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BOMBING & FIRING RANGES & LOW FLYING AREAS
OCT. 1946 - JAN. 1947

M.G.TO : Air II.

Please see enclosure 11A.

2. I have had a quick look at the range orders for 281 Wing and they seem to be the sort of thing that we want for the IAF range at Brindisi. I suggest you go and discuss this with the appropriate officer of Colonel Valentinis staff at the Air Ministry and then pay a visit to Lecce and Brindisi to discuss with the unit commanders and armament officer.



C.E.M. GRECE
Wing Commander
Air I.

4 Jan 47.

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M.5.Lt. FAVANO.

Please see enclosure 5A & Min 4. We can hold this up until we get a reply from MED/ME. If they do not write to us within 2 weeks suggest you hasten with MED/ME. *In any case please investigate the draft orders.*

Christensen

C.M.M. GRECE
Wing Commander
Air I

31st Oct 46.

*D/O 31st Oct 46
SSO my 31st
Air I Noted. CWL
6/11*

M.6

The notes of 6A were prepared to be discussed with Ops. of I.A.M. with your approval.

*Lt. Palt Favano
Air III. Training*

6/Nov,

M.7

Director

S.S.O. *my*D.D. *42/11/22/11*Lt. Favano. *8/11/46*

Please see at enclosure 7A letter from Group Captain Nelson and a copy of the El Shatt Range Orders which are attached to this file.

Will Lt. Favano please visit I.A.M. Armament training officer with the El Shatt range orders and agree with him draft orders for the range at Punta della Contessa.

*also suggestion at 6A
8/11/46*

Christensen

C.M.M. GRECE
Wing Commander
Air I.

16th November, 1946.

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M.8.S.S.O. *Good my 12/12*Air I. *5/12*

Ref. to M.7 and 7A, the El Shatt Range Orders are for heavy bombardment type A/c and of very little use to fighter training. 8A, I have written to AHQ(Adv) asking for their range orders.

Palt Favano
Lt. P. FAVANO
Air III

3 December 1946.

M1NOTE

Phoned MAAC. 29/9. They have no news yet on
Enclosure 57A. Part I of this file.

Lt. Jannanphe.
2/10/46

Noted
CML.
AIRI 8/10

F.T.O.

PF 11/10

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No action with I.A.M. until satisfactory
range orders have been drafted and have been
seen and approved by us.

Lt. Jannanphe
8/10/46

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Please send copy of the letter referred to.
to Bari.

Lt. Jannanphe
18/10/46

M4.

Dr. S. S. O. comments on SA
31/10.
Lt. Jannanphe.

At Palermo SA is a translation of the Draft
Range Orders prepared by the I.R.F. for the Range
at Punta della Contessa.

2. They are not satisfactory, & G. Capt Nelson, Senior
armament officer at MED/MG, has taken a copy to Cairo.
He will send on to us as R.A.F. precedent in order that
the I.R.F. can be guided by R.A.F. practice.

Good by

30 October.

Lt. Jannanphe
AIRI.

11A

From :- Air Headquarters, R.A.F. ITALY. C.M.F.
To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., Rome.
Date :- 19th December, 1946.
Ref :- AHQI/S.5530/1/ARM.

RANGE ORDERS.

1. With reference to your AFSC/40/AIR dated 14th December, 1946, the attached Air Publication 1245 and specimen copies of Practice Bombing, Air to Ground and Air to Air firing range orders are forwarded for your guidance.

2. To ensure that all safety precautions are included in your range orders when compiled, it is suggested that a copy of the orders be forwarded to this Headquarters for "vetting" by a specialist officer.

3. You are requested to return A.P. 1245 to this Headquarters as soon as your range orders have been completed.

L. Wood
(L. WOOD. S/Ldr).
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
Air Headquarters,
R.A.F. ITALY. C.M.F.



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10A

FROM : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.
TO : Air Headquarters, Italy.
DATE : 14th December 1946.
REF : AFSC/16/117.

RANGE ORDERS.

Reference your AHQI/8.5530/1/Arm.

2. It is requested that you forward a copy of AF 1245 Vol. I, Armament Training Manual and Air Firing Ranges to this Sub-Commission on temporary loan.

P.W. Irwin
P.W. IRWIN, LIEUT. COL., A.C.
for AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

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FROM:- Air Headquarters, R.A.F. ITALY, C.M.F.
TO:- Air Forces Sub Commission, ALCOM, ROME.
DATE:- 10th December, 1946.
REF:- AHQI/S.5530/1/AIR.

