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RANGES

Dec. 1945 - Jan. 1947

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SUBJECT : Ranges.

12 HLU.
C. M. F.

(Tel : ROME 489081 Ext : 545)

G. 13.

19 October 1946.

To : H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

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TO S
GSO 1 TRG
GSO 2 TRG
GSO 3 TRG

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG 31
Date : 21.10.46

Italian type of range is
not to use. This is
because of the danger
area which is extremely
large and with British
weapons for use with this
type of range is
Lepus + Amm.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF: 226218/11

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 15/10/46

SUBJECT: Cecchignola Range.

It is our duty to inform you that the M. of W. authorised the U.S.A. Military Attaché in Rome - on verbal request - to use the firing range at Cecchignola in order to train its personnel in rifle shooting.-

The office of the Military Attaché will notify the date during which the firing practice will be carried out.-

(Sgd) ILLEGIBLE

G.F.

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TRG M.M.I.A.
File # TRG/ 31.
Date: 17.10.46.

TO SEE
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

Ref: BLU/35

1 Oct. 1946

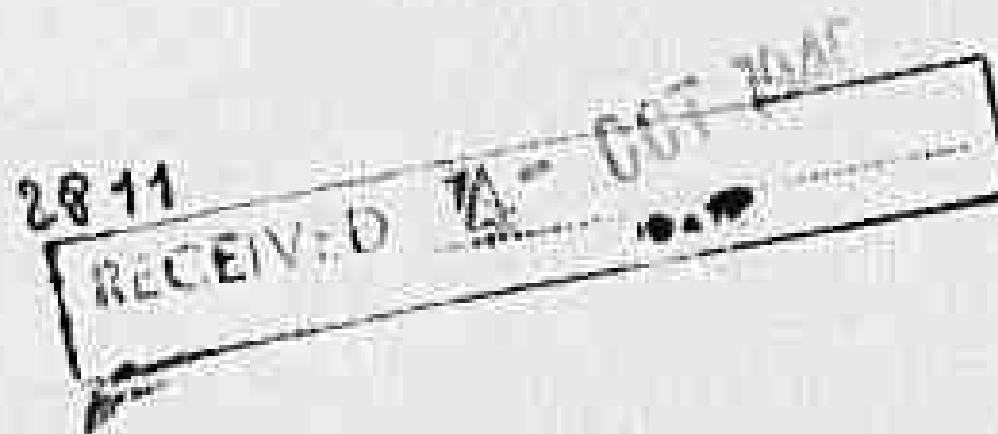
Subject : 300x Range at AREZZO

To : M.M.I.A.

Ref. your Trg/31 of 14 Sept 46.
The attached translation of letter received from 7 Territorial
Command is forwarded for your information.

H. W. Hamilton

H. W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II



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GSO I (SD)	

TRG M. M. I. A.
File : T 31.
Date: 4.10.46.

Translation

7 Territorial Command
FLORENCE

Ref: 3305/Add. Prot.

25 Sept 46.

Subject : 300 yards range in AREZZO

To : 7 B.L.U.

Ref. BLU/35F dated 20 Sept 46.

The letter of Land Forces Sub Commission (MILA) TRG/31 dated 14 September attached to folio in reference, concerning the use of the closed range of AREZZO.

The question can now be considered closed as higher authority have vetoed the use of the closed range and we had, therefore, to find out another Area suitable for the construction of a 300 yds open range.

The Area chosen is "LA TORREACCIA" (10 Km. from AREZZO, on the road Umbro-Casentinese) as already notified with folio 3218/Add of 18 Sept 1946.

This place is the only one within the area, which can be considered adequately safe, especially regarding the natural bullet bank which does not require very much work.

Consequently instructions have already been issued for the construction of the range in the a.m. locality.

The range will be ready by 20 October 1946.

5901
The Colonel Chief of Staff
GIAN FELICE GROSSO

Translated by Lt. FRANCHINI

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618/23

Ref : BLU/35 F

26 Sept. 1946

Subject : 300 x Range at AREZZO

To : 7 Terr. Command.

Ref. your 3218/Ad. of 18 Sept. 1946. NT.

1. The letters asked for in our BLU/35F of 10 Sept. '46 were required by H.Q. M.M.I.A. prior to their requesting permission from Ministry of War for the use of the 300 x range in AREZZO.
2. If you consider that the range at LA TORRACCIA is adequate and reasonably close to the barracks no further action to secure the other range will be taken by this H.Q.
3. If, on the other hand, it is considered that LA TORRACCIA range is too far away from the barracks and that you consider the range in AREZZO to be essential then this H.Q. will, through M.M.I.A., reopen the discussion with the M of W. If you wish action to be taken please forward copies of letters mentioned in our BLU/35F of 10 Sept. 1946.

HQ M.M.I.A.
File : TRG/31
Date: 4.10.46

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4-10-1946 Q.A.B.O.M.

H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
GSO II

5900

TO SEE
GSO I TRG
GSO II TRG
GSO III TRG
BGS
GSO I (SD)

Copy to :- M.M.I.A. - your TRG/31 dated 7 Sept. '46 refers.

SUBJECT: RAINFOG.

LAND FORCE: SHS GOM, AC(1012A)

(TEL. EXT: 309)

TRG/31

30 Sep 46

TO : 7 British Liaison Unit.

Ref your EUL/35 P dated 3 Sep 46 and our Trg/31 dated 14 Sep addressed to Ministry of War (copy to you).

Attached for your information is a copy of War Ministry reply ref 3970/P/3 of 20 Sep 46.

TRG/31

Major-General
M. M. I. A.

5899

TRG M. M. I.
File : TRG/ 31
Date: 1/10/46

TRANSLATION

From: M.O.F.
To: MMIA

Ref: 5970/P/3
Date: 26/9/46

Subject: 300 metres range at Arezzo. -

Reply to your TRG/31 dated the 14th inst.

The Military Territorial Command of Florence has confirmed that, for safety reasons, the closed range of Arezzo does not permit firing at 300 metres.

Said Territorial Command is having another range built in the vicinity of Arezzo. Said range will be completed by the 20/10/46. - Thus, it will be possible to train the recruits of the 7 C.A.R. - detachment of Arezzo - with long range rifles. -

s gd.

