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1. In April 1953, the East China Military Area Command adopted a model training corps program in order to train personnel of company and battalion level recently attached to Chinese Communist Army units. This program was authorized because replacements sent to Korea had not proved effective in combat. Under the program, a model training corps of no less than 1,500 and no more than 3,000 men was to be organized under the control of the headquarters and political department of each army.[1] About 75 percent of the men of each model training corps were to be new recruits, and the remainder were to be experienced soldiers. Upon completion of the 40-day training in political studies and combat techniques, the trainees were to return to their original troop units, at which time they would be replaced in the training program by another group from the subordinate units of the army.

2. At the completion of the training program, which was to last four months, the results were to be analyzed by an inspection team of the East China Military Area Command.

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1. [redacted] Comment. This program was a departure from, or possibly a supplement to, the existing system of decentralizing training of new recruits and replacements down to the lower units of the army.

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