RANGE ORDERS.

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With reference to your AFSC/40/AIR dated 3rd December, 1946, it is desired to point out that the Range Orders for Bombing and Air Firing Ranges are at the present being revised, a copy of which will be forwarded to you when completed.

2. Your attention is drawn to Air Publication 1245 Vo.1. Armament Training Manual Bombing and Air Firing Ranges, which gives all instructions, lay out, safety precautions relating to Air Ranges.

40/AIR

H. Foster
(H. FOSTER F/O),
Armament Officer,
Air Headquarters,
R.A.F. ITALY, C.M.F.

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AIR III

ask AHQ I. if we could
borrow a copy of this
publication for a few days.
my 13/12

FROM : Air Forces Sub Commission, ALCOM, Rome.
TO : Advance Air Headquarters, Italy.
Attention : Chief Armament Officer.
DATE : 3rd December 1946.
REF. : AFSC/AD/Air.

RANGE ORDERS FOR FIGHTER BOMBING & FIRING.

1. To expedite the firing and dive bombing training of the Italian Air Force it is requested that two copies of the Range Orders, used in RAF Training be given or loaned to this Headquarters.
2. An inspection of the Italian Air Force Range Orders shows that it is quite obsolete not very well compiled, and does not cover every aspect of the instructions, layout, and safety precautions for a Dive Bombing and Firing Range.
3. It will be very much appreciated for all information concerning the above subject forwarded to this Headquarters.

PF
for PATT FAVANO 1st Lt., A.C.
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

Exhibit
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7A.
FROM: Group Captain, E.D. McK. Nelson.

Headquarters,
Royal Air Force,
MED./M.E.,
M.E.T.

9th November, 1946.

MEDIE/EDMcKN/D.O.

Dear Grace.

I am sending herewith a copy of orders for the El Shatt Bombing and Air Firing Ranges in No. 505 Group, as you requested. They are typical Range Orders, well compiled and cover every aspect of the instructions, lay-out and safety precautions for a Bombing and Gunnery Range. A.P. 1944, the publication which contains all the regulations on which such orders are based, is I understand obsolete and presumably about to be replaced by another. We haven't a copy of 1214 in this Headquarters but you could obtain one no doubt if you wrote to the E.A.A.S. Manby and asked for a copy. Should you decide to do this, I suggest you write D.O. to G/Capt. P.H.E. Enson, C.B.E. A.F.C. the C.I. there and mention my name.

I was very glad we ran into each other, and thank you again for providing the car for me in Rome. The three of us made good use of it both morning and afternoon and completed a thorough "church crawl" (Oleson came with me). He, by the way, was on the scrounge for some Limit Series Bomb racks, for practice bombing and I am investigating supply of a dozen, but think you should be able to get some from A.H.Q. Italy, who are now closing down several of their U.U.s.

All the best and hope we meet again soon,

3.

Yours. Sincerely.
Eric Nelson.

Dear *Gace*.

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Wing Commander, C.M.M. Greece. D.F.C., R.A.F.
Air Forces Sub. Committee,
Rome,
ITALY.

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and "Gace"

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MINUTE SHEET.

REF : AFSC/40/Air.

DATE : 5th November 1946.

COMMENTS ON FIRING EXERCISES BY UNITA' AEREA.

1. General Prescription and Disposition.

A standing order should be given to ' Comando del Dipartimento Marittimo di Brindisi' that a one mile radius from Punta della Contessa should be forbidden to shipping.

A permanent warning should also be given to the local Authorities forbidding the trespassing of the population into the target area.

2. Firing Instructions.

The firing target should be 3 or 4 upright fabric screens about 6 feet square with a circle 5 feet in diameter and a solid black center 1 ft. in diameter. The top of the target 8 - 10 feet above the ground.

The Bombing target if it is in a form of a ship's outline should be pin-pointed by a circle 10 ft, in diameter to represent the bridge of the ship.

3. Instructions for carrying out the exercises.

Firing. Instead of single ship exercises, it should be a practice for 3 or 4 A/C. To fly out to the target in formation and during the initial turn to the left clearing the target area, they should spread into a line astern to practice judgement and timing with other A/C. As the first ship is turning up and off of the target the second ship will start its dive into the target. One try should be without firing to get spacing and start a square pattern to practice the timing of the base leg so that a continuous line is attained. At the end of the firing exercises the A/C will join up in formation and return to base.