Liuzzi
Gen.

5898

TRG M.M.I.A.
File: TRG/31
Date: 30/9/46

TO SEC
GSO I TRG
GSO II TRG
GSO III TRG
BGS
GSO I (SD)

Send a copy of this
letter to 7 B.L.V. ref - done
then 35/F dated Sept 3

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
A.C. (N.M.I.A.) ROME

AWM Jr./if

TRG/31

24 September 1946.

SUBJECT : Ranges

TO : 10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tele : 55802 NAPOLI.

1. Reference is made to your letter, subject as above, dated 9 September 1946, in which you inquire of "C" Branch, MMIA, whether there is any possibility of the release by Peninsular Base Section of the range which you refer to as "Umberto I".

2. This office is advised that the place in question is at present being used, and is required by, BAGNOLI railhead of Peninsular Base Section, which concentrated its installations within a small space at BAGNOLI and thereby derequisitioned and released considerable property within NAPOLI and in that vicinity.

3. This office is further advised that the place about which you inquire will be required by BAGNOLI railhead as long as that organization continues.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
for Major-General,
N.M.I.A.

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File	TRG/63
Date	25/9/46

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : M. I. A.

Ref: 223012/II
Date: 14/9/46

Subject: Firing ranges at disposal of the Allies. -

Generally, the Italian firing ranges are constructed so as to be used in accordance with the procedure laid down (firing from trenches under sheds, use of rifle or carbines only, use of training cartridge, etc.) -

It has been reported to this Ministry that when the Allied troops used these ranges, they did not comply strictly with these rules. -

In particular, said troops fired from positions set up outside the shed, used MGs and live ammo, fired at short distances (100 metres) on targets placed in the markers' pit. -

The non-compliance with these rules make the ranges in question unsafe and may cause, on account of ricochet and deviation of bullets, damage to a vast area around the range.

In addition to that, the use of live rounds, badly damages the steel covers of the middle and sides frameworks thus rendering the range unserviceable even for practicing with training cartridges. -

Then, the use of MGs is to be entirely excluded since on firing ranges only rifles or carbines are to be used.

In view of avoiding possible incidents of this kind, the matter is reported to you for whatever action you deem necessary to take.

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sgd.

Lombardi
Col.

N. A.

TO	
GSO. I TRG	
GSO. II TRG	
GSO. III TRG	
BGS	
GSO. I CD	

TRG M. M.
File : TRG 31
Date: 23/9/46

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SUBJECT: Range Shooting

LAND FORCES SUB-COM AD (MMA),

(TEL X23: 359)

TWO/51 ←

14 Sep 46

TO : Ministry of War

1. A report from 7 British Liaison Unit at FLORENCE indicates that your Ministry deem unsafe the 500 metre range at AREZZO.
2. Italian officers on the spot however are said to disagree with this ruling.
3. In view of the fact that great difficulty is being experienced in finding a suitable area for construction of a range this HQ recommends that the matter of safety of the existing range be re-examined with a view to its possible use or modification.
4. May we in due course be informed of your decision re this range, or your suggested solution to the problem of long range shooting by the recruits at the AREZZO CAMP.

INFO COPY ONLY

File : 16/31

Date: 8/14/5

Major-General

M. E. I. A. 5895

Copy to : 7 British Liaison Unit.

WLS/pt.

Treg R.

SUBJECT :- Ranges

10 British Liaison Unit
 TORRE DEL GRUCCO
 Tele : 55802 NAPLES
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9 Sept 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission AG.,
 (AMLS) ROME ('Q' Branch)

See Tel 32

1. Territorial HQ NAPLES has applied for the derequisition and release to the Italian Army of a target range 'ULIBERTO I', at AGIANG, NAPLES.
2. The range is required primarily for the use of III Infantry Bn., which at present uses a range near VESUVIUS. This range does not offer full security for target practice and is too far away, the men arriving overtired.
3. The 'ULIBERTO I' range, besides being much closer to NAPLES, offers full security for the use of firearms.
4. The 'ULIBERTO I' range is at present used as a hatted camp for SEP Units under American administration.
5. May PBS please be asked whether there is any possibility of releasing the 'ULIBERTO I' range and, if so, the approximate date at which it will become available.

CM
 WPGT/ea

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12 SEP 1946 C. J. B. J.

W. C. Taylor
 Major, Major
 GS.

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TRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/ 3/
Date: 2/13/9.

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GSO II	
Ass't G 3	

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SUBJECT: 300 yds Range at AREZZO.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC(MWIA)

(TEL EXT: 476)

TRG/31

7 Sep 46

TO : 7 British Liaison Unit

Ref your BLU/35 P of 3rd Sept 46.

1. Before this matter can be taken up with Ministry of War it will be necessary for this HQ to have a copy of all correspondence on the subject.

2. It is requested therefore that the following be submitted:

- (a) No 7 GAR's proposal to No 7 Territorial Command.
- (b) No 7 Territorial Command proposal to Ministry of War.
- (c) Ministry of War reply to 7 Territorial Command.

FILE NO	31
Date	21/7/46

RFC/iam

Major-General

M. M. I. A.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/35 F

File: 293618-23

3rd Sept. 1946

Subject: 300 yards Range at AREZZO

To: H.M.M.I.A.

1. During a recent visit to 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. at AREZZO the question of a 300 yards Range was raised by the O.C. Bn.
2. An open 300 yards Range (Poligono di Tiro a Segno Variabile AREZZO) is in existence and 7 Terr. Comd. have requested Ministry of War to give permission for its use by 3rd Bn.
3. A reply has been received from Ministry of War stating that permission cannot be given on the grounds of it being unsafe.
4. Both O.C. 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. and Staff Officers of 7 Terr. Comd. have viewed this range and declared that with a small amount of money spent on work this range can be made 100% safe.
5. In fact, it is reported that the range was used, in its present condition, by British Troops when they were billeted in that Area.
6. May action please be taken with the Ministry of War to secure the necessary permission to use this range as numerous reccees have shown that no suitable ground can be found for an alternative range within reasonable distance from the barracks.

