/2
Date: 23.10.46

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SUBJECT: A.A. shooting.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG(WMLA)

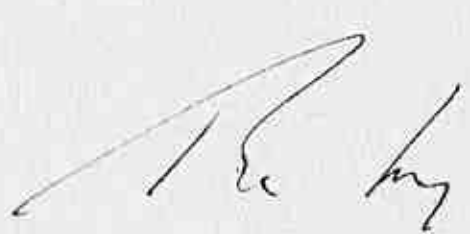
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9 Oct 46TO : 1 E.L.U.

Ref your GS/6 of 2 Oct 46.

1. This matter has been under consideration for some time.
2. So far the Italian Army has been able to produce 1 aeroplane with suitable equipment for towing a target but in the near future it is hoped to have a flight so equipped.
3. When this takes place a recommendation will be made to the Inspectorate of Artillery that periodic visits to the Arty Regts be made to allow them to carry out live practice.

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Major-General
R. M. I. A.

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TRG
File - TRG/26/2/2
Date - 9-10-46

Subject: Equipment 'C'

To: Land Forces Sub Corps AG,
Rome 1946.

1 British Liaison Unit
G 5/6

2 Oct 46

1. The 6th Gp, 7 Arty Regt, Cremona Div, are able to carry out only limited try with their 40mm anti guns: the little shooting that is done is at land-targets and no training is possible with air-borne targets.

2. In view of the future expansion of the Gruppo, it is desirable to have the use of an aircraft both for training layers, in following and to tow a sleeve target for practise shoots.

3. May the possibility of provision of aircraft be considered.

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7- OCT 1946

FILE NO. 26/2/2
Date: 8.10.46.

Lt Col
GSO I

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SUBJECT : Artillery recs.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (LFWIA)

TRG/26/2

25 April 46

TO : Ministry of War

1. Information has been received today from Maj. ALEXANDER
12 BUL that the Heavy ... Courses due to start on 1 May 46, must be
immediately postponed.
The Red Artillery Course must also be postponed.

Major-General
M. W. I. S.

Copy to 12 BUL.

T.L. P.C.

TRG A.V.
File : 1 26/2.
Date: R/25/4.

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Translation

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From M.of W.

Ref. 2555/0/6

to M.M.I.A.

Date 21/4/46.

Subject Air Co-operation for Artillery Practices.

Reply to letter TRG/26/2 dated 6 inst.

- I - The S.M.R.E. approached on the matter of having aircraft available for the training of artillery units, has pointed out that;
- a) Cant 2 501 seaplanes, equipped for this purpose, are not available at present since all the aircraft require heavy repairs which will require more than 6 months to carry out;
 - b) Due to the characteristics of the aircraft it is not advisable to repair them (150 K.p.h., heavy consumption of fuel, etc.);
 - c) A certain number of fast fighters (Macchi 202) will be equipped for this purpose for the Royal Air Force, the same equipment as adopted by the allies for target towing on the "Hurricane" will be installed;
 - d) it is not possible to estimate the time required for the modifying of the aircraft for this particular use.
- 2 - This being the state of things, whilst we agree with the Air Min. on the solution suggested, we point out that the Artillery Dir. has approached us - whilst waiting for the modified aircraft - in order to have any type of aircraft available to carry out silent practice training.

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TO M. M. I. A.
TRG/26/2
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TO SEE
GSO I
GSO II (Sch) ☒
GSO II (Fgm) ☐

G.Liuzzi.

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3SUBJECT: Air Cooperation Artillery Practice

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

TRG/26/2

Apr 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. The problem of providing suitable aircraft to tow targets for Anti-Aircraft School is not only a serious one but one that must be solved between your SMRE and the SMRA.
2. This HQ has heard through Royal Air Force channels that suitable sea planes exist in the Regia Aeronautica and that they could conveniently fly from Lake BRACCIANO.
3. In view of the pressing need for a decision it is recommended that immediate steps be taken by your HQ to discuss this matter with SMRA.
4. Please report the result of such discussions to this HQ.

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Major-General,
MMIA.

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Subject:- HAA Equipment and Stores.

SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY, CMF.

APO, S 551

Phone: Civitavecchia 38

Ref: S/A/ 6/3/15.

30 March 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission,
MMA, CMF.

(for the attention of G-1 TRG)



- a) Confirming conversation Major HOLLAND - Major ALEXANDER of 29 March 46.
- b) The following position is advised for information and necessary action, consequent on the disbandment of the School of Artillery by 15 April 1946.

1. Upon receipt by this unit of the necessary authorisation from SHQ, CMF, such HAA equipment and stores as are here frozen for your use will be available for handing over to your accredited representatives. From the date of such handing over, no responsibility for the safeguarding or maintenance of such equipment or stores can be accepted by this unit, or by No.3 AA Mobile Training Team.

2. All HAA equipment requires periodical maintenance, including daily attention to certain items, and to enable this to be known, No.3 AA Training Team are prepared to run a course of from two to three weeks for up to 12 Italian limber gunners, such course to commence after 8 April 46 or from the date the equipment is handed over. It is suggested that as many NCOs as can be spared who are earmarked to take the HAA course itself, should also attend, in order to become as familiar as possible with the equipment.

3. This unit will advise you when the release of the equipment has been authorised, when it is hoped that an effective and speedy hand-over can be mutually arranged.

Field
TpLt-Col. RA.
Commandant.*The Holland
major RA*

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Copy to: Major G.K. Alexander RA
Capt (Q) Warren RA
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GSO II (Fmn)	

TRG M. M. I. A.	
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translation

From M. of W.

M.M.I.A.

reply letter TRG/I6/7 dated 16/2/46

Ref. I357/K/I

Date 28/2/46.

Subject Art Courses run by British Instructors.

We fully agree with that laid down in the letter to which we
 reply and with the detailed agreements, hereby shown, laid down by the
 art. Inspector and Brig. Hope during the meeting on the 25/2/46.

1. - Course for regimental mapping: for officers and N.C.O.s only.

2. - Equipment: drawn from that from British source, which is to be
 delivered to the British School at Bracciano.

3. - Courses for H.A.A. (3.7"):

- a) - Will be carried out at the British school at Civitavecchia
- b) - The only firing practice will be carried out on the range
 at Santa Severa (near Furbara) where there will be, in
 charge of personnel purposely detached by the art. school
 at Bracciano, 3 or 4 of the 5 guns available for the course
- c) - Aiming and Firing drills: agreement will be reached with
 Air S.M.K. for the employment of a few of the aircraft
 belonging to the 23rd Squadron, at present located at
 Ciampino.

4. - Commencement of Courses: Put off until the beginning of April due
 to the difficulties of ensuring the supply of the equipment
 before this date.

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