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A/110/17 Supply of Infantry Personnel - 1st Co.

MAR. - Apr. 1945

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SUBJECT: - Rfts - LIGNANO GRUPO.

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP,

Tel: - FOAMLOVE 224,

3149/3/A(0),

11 Apr 45.

OG FIFTH Army (for att Br. Inc 'A').

Copy to: - AFHQ G-1(Br).

HMIA (ref SO/33/1 dtd 4 Apr 45).

G-3(BD).

Ref your SO/10 dtd 22 Mar 45, and this H: 3149/3/A(0)
dtd 27 Mar 45.

1. It is regretted that approval cannot be given to the proposal that rfts for 68 Regt LIGNANO should be found by the special selection of personnel at present under training in RTC.
2. HMIA state that the Italian War Ministry and the Comd., LIGNANO GRUPO have already been informed that specially selected rfts would not be available for this Bn, and that it should be put on a uniform basis with other Inf Bns.
3. Rfts for 68 Regt will be provided by normal Inf drafts. It is requested that the Comd., LIGNANO GRUPO be informed accordingly.

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T. C. Carter
Frederick
 Lt Col
 J. & G. H.

A.1. Please note and inform F. BLO
 Included SHAF again that there is the 3/68 Bn and
 that its rfts will be provided normally. It is to
 be brought up to strength immediately.
 63 BLO to be informed and report progress.
 See an letter to 15 AG on which above
 is based
 Above note not seen until 4th, by which time subject dead!

JP
 15 Apr

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SUBJECT:-

Amo/17 5150
Rfts - 9 Reparto d'Assalto

L. Malfaren
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/1644/G-1(Br)

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Land Forces Sub-Commission AG (MCLA)

Reference HQ 15 Army Group 3149/3/A(0) of 28 Mar and your SD/33/1 of 4 Apr 45.

1. It is confirmed that 9 Reparto d'Assalto will be regarded as a 3rd Bn of 68 Regt and not as a specialist Bn.
2. The Bn will be maintained by normal infantry rfts and there will be no special try of rfts for the Bn.
3. Please cause instructions to be issued by the Italian Ministry of War to this effect.



Copy to:-

Hq 15 Army Group
Hq Fifth Army (Br Inor - 'A' Branch)

ASW Stg 4800 Lt Col
Major-General, DAG
G-1 (Br)

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TO SPA 3A

Roma 7. 10. 45

Ministero della Guerra
Direz. Gen. Pers. Ufficiali

ALLIANCE FORCES SUB
COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Permane Movimento 1°
Int. N° 1/Mov. Allegato
1/10758

Ripartito al f. del 28.3.45
Per Per A/A/II/I

Oggetto S. ten. ftr. opl. LIVIA Salvatore - cl. 1921
2nd Lt

e, per conoscenza:
ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio C.A. - S.E.D.E.
(Rif. f. nr. 304220/CA - Traduzione nr. 2586/0 del
30.3.1945)

In data odierna è stato interessato il
Comando Deposito 31° fanteria perchè faccia conosce-
re in seguito a quale ordine assunse, a suo tempo,
in forza l'ufficiale e l'ente del quale proveniva.
attualmente il S. ten. ftr. opl. LIVIA Salvato-
re presta servizio al 22° Rgt. Fanteria del Gruppo di
Combattimento "Cremona" e seguito del desiderio e-
spresso dallo stesso di partecipare alla lotta con-
tro il tedesco.

Riservo ulteriori comunicazioni.

P. IL MINISTRO
(Gen. di Div. G. Felugi)

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SECRET

Subject: Reinforcements - Legnano Combat Group

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. N. I. A.) ROME
SD/SS/1

4 April
Mar 45.

H.Q. 15 Army Group

The following is the position regarding reinforcements for the 3rd Bn of the 68 Regt of the Legnano Combat Group, reference to 15 Army Group 3149/5/4(0) of 27 Mar 45.