WACE-1992 6-SEP 1946

K. Hamilton

H.M. HAMILTON
Major,
C.B.C. II.
7 D.I.U.

Copy to :- 7 Territorial Command.

TRG M.M.I.A.
File: TRG/7
Date: 2/6/7

TO: E
G 21
GSO I
GSO II

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19/31

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SUBJECT: Ranges, C.A.R.

HQ M.M.I.A.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965(Ext- 107)

Copy to: HQ 3 Terr Comd.

C/36/3

17 June 46

1. With reference to the proposed Rifle and LMG Range at MOMPIANO (ERESCIA) for use of the detachment of No. 3 C.A.R.
2. The Engineer Inspectorate state that no work can be undertaken until the relevant pamphlet of S.A.T. is translated into Italian and distributed.
3. Would you please urge the War Ministry to speed up the issue of this pamphlet in order that the work, (the cost of which is estimated at just short of a million lire) may be started as soon as possible.
4. The following correspondence refers:-
 - (a) SMRE Circular 2037/P/3 of 22 March 46.
 - (b) Inspectorate of Engineers letter 2168/Ord of 10 May 46 (addsd Direzione Generale of Engineers).
 - (c) 3 Terr.HQ letter 10/5637 of 14 June 46 addsd to War Ministry.

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HQMILAN
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TO SEE	
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GSO II (P)	
GSO II (P)	

Lt Col
GS- 5892

TRG M. M. I.
No. TRG 3/
Date 3/20/6.

RECEIVED 20 JUN 1946
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I will include the
matter in the confidential
and inspection report.

Done
P.C.

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SUBJECT: Danger to civilians

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (PMIA)

TRG/31

1 MAY 46

TO : G.H.Q.
G(Trg)

1. The Italian Ministry of War have reported a case where two civilians have been killed due to alleged negligence by Allied troops.
2. This report is to the effect that after 2" mortar firing had taken place the area used was not properly checked over to ensure that all bombs were correctly detonated.
3. The firing is alleged to have taken place in the SAN MARTINO COMBES (near MACHETA) on 17 Oct 45.
4. The unit responsible is reported to be the 1st Det BCO school - 3 Polish Div.
5. Ministry of War now ask if in future the local Italian military territorial HQ could be warned of Allied field firing with a view to themselves checking over, on the conclusion of firing, the areas used.
6. May we please be informed what reply to give the Ministry of War.

WIM/PS

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Major-General,
PMIA.

TRG M.M.I.C.
File - TRG/31.
Date 1 MAY 1946

Translation

TRG/31

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From M. of W.

To M.M.I.A.

IRG M. M. I. A.
File : TRG/31
Date: 9 MAY 1946

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GSC 1
GSC 2
GSC 3

Ref. 4/858/Serv.

Date 4/5/46.

Subject Firing Practice.

Refernece verbal agreements with Col. Medlam.

- 1 - The Rome Mil.Terr.HQ Artillery HQ has reported that, following firing practice, carried out with mortars and artillery by allied units, some serious accidents have taken place due to the fact that the ground was not carefully cleared afterwards.
- 2 - On the 10 Oct. 1945, following firing practice with a 45 mortar (probably a 2") carried out in the territory of the M.S. Martino Comune (Macerata) (see enclosure) by the N.C.C. Cadet Batt. School belonging to the 3^o Polish Div. with HQ at Servigliano, two fatal accidents occurred, due to unexploded bombs which had not cleared up.

The clearing up of the territory of the M.S. Martino Comune was afterwards carried out on the 15 Feb. 1946 by the Rome Art. Territorial HQ on request of the owner of the land of the area in which the firing practice had taken place.
- 3 - With the object of avoiding further repetitions of this kind, we ask your mission to kindly consider the advisability of reporting to the Mil.Terr.HQs concerned the localities where in the future any firing practice is to be carried out so that, when the firing practice has terminated, the a/m HQs are able to order the clearing up of the area.

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DAK

G. Iuzzi.

091700

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SUBJECT : Danger Areas for 3 in Mortar
Charges 1 and 2

LANDFORCES SUB CGM AC (MMIA)

TRG/31

Apr 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference this HQ letter TRG/31 of 12 Mar 46.

Herewith one further copy of diagram showing Danger
Areas for 3 in Mortar, Charges 1 and 2.

/ell

Major-General,
MMIA.

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SUBJECT: Areas for Arm'd Training

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG. (AMIA)

TRG/31

29 Mar 46

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS - for G (Trg) 21

File Copy

Further to this HQ letter TRG/31 dated 19 Mar 46, para 3.

1. Attached herewith are details of areas suitable for Arm'd Trg in No 1 (TURIN) Territorial Comd, which have been received from Ministry of War.
2. Mapual maps (4) are enclosed.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

WIE/sb

R/1/4.

JMC

- 5885.

TURIN TERRITORY

Translation of Annexure to Ministry
of War letter 1922/P/3 dated 22 Mar 46

COMPARISON

Areas suitable for Tank training (Marked in red on enclosed maps)	Ownership	Description	See
Airport and parade ground of VERCELLI PIALE	State	Only the Airport is partly cultivated. Rough ground with small obstacles (steep slopes, piles, and rubble- heaps)	Map 1 - Area 1
Area North of S. FRANCESCO AL CAMPO (arty range and emergency landing- ground)	State	Only small areas are cultivated. Ground slightly undulating mowdown- land, without trees, and with few roads	Map 2 - Area 2
East of MASGAZZA (ex Airport)	State	Rough ground, with scrub and steep slopes.	Map 2 Area 3
East of ARONA	Private	Small amount of cultivation. Area intersected by small water- courses. Scrub areas alternate with open areas	Map 2 Area 4
North of CAMPI	Partly State Partly Private	Rough ground. The scrub area towards the WIGLIO is slightly undulating, and covered with pits	Map 3 - Area 5
Parade ground at VERCELLI	Commune	Rough uncultivated ground without trees	Map 2 & 4 Area 6
VERCELLI Tank Obstacle course	State	Not cultivated	Map 4 - 5887

From M of W
to MMIA

translation
ref 1922/P/3

dated 22/3/46

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Subject: Areas suitable for tanks training
(further to letter 1645/P/3 dated 12th last)

We communicate the areas, being in the territory under the jurisdiction of the Territorial Military Command of Turin, which are suitable for tanks practice.