Each A/C will turn off his gun switches as he pulls up and before turning off the target. Turn on his gun switches in his dive on the target making sure the pattern is clear of the previous ship. If the second ship is misjudged his timing of the base leg and has started his dive while the other ship is still firing he will leave his gun switches "off" and will not fire in the pass.

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4. Bomb Dropping.

Dive bombing exercises should also be carried out by a flight of ships. Going out to the target area in close formation and on the initial circle to the left, clearing the target area, will spread out in line astern. The turn into the dive will be timed for a safety margin between ships. As the first ship pulls out of his dive the third ship will start diving, as the second ship pulls out the fourth ship will start the dive. After bombs away the ships will rally back into close formation and return to base.

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5. Communication and Signalling.

Again it is mentioned that the practices should be carried out by flights instead of individual A/C.

The American Standard to indicate "Target area free" and "target closed" is a 4 foot square board. One side with diagonal black and white stripes indicating "target free to fire" the other side solid red indicating "target closed". The board is pivoted in the middle of two upright posts and turned over to black and white diagonal only when the range is clear and all targets are free.

6. Results of exercises.

The results of airfiring and bombing should be transmitted to the home field as soon as possible so that the percentage can be given to the pilot as soon as they land. The corrective measures can be considered more satisfactorily.

7. To Add.

In Air firing only the two inboard guns should be used. Loaded with 50 rounds each gun. There should be 4 - 6 firing passes made on the target.

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LT. PATT FAVANO
Air III - Training.

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commander. msg. 7/11

From : "COMANDO UNITA' AEREA,
UFFICIO OPERAZIONI".

To : ITALIAN FIGHTER WING. LECCE
for information:

"STATO MAGGIORE" I.A.F. ROME
4th I.A.F. COMMAND ROME
83rd SEAPLANE GROUP BRINDISI

Date : Bari, 11th October 1945

Ref. : 005959/3/AD

Subject: INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE AMMUNITION FIRING
EXERCISES ON THE FIRING RANGE. PUNTA
DELLA CONTESSA (BRINDISI) 40° NORTH -
18° EAST.

To carry out the firing exercises in question, which will be carried out shortly with Spitfire IX aircraft by Units of this Command, The dispositions, prescriptions and instructions specified herewith must be rigorously observed. Any other instruction which might be given, will be described in detail by this command.

GENERAL PRESCRIPTIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

The exercises to be carried out will be:

- a) Firing exercises with live ammunition on fixed ground target.
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The firing range is made up of three areas:

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The areas B. and C. are each composed of a strip of land 1 Km. deep, and is bordered by a perimeter line parallel to the sides of the target area.

Fifteen days before the firing exercise is to take place, the "COMANDO DEL DIPARTIMENTO MARITTIMO DI BRINDISI" is to

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under key
(as around
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*Alcui comando fu avuta 4/11/10
9/11/10*

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be informed of the days and times of the exercise, so that they can issue timely instructions to all shipping to keep at a distance of 1 mile radius from Punta Iella Contessa.

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The local Civil Authorities should also be given fifteen days notice prior to the exercise, so that instructions to the population could be issued for the complete evacuation and forbidding all transits in the target Area. The warning will indicate the date and time during which all entry into the target area will be forbidden.

Furthermore, guard duties will be arranged around the target area, placed at a safe distance within sight of each other. The guards will be on duty during the whole period of the exercises and will keep a close check of all entries into the target area.

FIRING INSTRUCTIONS.

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The exercises to be made will be stipulated by means of a publication compiled by the "STATO MAGGIORE" and issued

in due time.

The firing exercises will be carried out before the bombing exercises.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THE EXERCISES.

Firing.

The aircraft after taking off will proceed to the target, flying at a height of 700 Mts. following the route: Airport - Trepuzzi - Punta della Contesse. Once over the Target they will circle it once, turning always to the left, to ascertain that the target area and water basin are completely free. On completion of the circle they will fly in a vertical position to the Adriatic Road in the prearranged direction and will begin the exercise. The aircraft will dive at a suitable distance from the target and will open fire at a distance of 500 Mts. from the Target and not flying below the height of 100 Mts. At the end of the dive and during the climb the aircraft will not turn unless it is made certain that the arms have ceased firing.

At the end of the exercise each aircraft will return to base, flying on the Adriatic Road and therefore, following at the height of 500 Mts. the following route:

Main Road - S. Pietro Vernotico - Copertino - Airport.

Bomb dropping.