1. When the Legnano Group was formed from elements of the C.I.L. it was necessary to provide the third Bn for each regiment which had previously had two Bns only. The third Bn of the 68 Regt was formed from the "Arditi" Bn of C.I.L.
2. The War Ministry and the Commander of the Legnano Group were told that it would NOT be possible to ensure that specially selected and trained reinforcements would be available for this Bn, that their organization and duties did not necessitate special personnel and that the sooner this Bn was put on a uniform basis with other Inf Bns the better.
3. In spite of this the Comdr Legnano Group appears still to regard this unit as a special one and to consider the psychological aspect of this question outweighs the more practical one of training reinforcements.
4. The 8th Trg Centre is not designed to produce special personnel for an "assault" Bn but aims at turning out good infantry for the normal infantry tasks, including assault.
5. It is considered, in view of the infantry role of combat groups and in the interest of economy of reinforcements and the morale of the groups as a whole, that this Bn should be regarded as a straightforward Bn of an Inf Regt.
6. It is strongly recommended therefore that an AFHQ decision be given to regard this Bn as the 3rd Inf Bn of the 68 Inf Regt as originally intended.
7. If this is done there will be no difficulty in keeping the Bn at full WE, otherwise a special training and selection organization will be needed at the RTC.

Copy to: AFHQ 01 (Br)

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W. P. Drury
Colonel
Major General,
M. N. I. A.

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CONFIRMING CONVERSATION DOBBS - SINCLAIR
NO FURTHER INFANTRY RFTS REQUIRED BY FRIULI GP UNTIL
PRESENT SURPLUS HAS BEEN ABSORBED

F' BLU informed

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am 4 Apr 45

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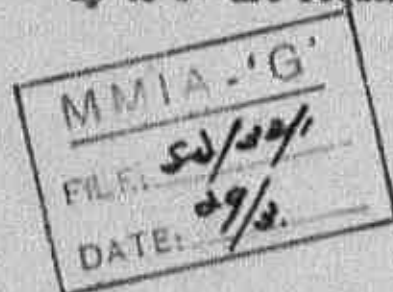
SUBJECT:- Reinforcements - Legnano Gruppo.

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP,
Tel:- FOXGLOVE 226,
3149/3/A(O),
27 Mar 45.

Land Forces Sub-Commission (LSCIA).
HQ AG.

Copy to:- AFHQ G-1(Br)
CG FIFTH Army (Att.Br Incr 'A' Branch).

1. Attached copy letter 64/10 of 22 Mar 45 from Br Incr FIFTH Army is forwarded to you for information.
2. May this HQ be informed please, of the policy in connection with the rft of specialist infantry bns and, if they are to be reinforced by specially trained rfts, when such rfts will be available.
3. Your proposals for bringing 9 Reparto d'Assalto up to WB are requested please.



[Signature] 4859
Brigadier,
DA & CG.

C O P Y.

SUBJECT:- Reinforcements - Legnano Gruppo.

British Increment (A Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CMF

Phone No: LIGHTNING BEAR 162

64/10

22 Mar 45

HQ 15 Army Group

Copy to:- 52 RIU

1. The reinforcement position of 9 Reparto d'Assalto, 68 Regt Legnano is causing some concern. Although this unit is only showing a net deficiency on posted strength of 44 ORs, this strength on the ground is only 595 ORs as against WE of 738.

2. Given below is an analysis of its present strength:-

WE			30	738
PS:	31	595		
Leave:	2	42		
Hosp:	0	34		
Absent:	0	21		
Misc Detached:	2	2		
Posted Strength			35	694
Deficiency			-	44

3. This battalion is made up of special assault personnel, who are normally specially selected as being a good type of soldier, and COC Legnano Gruppo is most reluctant to have ordinary rank and file reinforcements put into this unit. It is therefore requested that steps be taken through MMIA for suitable reinforcements, at present under training in RTC, to be selected and earmarked for this unit.

4. May this HQ please be informed in due course, whether this can be done and if so when these reinforcements are likely to be sent forward.

MMIA 'G'

FILE: 54/32/

DATE: 29/3.

(Sgd) H.D. LITTLETON, Major

for Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff (British),
Fifth Army.

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