Gen. Liuzzi

C/a

See F. 3-5

TRG M. M. I. A.
File: TRG/ 31
Date: 26/3

TO SEE
GSO I
GSO II (Sch)
GSO II (Fmn) <i>ll</i> ←

Adm
25/3

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Translation

Enclosed with letter 1922/P/3

dated 2-3/46

MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMAND OF TURIN

Areas suitable for tanks practice (marked in red in the enclosed maps)	Ownership	Description	See
Airport and drill-square of Venaria Reale	State	Only the airport is cultivated partly. Rough ground with small obstacles (sharp slopes, pits, rubbles.).	Enclosure 1 Area 1
Area north of S. Francesco al Campo (Arty. range; Air-craft range- Emergency landing ground)	State	Only small areas are cultivated- The ground is slightly waved, with meadows, without trees, intersected by few and good military roads.	Enclosure 2 Area 2
Baraggia, east of Massazza (ex Air-port)	State	Rough ground, with busheous sharp slopes on its sides, partly destroyed by germans.	Enclosure 2 Area 3
Baraggia, east of Benna	Private	Cultivation is limited to some strips of ground- Plain intersected by small water coues - Busheous areas alternate with open areas.	Enclosure 2 Area 4 5885
Baraggia, north of Gamberi	Partly belonging to the State, partly private	Rough ground and next to the open area. The busheous part, towards the Ticino, is slightly waved and pits are spread on it.	Enclosure 3 Area 5
Drill-square of Vercelli	belonging to the Comune	Not cultivated, rough ground, without trees.	Enclosures 2-4 Area 6
Tanks obstacle course	State	Not cultivated	Enclosure 4 Area 7

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SUBJECT : Arty and Field Firing Ranges

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MMIA)

TRG/31

20 Mar 46

TO : C(Trg), GHQ

Ref this HQ letter TRG/31 dated 4 Mar 46.

The following corrections to the Booklet, enclosed with above quoted letter, have been notified by Ministry of War :-

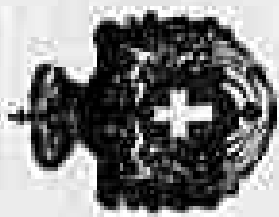
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| TORINO - Trace No 4 | - for "Cesena Torinese" read "Cesena Torinese" |
| MILANO - line 10 | - for "Spoluga" read "Spluga" |
| PIRENZE - line 8 | - for "Casciano" read "Casciana" |
| ROMA - line 5 | - for "Magliano" read "Magliano di Marsi" |
| NAPOLI - line 3 | - for "Mesino" read "Mesina" |

Su F. 22.

TFL/ell

Major-General,
MMIA.

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ISPETTORATO dell'ARTIGLIERIA

N. 588 di protocollo ROMA li. 15 Marzo 1946

Risposta al del N.

Oggetto: { Poligoni di tiro. - TRANSMISSION

Carte annesse N.

1700

Lute 18/3

AL SIG. TEN. COL. MEDDLAND
L.F.S.C. - A C (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

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Prego voler tenere conto delle seguenti correzioni di errori di trascrizione, contenuti nel fascicolo: "Poligoni di tiro per artiglierie, mortai ed armi portatili", a Voi rimesso da questo Ispettorato.

- TORINO - 4° lucido: Cesana torinese invece di Cesena torinese
- MILANO - testo - riga 4*: sono state invece di sono stati /
riga 10*: Spluga invece di Spoluga
- GENOVA - testo - riga 7*: larghe zone invece di larghi zone
riga 18*: ...possibilità limitate invece di
possibilità limitata - **5883**
- FIRENZE - testo - riga 8*: Casciana invece di Casciano
- R O M A - riga 5*: Magliano dei Marsi invece di Magliano di Marsi
- B A R I - testo - pag. 2 - riga 13*: Comprende invece di CComprende

Risposta al del N.

TRANSLATION

OGGETTO: Poligoni di tiro.-

Carle annesse N.

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Date 18/3

AL SIG. TEN. COL. M E D D L A N D
L.F.S.C. - A C (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

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Marsi
- B A R I - testo - pag. 2 - riga 13^: Comprende invece di
CComprende
" " - riga 18^: le possibilità invece di
la possibilità

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NAPOLI - testo - riga 3^: Mesina invece di Mesino. -

Distinti felici

IL TENENTE COLONNELLO
(Massimo de Palma)

L. Col. de Palma

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SUBJECT: Areas for Arm'd Training

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

, TRG/31 -

19 Mar 46

TO : G(Trg), GHQ

Ref your sig C 50511 dated 28 Dec 45.

1. Attached herewith details of areas suitable for Arm'd Training received from Ministry of War.
2. Marked Maps (32) are enclosed.
3. Areas in No 1 (TURIN) Territorial Command have not yet been received, but will be forwarded as soon as possible.

TPL/ell

for Major-General,
MMIA.

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TRANSLATION

(20)

FROM: Ministry of "ar

REF: 1772/P/3 Add.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 14.3.46

19.
SUBJECT: Areas suitable for tank training.

Further to letter 1645/P/3 of 12th.inst.

From a more detailed survey carried out in the territory under the jurisdiction of the Udine Military Command with the object of locating areas suitable for tank training, it appears:

- A) that in the triangle Aviano - Spilimbergo - Montereale, only the following are usable for this purpose (see attached map):
- 1) - The "Prateria di Campagna Grande" (Large rectangle of pasture country, without however any obstacles useful in tank training) (see fig.1);
 - 2) - The area Marsure - Malvisio - Collina di Giaie (on the whole presents good characteristics, useful configuration, large possibilities of firing exercises - fig.2).
- B) that it is impossible to find other areas suitable for the training in question insofar as they are intensively cultivated.

Sgd. LIUZZI

Gen.

O.Danin Sgt.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

TO: M.M.I.A.

REF: 1645/P/3

DATE: 12.3.46

SUBJECT: Areas suitable for tank training.

see folio 20

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folio 3

see folio 19

In reply to your G/TRG/21 of 31st. December last.

