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RANGES - Annual Courses / CLASSIFICATION

May - June 1946

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SUBJECT: Annual Range Courses.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

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27 Jun 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference phone conversation MODAM - OLIVETTI of 27 June 46.

1. The following is suggested as a basis on which to work in making out ammunition allotments for range courses this year.
  2. (a) Recruits to fire the recruits course laid down.  
not
  - (b) All personnel who have fired a range course in the year to fire the course laid down for trained soldiers of their arm.
  - (c) Recruits on joining their regiments to be excluded from the annual courses to be fired by regimental personnel.
3. Adequate provision must be made for recruits to try out and familiarise themselves with their own personal weapon (which should not of course subsequently be changed).
4. Such provision should cover:
  - (i) Zeroing of the weapon.
  - (ii) One or two application practices at about 200/300 yards.
  - (iii) One practice at (say) 500 yards.
5. Total ammunition allotments to the Italian Army permitting, these figures could be increased to allow field firing practices to be carried out.
6. It is suggested that the ammunition required in the suggestion in paragraph 5 (above) might if available be placed in the Territorial Commands pool to be issued at his discretion for any training purpose (demonstrations etc or actual field firing).

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*Received from MMIA*  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

STUDY: Long range ammunition of "spider".

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25 Nov 65

TO : Major M. W. Hayes

RE: Your letter 20A/1 dated 10 Nov 65.

1. This is in general answer to the proposal contained in your above quoted letter.

2. For your information, in the following any info classification "standard" could be obtained on either of both weapons. 1. • On completion of final testing of our a soldier might be classified, not complete markings on rifle.

Markings on rifle.

1st class shot on barrel.

The following tests were

TEST	TEST	TEST	
Revolver	• 130	Revolver	• 165
1st class shot	• 110	1st class shot	• 135
2nd class shot	• 80	2nd class shot	• 100

These suggests "ant," "non existing" or their equivalents, all Infantry projectiles do attain the "spider" standard in their range because **50** per cent should come to within other gun. In view of the following the **0.8**.

M. W. Hayes  
Brigadier

Major General,  
U. S. A.

TAC M. M. I

1. Data to be in general usage by U.S. and no detail contained in your above system require.
2. Use our information, Mr. W. H. Hope. Any the classification "CONFIDENTIAL" could be obtained on either or both requests, i.e., on condition of her annual funds contract a soldier might be classified, the example being given on page.

1st class shot on lawn,

the mounting arms were:-

	1st	2nd	3rd
bullet	130	145	165
1st class shot	110	125	135
end class shot	90	100	100

3. These two subjects first, after receiving in their containers, 22 Infantry rounds who attained the "target" standard in their range course **59** (Ann should compare with other first shots for comparison in the individual shooting). This would ensure that subjects future work would consist of the best shots, who would have the advantage of using the regular equipment (unique lines and telescopic sights).

M. W. Hope.  
Brigadier

Major General,  
U. S. A.

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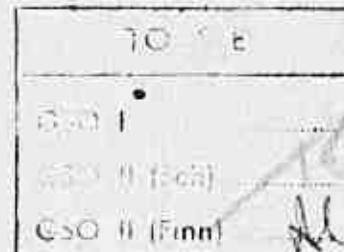
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Date: 21/5.

TRANSLATION



REF: 3252/T/2

DATE: 15/5/46

FROM: M.oF. W.  
TO : M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Qualification of "sniper".-

TIRATORE SCELTO

- 1 - There used to be in the Italian Army the qualification of "sniper" which was awarded to the military personnel who proved good in the rifle or LMG shot. The qualification was given to the military personnel who obtained high marks in the whole of the firing competition. The personnel qualified "snipers" were entitled to wear a special badge.
- 2 - This S.M.H.M., having in mind to put back into force the a/m qualification has proposed it to Military Territorial commanders, who have unanimously agreed to this proposal.
- 3 - Since British regulations already lay down the qualification of 1st class rifle-men and 2nd class rifle-men, this S.M.H.M. thinks that the marks to be obtained in order to ~~qualify~~ <sup>gain</sup> the qualification of sniper ought to be really high, thus to be given duly to military personnel who proved to be excellent.

These marks could be as follows:

- 135 marks, to be obtained during the 6 firing exercises with the rifle;
- 160 marks, to be obtained during the 6 firing exercises with LMG.
- 4 - Before issuing eventual executive instructions, we shall be grateful to you if you would kindly forward your opinion on the matter.

sgd. Liuzzi

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