The aircraft will follow the same route for going towards the target and for the return trip, as done by the aircraft carrying out the firing exercises. On going towards the target aircraft will fly at 2,000 Mts. On reaching the Target Area they will circle the firing range once, turning always to the

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COMMUNICATIONS AND SIGNALINGS:

A telephone link between the firing observation post and the Brindisi Rescue Centre will be insured, so that help could be obtained in case one of the aircraft should ditch into the sea. The following will stand by at the Rescue Center: a surface craft, a high speed launch and the A.S.M. Seaplane.

In case of necessity, there will be a Red Cross post and sanitary material at Brindisi.

W/T

The W/T link between the observation posts and aircraft will be insured by a W/T Van, so that the firing Control could direct the exercises and transmit to the aircraft all relative instructions (Begin firing, stop, amend, etc.) As soon as each aircraft has ended the exercise, the Control will inform by Radio, S.A.F.A. at Lecce.

Taking into account that the following times will be required:- 8 minutes for flying towards Target Area, 8 minutes for the return flight, 10 minutes for carrying out the exercises, each aircraft will take off from Lecce Airport with an interval of 15 minutes. An interval of 20 - 25 minutes will elapse between the take off of the third and fourth aircraft. Besides the W/T link, there will be on the ground near the observation post, two white strips formed into an "I" which will indicate "Target Free" and will, therefore, mean start firing and when formed into a cross, it will indicate "Target not Free" and will, therefore, mean suspend firing.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CREW.

All pilots should be informed of all instructions regarding the exercises before taking off, that is, the route to follow and on all indispensable suggestions for the running of the exercises.

The 4th T.A.T. Command is to arrange that the Territorial Units issue from this date the necessary safety measures.

The Fighter Wing Command will supply as soon as possible a detailed programme of the exercises.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Gen. D.A. - GIUSEPPE CAENIA)

Translated by Sgt. A.C. WIRTH

Notes:
Transl.

1. G.D. Range Officer & Antenna to be at one of ground stations where ground signals will be
2. Results of A.F. & B. to be transmitted to them without delay, so that, as near as possible, he told their results in a shorty after landing (this is most important of surveillance not to lose the true value).

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Pari 11, 17 ottobre 1946

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COMANDO UNITA AEREA AL COMANDO RAGGRUPPAMENTO CACCIA -LECCE=
 UNITA CACCIA e, per conoscenza:
 - ALLO STATO MAGGIORE DELL'AERONAUTICA -ROMA=
 - AL COMANDO 4^a Z.A.T. -SEDE=
 - AL COMANDO 83^o GRUPPO IDRO -BRINDISI=
 Prot.n. 005959/3/Ad.

OGGETTO: Norme per le esercitazioni di tiri reali sul poligono Punta della Contessa (Brindisi) - 40° Nord - 18° Est. -

Per l'effettuazione delle esercitazioni di tiro in oggetto, che dovranno essere svolte prossimamente dai Reparti di Codesto Raggruppamento dotati di velivoli Spitfire IVA, dovranno essere rigorosamente osservate le disposizioni, prescrizioni e norme in appresso specificate. Ogni predispodizione di dettaglio sarà elaborata ed impartita a cura di Codesto Raggruppamento.

PRESCRIZIONI E DISPOSIZIONI GENERALI:

Le esercitazioni da svolgere saranno:

- a) - esercitazioni di tiri reali di lancio contro bersaglio fisso a terra;
- b) - esercitazioni di tiri di caduta a tuffo con bombe da esercitazione.

Il poligono di tiro è costituito da tre zone:

- a) - zona di bersaglio;
- b) - zona di sicurezza;
- c) - zona di rispetto.

Le zone b) e c) comprendono una fascia di terreno avente ciascuna la profondità di un chilometro e delimitata da una linea spezzata di confine approssimativa ai lati della zona del bersaglio.

Quindici giorni prima dell'inizio delle esercitazioni di tiro dovrà essere data comunicazione dell'inizio dello svolgimento delle esercitazioni stesse, dei giorni previsti e degli orari, al Comando del Dipartimento Marittimo di Brindisi, affinché questi possa diramare tempestivamente l'avviso a tutti i naviganti di tenersi al largo della zona di mare prospiciente alla Punta della Contessa per il raggio di un miglio.