We forward herewith the list requested and will notify later:

- the areas existent in the area of jurisdiction of the Turin Military Territorial Command;
- other areas existent in the area of jurisdiction of the Udine Military Territorial Command.

Sgd. LIUZZI

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

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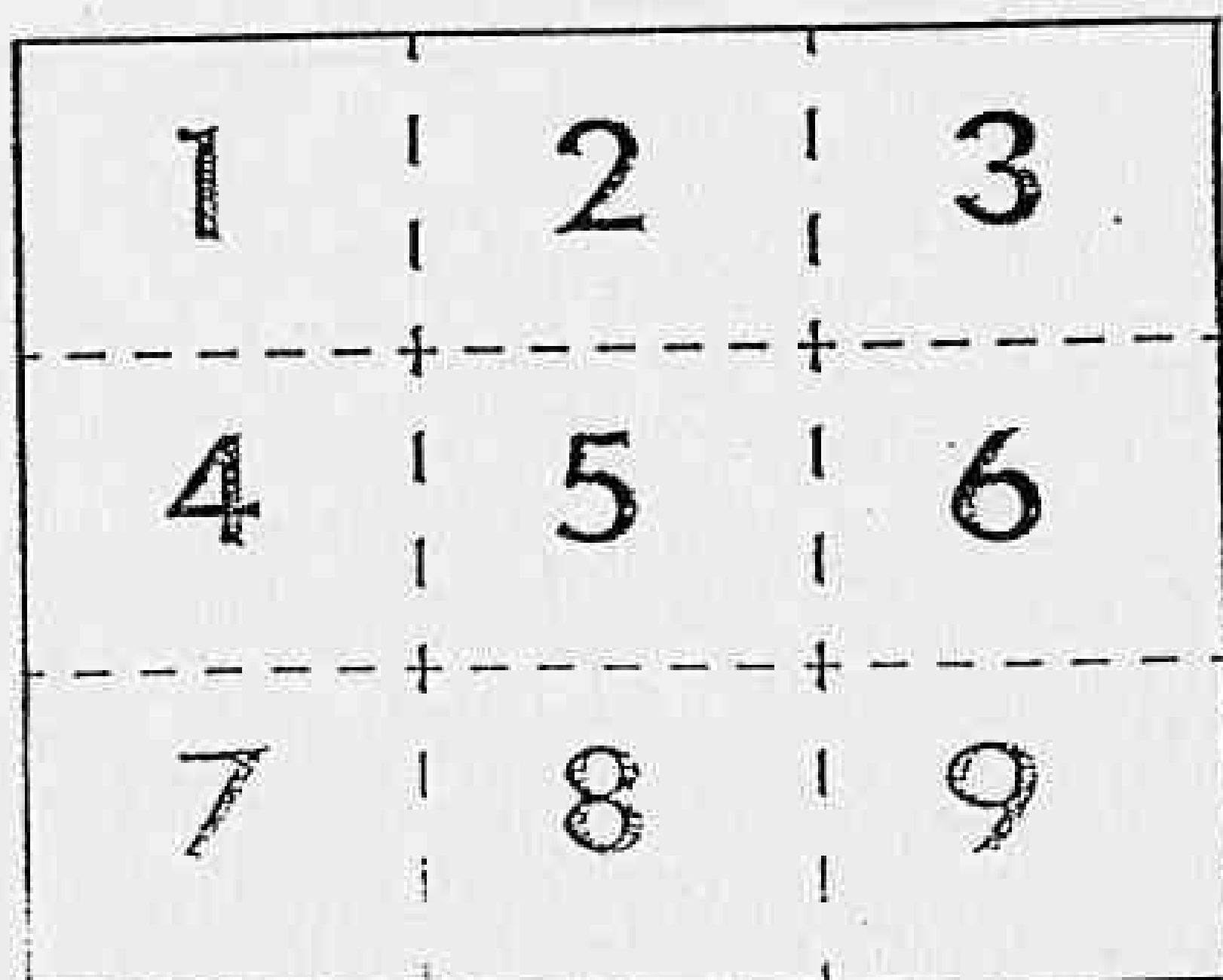
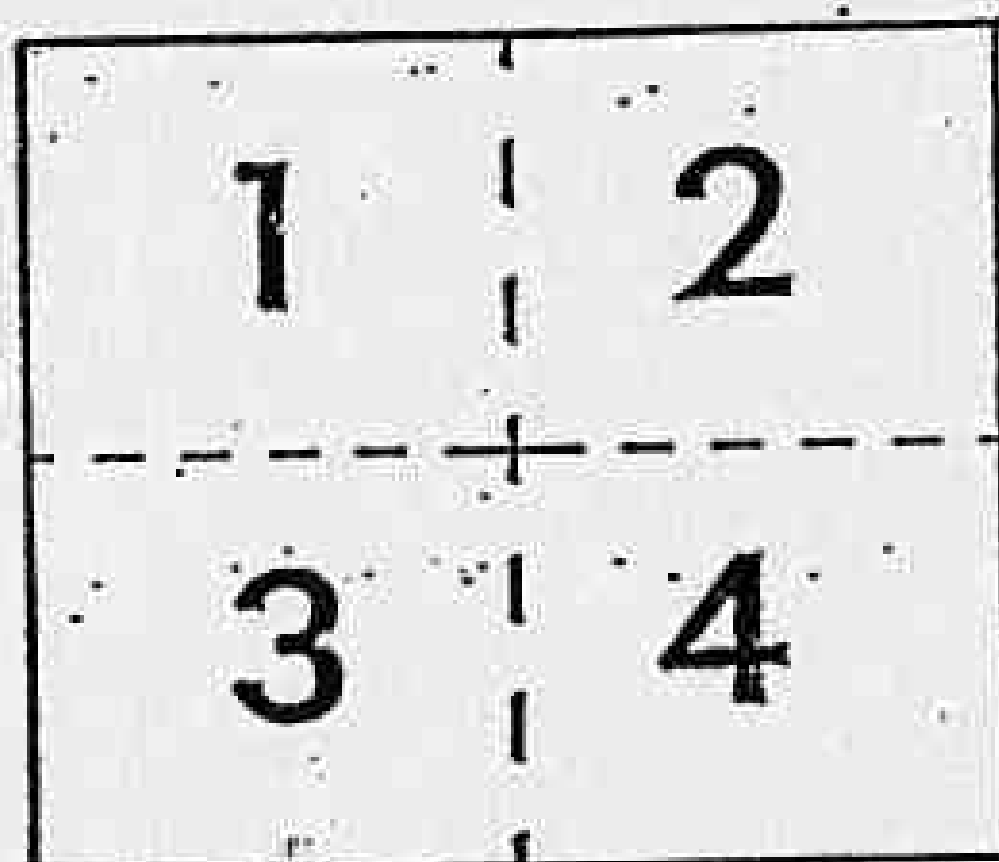
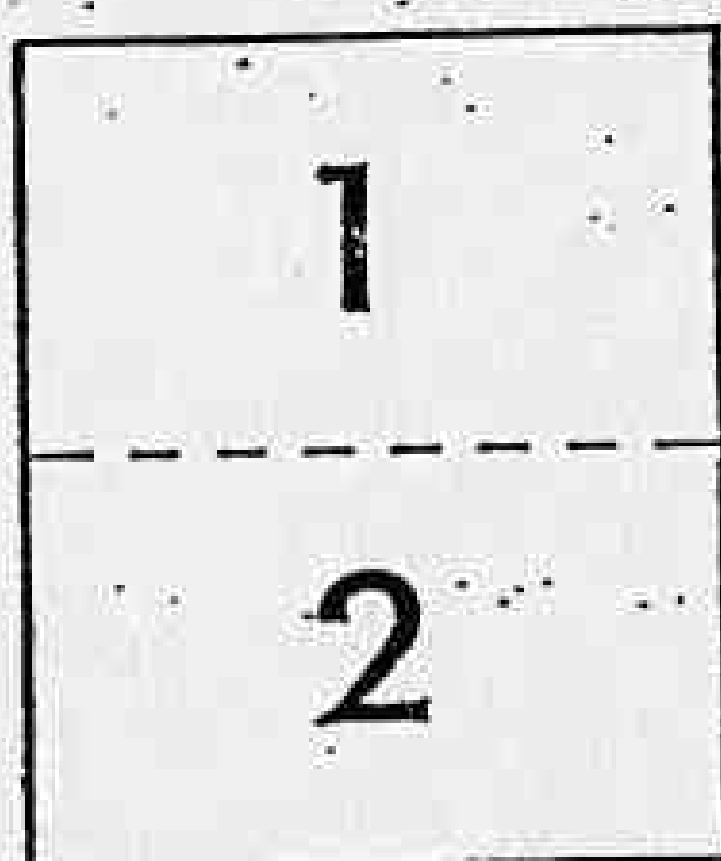
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Dot of areas suitable for tank training
 ELENCO DELLE ZONE ADATTE ALL'ADDESTRAMENTO DEI CAVALI

