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SUBJECT: ORIOLO CAMP.

'F' B.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.  
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.  
AC (IMIA) ROME.

Ref: G.12/25.

13 March 1945.

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

1. Major Huntington, G.II Schools at MANZIANA, submits that the proximity of the Recruit Camp to Manziana, (actually it is not located at ORIOLO, although it has been given this title) interferes with the academic atmosphere which he considers is essential in a central Training School.

2. It is felt that this submission has considerable justification and a preliminary reconnaissance has been made of an alternative site in the vicinity of Via CASSIA on Route 2. This site is reported to have adequate water supplies and, provided it is satisfactory in all respects, I should be glad to learn whether Higher Authority has any objection to moving the Camp at an early date, prior to the opening of the Manziana Schools.

*[Signature]*

Lieut-Col. R.A.

IMH/ah.

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AQ.

I strongly support this. If you agree will you  
authorise (presumably with concurrence of Rome A.A. Comd.)

*[Signature]*

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AQ Cancel above - now settled  
on their own

*[Signature]*  
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Subject: Training Centre MANZIANA

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Land Forces Sub Commission AC  
(M.M.I.A.)

File No SD/46

5 March 45

Ministry of War

1. Your proposal in 11127/Ord of 25 Feb 45 for the organisation of the Training Centre MANZIANA is agreed. Summary is attached at Appendix "A".
2. As this is only a temporary unit until the RTC ICF at CESLNO can be enlarged, no official War Establishment will be produced.
3. Transport has been arranged separately.

*C. P. A. de Maja*  
Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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Appendix "A" to MHA letter  
SD/46 dated 5 March 45

SUMMARY OF TENTED CAMP TRAINING CENTRE

| ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO BE ASSIGNED |                       |                            |                    |                         |                |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| OFFICERS                            |                       |                            | W. Os<br>&<br>Sjts | Lance<br>Sjts &<br>Cpls | Other<br>Ranks |
| Col                                 | Lt Col<br>or<br>Major | Captains<br>or<br>Squadron |                    |                         |                |
| TRAINING CENTRE HQs                 | 1                     | 3                          | 5                  | 4                       | 26             |
| I Recruit Bn                        | -                     | 24                         | 38                 | 38                      | 4              |
| II Recruit Bn                       | -                     | 24                         | 38                 | 38                      | 4              |
| III Recruit Bn                      | -                     | 24                         | 38                 | 38                      | 4              |
| TOTAL                               | 1                     | 4                          | (1)75              | 118                     | 38             |

(1) of which 13 are Captains.

SECRET.SUBJECT: Surplus Personnel of Forward Gruppi.

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1. PLU RTC ICF.  
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.  
AC (MIA) ROME.

Ref: A/2/14

4 March 1945.

To: H.Q.  
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm. AC  
(MIA).

Colonel Dehn.

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1. Reference is made to this H.Q. letter A/2/13 of even date.
2. Further to the anticipated influx of surplus personnel from forward Gruppi, it is essential to implement the orders of General Ronco that approximately 400 soldiers ex Artillery Battalion, shall be transferred to Infantry, as their presence is seriously interfering with the artillery training.
3. It is felt that these men are entitled to certain special treatment, and it is therefore suggested they will, in the initial stages, form the nucleus of No.3 Battalion of the new Reception Regiment stationed at the ORIOLLO Camp.
4. If this is done, No.1 Battalion will comprise untrained recruits direct from call-up. No.2 Battalion will comprise surplus personnel from forward Gruppi. No.3 Battalion will comprise personnel transferred from other Arms to the Infantry. (Land Forces Sub Com.A.C. MIA letter S/G/29/43 dated 3 March 45 refers).
5. As in the case of surplus personnel, it is essential that the Administrative staff should be adequate to deal with these artillery personnel, who bitterly resent the necessity of transfer from their own Arm of the Service, and in consequence require a strong hand to deal with them.
6. May energetic steps be taken, please, to ensure that the necessary

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6. May energetic steps be taken, please, to ensure that the necessary staff becomes immediately available.

LHM/ah.

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Major Ward.  
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*W. H. H. H.*  
Lieut-Col. R.A.

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SUBJECT: Surplus Personnel of Forward Gruppi.

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29/03  
P' BLU RUC ICF.  
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.  
AC (MELA) ROME.

Ref: A/2/13.  
4 March 1945.

To: H.Q.  
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm.  
AC (MELA).

1. It is noted that in the near future personnel in excess of the authorised 5 per cent over War Establishment, will be returned to this Centre.
2. Careful consideration has been given to the points raised in your letter ref: 02/575/Ord.di prot dated 2 March 45, and the following proposal is suggested as the most satisfactory solution of this problem.
3. A special Battalion will be formed at ORIOLO Camp to accommodate these soldiers returned from Forward Gruppi. This will comprise five Companies, each of which will be known by the name of its parent Gruppo, and as far as possible, esprit de corps will be maintained in this Battalion. Though no details are available, it is understood that the approximate number likely to be returned is of the order of 1,500, and hence each Company will be approximately 300.
4. Authority has already been granted by the S.M.R.E., and approved by M.M.I.A., for the allocation of 85 Officers and 225 under-officers for the administration and organisation of this Camp. In the meantime the Comando Piceno Division has placed at the disposal of the British Officer in charge of the Camp a certain number of Officers and Other Ranks from CENAMO. These are, however, quite inadequate to deal with anything like the influx which is anticipated, and in fact are really inadequate to deal with those that are already in the Camp. It would be much appreciated if most energetic steps could be taken to impress upon S.M.R.E. the importance of the early arrival of these much needed Officers and under-Officers.
5. Immediately this staff becomes available there is no reason whatever why the surplus to establishment of Forward Gruppi should not be accepted, as tentage is already available, but a very grave view is taken of the events which might arise if these personnel arrive prior to the

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4. Authority has already been granted by the S.M.R.E., and approved by M.M.I.A., for the allocation of 83 Officers and 225 under-officers for the administration and organisation of this Camp. In the meantime the Comando Piceno Division has placed at the disposal of the British Officer in charge of the Camp a certain number of Officers and Other Ranks from CERSAHO. These are, however, quite inadequate to deal with anything like the influx which is anticipated, and in fact are really inadequate to deal with those that are already in the Camp. It would be much appreciated if most energetic steps could be taken to impress upon S.M.R.E. the importance of the early arrival of these much needed Officers and under-Officers.

5. Immediately this staff becomes available there is no reason whatever why the surplus to establishment of forward Gruppi should not be accepted, as tentage is already available, but a very grave view is taken of the events which might arise if these personnel arrive prior to the arrival of the Administrative staff.

LHM/ah.

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DATED 17 FEB YOUR SD 2308 (.) PARA 1 (.) ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL CAMPS FOR APPROXIMATELY 3000 PERSONNEL NORTH OF BRACCIANO IS AGREED (.) PARA 2 (.) THIS TO BE TEMPORARY CAMP UNTIL ACCOMMODATION AND TRAINING FACILITIES AT CESANO- BRACCIANO ARE SUFFICIENT FOR AUTHORISED HOLDING OF 11250 (.) PARA 3 (.) DESIRE ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO PREVENT PERSONNEL OF TEMPORARY CAMP FROM CONTACT WITH PERSONNEL OF CESANO DEPOT (.) PARA 4 (.) DMT CONCURS IN THIS ARRANGEMENT

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