

Subject: Artillery Range
To: Officers Commanding 211, 212, 476 Btys RA
Ref Map: 1:50,000. Sheet 188, I.
23rd February 1945
RESTRICTED

- 1) Authority has now been received for the use of the area shown in attached trace, as an Artillery Range. Allotment will be made only by this HQ.

- 2) The Officer conducting the practice will be responsible that all reasonable safety precautions are observed. These will include the following: -
 - a) Picquets... will be posted one hour before shooting begins until shooting ends at:
 - i) Road and track junction 010713
 - ii) Road junction 055557

 - iii) Both Picquets will be provided with the following instruction printed in English and Italian on millboard to be conveyed to all traffic entering the road between the two points:

 - iv) "Firing is now taking place on the WEST of this road. All traffic will keep to the road and not use tracks to the West of it until Hours."

 - v) These notices will be provided by RHQ.

- b) No shooting will take place within 500 yards of the road or of any house or building unless it has been cleared.

- c) Buildings will NOT be used as targets.

- d) Continuous look-out will be maintained from OP's and shooting stopped if any movement seen in the danger area.

- e) An officer or Warrant officer will be appointed as safety officer for each Troop and will be in possession of a trace showing Range boundary with 500 yards safety circle round each house or

building not cleared.

- f) Safety officers will ensure that all guns are prescribed to fire only within the prescribed area.
- 3) Any damage to Property, Personnel or animals will be reported immediately to the HQ, giving full details.
- 4) Allotments for use of the Range will be made only from this HQ, who will arrange with the Carabinieri at GRAVINA for clearing of the target area.
- 5) This HQ will arrange with the Carabinieri at GRAVINA for the farmers to be warned and range cleared. Except for the barns at 001611, which will always be cleared, buildings will not be cleared unless specially requested by the practicing unit. This should not be asked for unless essential as it imposed great inconvenience on the farmers.