Nel territorio di giurisdizione del Comando Militare Territoriale di:	Z O N E (sono delimitate in rosso nelle allegate carte) (marked out in red on the encl. maps)	Vedast allegato	
GENOVA (II)	<i>On level ground</i> In pianura: - pressi di Cuneo: greti Stura di Demonte e Gesso (1) - pressi di Fossano: greto Stura di Demonte (1) - pressi di Soluzzo: greto del Po (1) - pressi di Alba <i>Mountainous</i> In montagna: (2) - zona del vallone dell'Arma - Colle di Valcavera - Colle Mulo (m. 2527) - Colle del Servagno (3) - zona a cavallo del colle di Tenda (m. 1908) (4)	1 1 2 3 2 4	(1) So (2) Ac do (3) Ac (4) Ac
MILANO (III)	- Brughiera Grande, presso Gallarate	5	
BOLZANO (IV)	<i>On level ground</i> - Zona Borgo - Strigno - Grigno - Zona Folgaria - Iavarone - Zona Asiago	6 7 8	
UDINE (V)	<i>Area included in the triangle Aviano etc.</i> - Zona compreso nel triangolo Aviano - Spilimbergo - Mon- tereale	9	
BOLOGNA (VI)	- Ristrette zone nei pressi di Bologna	10-11	
FIRENZE (VII)	<i>Restricted areas around Bologna</i> - Zona a cavallo rotabile Pontedera-Livorno (5) - zona a nord di Volterra (6) - Zona a sud-est di Siena (7) <i>Area suitable for vehicles Pontedera-Livorno</i> - zona ad est rotabile Pietramala - Futa (8) <i>Area half of road</i> - zona a sud-est del fiume Reno (9) <i>Area S.E. of river Reno</i> - zona ad est della rotabile Collina - Paviano (10) <i>Area half of road</i> - zone a cavallo della rotabile fra Grosseto e Viareggio e particolarmente fra tenuta Tombolo e S. Rossore (11) <i>and particularly from T. to S. R.</i>	12 13 14 15 16-17 17 18-19	(5) Te (6) Te ci (7) Te co al (8) Te se to zi (9) Te po (10) Te co (11) Zo ci ci ma