Con analogo anticipo di giorni quindici dovranno essere avvertite delle esercitazioni le locali Autorità

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Quindici giorni prima dell'inizio delle esercitazioni di tiro dovrà essere data comunicazione dell'inizio dello svolgimento delle esercitazioni stesse, dei giorni previsti di Brindisi, affinché questi possa diramare tempestivamente l'avviso a tutti i naviganti di tenersi al largo della zona di mare prospiciente alla Punta della Contessa per il raggio di un miglio.

Con analogo anticipo di giorni quindici dovranno essere avvertite delle esercitazioni le locali Autorità Civili perchè diramino un bando alla popolazione per la completa evacuazione e divieto di transito nella zona del bersaglio. Nell'avvertimento saranno indicati i giorni, gli orari per i quali rimarrà interdetto l'accesso alla zona del bersaglio.

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Inoltre dovrà essere predisposto un servizio di guardie intorno alla zona del bersaglio, chierate a distanza di sicurezza ed a vista l'una dall'altra. Tali guardie permarranno sul posto per tutta la durata delle esercitazioni e terranno sotto controllo tutti gli accessi alla zona del bersaglio.-

- NORME DI TIRO:

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Il bersaglio per i tiri di caduta sarà costituito dal tracciato della sagoma di una nave già esistente nella zona del bersaglio.

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I tiri di caduta saranno rilevati con appositi rilevatori (quadron) da due torri poste agli estremi della corda di 1.000 yards di una circonferenza avente per centro la sagoma del bersaglio.

Le esercitazioni che dovranno svolgersi saranno quelle stabilite dal prospetto compilato dallo Stato Maggiore e trasmesse a suo tempo.

Saranno eseguite prima tutte le esercitazioni di tiro di lancio e poi quelle di tiro di caduta.

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- Tiri di lancio.

I velivoli dopo il decollo si porteranno sul poligono effettuando il seguente itinerario alla quota di metri 700 : Aeroporto - Trepuzzi - Punta della Contessa. Giunti sull'obbiettivo effettueranno un giro sul poligono - girando sempre a sinistra - per osservare che la zona del bersaglio e la fascia di mare antistante siano completamente libere. Alla fine del giro si porteranno sulla verticale della strada statale Adriatica e nella direzione prestabilita ed inizieranno le esercitazioni. L'affondata sarà iniziata a distanza utile dal bersaglio e il fuoco verrà aperto alla distanza di 500 metri dalla sagoma non abbassandosi oltre la quota di 100 metri.- Alla fine dell'affondata durante la richiamata i velivoli non dovranno tirare se pri-

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Ultimate le esercitazioni ciascun velivolo effettuerà il ritorno in Sede, portandosi sulla strada statale Adriatica e seguendo indi, alla quota di 500 metri il seguente percorso: strada statale - S. Pietro Vernotico - Copertino - Aeroporto.

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- Tiri di caduta.

I velivoli seguiranno sia per l'andata che per il ritorno lo stesso percorso che per i tiri di lancio, effettuando la rotta di andata alla quota di 2.000 metri. Giunti sulla zona del bersaglio effettueranno un giro sul poligono - girando sempre a sinistra - per osservare che la zona del bersaglio sia completamente libera. Quindi effettueranno l'affondata dalla quota di metri 2.000 sganciando la bomba dalla quota di 1.000 - 700 metri. Effettuato lo sgancio rientreranno alla base seguendo la rotta sopra stabilita.

- COLLEGAMENTI E SEGNALAZIONI:

Sarà assicurato un collegamento telefonico tra i posti di osservazione del tiro e il Centro Soccorso di Brindisi, onde possa essere richiesto il pronto intervento e l'assistenza nell'eventuale caso di discesa in mare di qualche velivolo. Al Centro Soccorso saranno tenuti pronti a partire su allarme una imbarcazione normale, un motoscafo d'alto mare oltre all'idrovolante già di servizio di soccorso.

A terra vi sarà un posto di pronto soccorso a Brindisi e materiale sanitario per eventuali necessità.

Il collegamento radiofonico tra il posto di osservazione ed i velivoli dovrà essere assicurato a mezzo di una radio autotrasportata, in modo che il Direttore del tiro possa dirigere le esercitazioni e dare agli aerei tutti gli ordini relativi (inizio del tiro, sospensione, correzioni, ecc.). Man mano che ciascun velivolo avrà ultimato le esercitazioni, il Direttore ne darà comunicazione via radio al S.A.T.A. di Lecce.