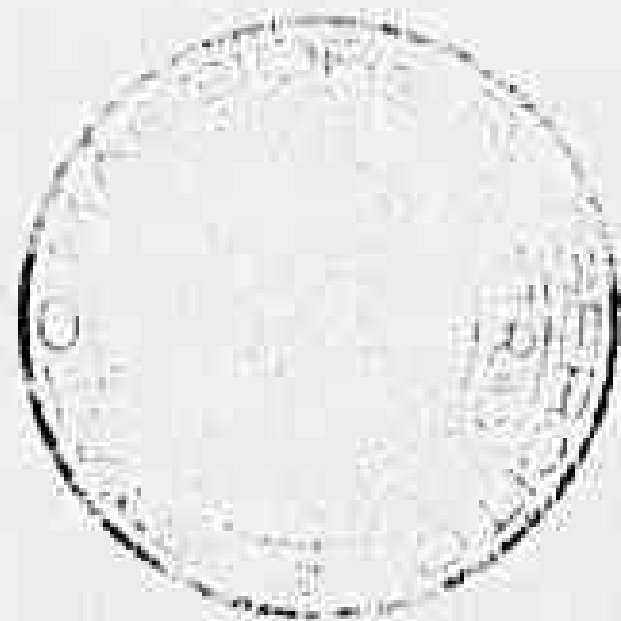
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nte e Gesso (1) monite (1)	1 1 2 3	(1) Saranno molto utilizzate dal C.A.R. (2) Accessibili solo nei mesi estivi quando il terreno è sgombrato da neve. (3) Accessibile dalla zona di Demonte (m. 760) (4) Accessibile da Limone Piemonte (m. 1000).
Volcavera - vagno (3) 1903 (4)	2 4	
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no (5)	12 13 14	(5) Terreno argilloso che durante l'inverno diviene molle e fangoso. (6) Terreno argilloso con substrato calcareo - Possibilità di esercitazioni a fuoco. (7) Terreno leggermente collinoso con fondo argilloso e substrato calcareo, particolarmente adatto all'addestramento dei carri ed alle esercitazioni a fuoco.
(8)	15	(8) Terreno molto ondulato di natura prevalentemente calcareo - Già sede di esercitazioni estive del 31° reg. carrista. Poco sfruttabile d'inverno a causa della neve - Possibilità di esercitazioni a fuoco.
	16-17	(9) Terreno collinoso di natura argillosa con substrato calcareo - possibilità di esercitazioni a fuoco.
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ROMA (VIII)	- Campo dell'Oro, presso Civitavecchia - Vigna di Valle, presso Bracciano - Porta Furba, presso Roma - Tre Cancelli - Riva delle Vetiche	20 21 22 23 23	
BARI (IX)	- zona a nord-est di Altamura (14) - zona ad est di Potenza: - a nord del Basento - a sud del Basento (15)	24 25-26 26	(14) (15)
NAPOLI (X)	- zona a nord di Castelvolturno (16)	27	(16)
PALERMO (XI)	- Ippodromo di Palermo - Piazza d'armi Boccadifalco (ext) - Allaura - Pieno Gallo	28 29 30 31	



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	27	(16) Terreno accidentato, da bonificare dalle mine.
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26 *18*
SUBJECT: 3" Mortar Ranges

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AO (MMIA)

File *123* TRG/31 ←

Mar 46

TO : 12 B.L.U.

Attached hereto for your information is copy of a diagram showing range danger areas for 3" mortar (Charges 1 and 2), extracted from ACT 660 of 1943.

See F. 26.
Major-General,
MMIA.

WLM/Pd

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SUBJECT: 3rd Mortar Ranges

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG (LMIA)

TRG/31

12 Mar 46

File

TO : Ministry of War

Reference verbal enquiry Lt-Col CAMBOSA/Lt-Col MEDLAM.

Herewith details from A.C.I. 660 of 1943 as requested.

WLM/ra

for Major-General,
LMIA.

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SUBJECT : Construction of Permanent Ranges

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

TRG/31

8 Mar 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The improvised ranges at the Infantry School OESANO whilst serving a useful purpose are not very satisfactory when it is considered that this School will be the Weapon Training Centre of the Italian Army.

2. It is therefore strongly recommended that work on the construction of permanent ranges be commenced at an early date.

3. The enclosed plans of a British type range together with sketches showing proposed site, direction of fire etc are submitted for your consideration.

4. Your views on the above recommendation and proposals as to action are requested.

RFO/ell

Major-General,
MMIA.

Copy to :- 12 BLU to Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT :- Arty and Field Firing Ranges

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

TRG/31

4 Mar 46

G(trg) CHQ, CMP

Ref your sig O 50511 of 23 Dec 45.

1. Herewith infm requested.
2. During the occupation by Germany, all records of ranges etc were lost and consequently the enclosed data had to be obtained from HQ of Territories and then compiled into the enclosed booklet.

RMC/ell

Major-General.
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT :- Artillery and Field Firing Ranges

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
TRG/31

4 Mar 46

Ministry of War

Receipt is acknowledged of your N.317 of 4 Mar 46
enclosing details of Artillery and Field Firing Ranges.

RPC/ell

Major-General.
M. M. I. A.

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ISPETTORATO dell'ARTIGLIERIA

N. 312 di protocollo
ROMA li. 14 Marzo 1946
Risposta al foglio del 13 febbraio 1946 N. Trg/31

OGGETTO: Poligoni di tiro per artiglierie, mortai ed armi portatili.-
Carle annesse N.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A. C. (M.M.I.A.)
per foglio 22

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Trasmetto un fascicolo contenente le indicazioni  
relative ai poligoni di tiro per artiglierie, mortai ed ar  
mi portatili.-

*Relazione per  
F. 12  
per info.*  
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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE  
ISPETTORE DELL'ARTIGLIERIA  
(Lorenzo Caratti)

*L. Caratti*

4/31

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OGGETTO:

Poligoni di tiro per artiglierie, mortai ed armi portatili.-

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

A. C. (M.M.I.A.)

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE  
ISPETTORE DELL'ARTIGLIERIA  
(Lorenzo Caratti)

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W. 12  
per 17-18

*L. Caratti*

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from M. of W.  
to M.M.I.A.

Translati  
ref 1106/P43

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Subject : Zones suitable for practice fire-Zones suitable  
for training tanks. (28)

Replying to letter TRG/31 dated 13 last

1. List of the zones suitable for shooting practice with portable arms, mortars and arty.

-all damages have been collected and worked out.

-the list is in course of being reproduced in a

fair number of copies.

will be sent directly to Army Inspectorate, pursuant to  
by being his death

2. List of zones and their future markings:

we are about completing the collection of data.

...the fact we will be sent by our S.M.R.E., present is  
forward of the need.

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See F. 1-3 & 4.

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Subject :- Ranges.

Land Forces Sub-Comm., AD,  
MILIA, ROME (G Training).

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10 British Liaison Unit  
Tel. 15744 NAPLES

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20 Feb 46

1. The G.O.C. NAPLES Territorial District states :-
  - X (a) That before the war the Italian Army never used service ammunition for range practices.
  - X (b) That the 30 yard range is not known in the Italian army.
  - (c) That the type of range with large black boarding, often seen in Italy, is not designed for service ammunition.
2. As the use of service ammunition on the range is essential with British weapons and methods it is recommended, if the above is correct :-
  - (a) That the Italians should be given full information regarding British range construction and safety precautions. It is thought that Small Arms Training Vol.5 deals with these subjects.
  - (b) That they should be advised to adopt our methods, with any modifications they consider necessary.
  - (c) That they should draw up a scheme for the construction of new ranges, or the modification of existing ones, throughout ITALY, to meet their present needs.
  - (d) That they should issue a directive to the effect that until the new ranges are ready CO's, including CO CAR's, are to carry on with existing or improvised ranges, making local safety precautions <sup>as</sup> necessary.

CMP  
ATG/bb

Lt-Col.  
GS.

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SUBJECT : Artillery and Field Firing Ranges

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
ROME  
TRG/31

13 Feb 46

Ministry of War

Reference our letters G/Trg/21 of 27 Dec 45 and  
G/Trg/21 of 31 Dec 45, and further to letter from Ispettorato  
dell'Arma di Artiglieria reference N 24 dated 13 Jan 46.

May a reply now be given.

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Major-General.  
M. M. I. A.

See F. 10

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SUBJECT :- Construction of Permanent Ranges

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.  
(M.A.I.A.)

ROME

TRG/31

11 Feb 46

12 BLN to General Military Schools

Ref Progress Report No 14 dated 1 Feb 46.

1. This HQ will advise Ministry of War that the time has come for permanent ranges to be constructed.

2. The following information is required from you before this can be done :-

- (a) Area of projected range site,
- (b) Direction of Fire,
- (c) Length of range, number of targets needed,
- (d) Sketch Map or Trace of proposed range,
- (e) Your recommendations regarding the safety of such an area.

3. Please forward the information required by 1 Mar 46.

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Major-General.  
M. A. I. A.

Copy to :- TRG/7

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SUBJECT :- Artillery PracticeLand Forces Sub Comd A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
G/102

15 Jan 46

Ministry of War

Reference your letter 228495 of 31 Dec 45.

1. The conditions of our G/102 of 9 Aug 45 still apply.
2. The School concerned is the British School of Artillery, over which this HQ has no control.
3. AFHQ (who control this School through their Training Branch) are now dealing with the matter, it having been represented directly to them by some interested person.
4. You will be informed when the British School of Artillery ceases to require these ranges.

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M. W. Hope. BGS.  
Major-General.  
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**ISPETTORATO dell'ARMA DI ARTIGLIERIA**

N. 24 di protocollo  
Roma, 13 gennaio 1946 - Anno  
Risposta al del N.

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OGGETTO: { poligoni campi di tiro per arti e lietta.

Carle anness: N.

Alta L.F.S.C. - A.C. (N.M.I.A.)

e, per conoscenza :

AL GATTINETTO

ALL 'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO

ALLO S.M.R.E.-Ufficio Adm. e Op.

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Riferimento lettere G/TRE/21 in data 27 dicembre e 7  
gennaio u.s.

Questo Ispettorato aveva compilato in passato e teneva aggiornata una completa "monografia delle zone utilizzate per le scuole di tiro di artiglieria". Tale documento è stato asportato durante l'occupazione tedesca e non è stato possibile finora recuperarlo.

Pertanto le informazioni richieste dall'A.F.H.C. circa le zone del territorio peninsulare adatte per effettuarvi esercitazioni di tiro con armi portatili, artiglieria e mortai, sono state da me richieste ai comandi territoriali di artiglieria e ~~da~~ presumo che possano essere riepilogate e trasmesse entro il corrente mese.

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N. 24 di protocollo

Risposta al del

Roma, 13 gennaio 1946 - Anno

N.

OGGETTO: Poligoni campi di tiro per artiglieria.

Carle annesse N.

Alla L.F.S.C. - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO

ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO

ALLO S.M.R.E.-Ufficio Add. e Op.

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE  
ISPETTORE DELL'ARTIGLIERIA

(Lorenzo Caratti)

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SUBJECT :- Artillery and Field Firing Areas

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME  
G/TRE/21

7 Jan 46

Ministry of War

Reference letters G/trg/21 dated 27 and 31 Dec 45.

1. AFHQ have requested that the information asked for be given as soon as possible.
2. It would be appreciated if these two letters were given urgent attention.

(sgd) Lt-Col L.W. MEDLAM  
for Maj-Gen  
MMIA

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SUBJECT :- Artillery and Field Firing Areas  
-----Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME  
G/Trg/21

31 Dec 45

Ministry of War  
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Reference our G/trg/21 of 27 Dec 45.

1. AFHQ now request a list of all Areas suitable for Armoured Training. They desire to interfere as little as possible with Civilians and ~~Crops~~.

2. Would you please add this information to the information requested in our above quoted letter.

(sgd) Lt-Col W.L. MEDHAM  
for Maj-Gen  
M.M.I.A.

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FROM AFHQ  
TO LMA

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G 50511 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.)

FROM G TRG GHQ CMF (.) MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD OBTAIN  
DETAILS OF ALL AREAS SUITABLE FOR ARMED TRG AND FD FIRING OF ALL  
NATURES (.) IT IS DESIRED TO INTERFERE WITH CIVILIANS AND  
CROPS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE

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per folio 3  
21/10 reply

Dr. F. 11:12:13

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SUBJECT :- Artillery and Field Firing Areas

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) RCE  
C/Trg/21

17 Dec 45

Ministry of War

1. AFHQ is anxious to compile a list of areas in the North in Central and in Southern ITALY suitable for field firing by Small Arms, Artillery, Mortars.
  2. Such areas should be where the minimum of damage would be done to crops or trees.
  3. It is felt that from the list of areas previously used by the Italian Army a suitable list could be compiled to permit maximum firing practice with minimum inconvenience.
  4. Will you please forward us a list of suitable areas.
- see folio 4 to 8*  
*see folio 5*  
*see folio 8*

WIM/ell

*for* Major-General.  
M. M. I. A. *WIM*

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