Dall'Aeroporto di Lecce i velivoli, tenuto conto che occorreranno 8 minuti per percorrere il percorso di andata e 8 minuti quello di ritorno e 10 minuti per lo svolgimento complessivo delle esercitazioni, partiranno ad intervalli di 15 minuti l'uno dall'altro, intercalando un intervallo maggiore di 20-25 minuti ogni tre velivoli. Oltre al collegamento radio saranno disposti a terra, presso il posto di osservazione, segnali formati da due strisce bianche che, disposte ad "L", indicheranno "poligono libero" e quindi inizio del tiro, disposte a croce indicheranno "poligono interdetto" e quindi, sospensione del tiro.

Verrà inoltre collocata sulla zona del bersaglio, una freccia che indicherà la direzione del tiro.

- ISTRUZIONI AGLI EQUIPAGGI:

Tutti i piloti dovranno essere istruiti prima della partenza su tutte le norme che regolano le esercitazioni, sul

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- ISTRUZIONI AGLI EQUIPAGGI:

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Il Comando 4. Z.A.T. è pregato di far diramare fin d'ora dagli Enti Territoriali i bandi di sicurezza.

Il Comando Raggruppamento Caccia faccia pervenire al più presto il programma di dettaglio delle esercitazioni.

IL COMANDANTE
(Generale D.A. - Giuseppe GAETA)

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4 A

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Bari Detachment.
Date : 18 October 1946.
Ref : AFSC/40/AIR

AIR GROUND GUNNERY RANGE FOR I.A.F.

Reference your letter ^{3 A} AFSC/B/40/AIR dated 11 October 1946 on above subject. ^{52 A Part I}

2. Attached is a copy of requested letter MAAG/4208/AFALS,
23 July 1946.

for PAUL COLE, 1st Lt., A.C.
Air Vice Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Commission.

^{SSC} action taken on 3 A, M3
two copies of letter 23 July
sent to Bari 18/10
PC

Good.

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3 A

From: Air Forces Sub Commission - Bari Detachment -
To: Air Forces Sub Commission - A.C. ROME -
Date: 11-10-1946
Ref. AFSC/B/40/AIR

AIR GROUND GUNNERY RANGE FOR I.A.F.

1 A

Ref. Para 4 of NAAC/4208/AFALS dated 2nd Oct. 1946
on above subject.

2. It is requested that a copy of the letter dated 23rd
July be forwarded to this Detachment for action indicated.

W. C. GILSON
A.C. GILSON G/C
Officer Commanding
Bari Detachment
A.F.S.C.



2A

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.
 To : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Bari.
 Date : 3rd October, 1946.
 Ref : AFSC/40/Air.

AIR TO GROUND GUNNERY RANGE -
PUNTA DELLA CONTESSA

Reference is made to this Headquarters letter of even number dated 23rd September addressed to M.A.A.C. Secretariat.

2. You are requested to obtain from the I.A.F. a copy of the range orders which they intend to use and to forward the same to this Headquarters.

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C.M.H. GREECE, W/Odr,
 for Air Vice-Marshal,
 Director,
 Air Forces Sub Commission.

Note.

G. Capt. Olsson seen on 14/10/1946 & stated
 that the Range orders submitted by the I.A.F.
 are unsatisfactory & that they are now being
 revised & will be forwarded to us in
 due course.
 18/10.

*Chibit Green Odr
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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To :- Headquarters MED/ME, Cairo, M.E.F.
Air Headquarters MALTA.
R.A.F. Station BARI, C.M.F.
Headquarters M.T.O.U.S.A. (G-4 Air Advisory Section)
Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.
Chief of Air Plans, Rear Air Headquarters Italy.
Senior Air Staff Officer, Air Headquarters Italy.
Chief Intelligence Officer, Air Headquarters Italy.
For info: O.C., A.F.S.C. Detachment, LEGGH BARI

Date:- 2nd October, 1946.

Ref :- MAAC/4208/AFALS.

AIR TO GROUND GUNNERY RANGE FOR I.A.F. *en PT I*

Please refer to this Secretariat's letter of even reference dated 23rd July, 1946:

2. Information has now been received that the Italian authorities have de-requisitioned the air firing range (GALLIPOLI POLYGON 40.00'N - 18.00'E).
3. The use of Villanova Polygon - Punta della Contessa - 40.36'N 18.02'E, by the Italian Air Force is authorised and firing practice will commence on or after 21st October, 1946.
4. The last addressee is requested to ensure that the instructions in Para. 3 of the letter under reference are carried out in the case of the new range.
5. Request all concerned be advised of the change and the date that firing practice will commence.



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S.J.B. HAMILTON
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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