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PROGRESS REPORT OF ITALIAN UNITS FOR ALLIED FORCES AS

Serials from Appx 'A' to AAI 1605/50/4/2/G(SD1) dated 13 Mar incl amend

Serial No	U N I T	Required by	Estimated Date Available	S T R E N G T H S			Stores Tonnage	PRESENT LOCATION	R
				Offrs	O.Rs	MT Vehs			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1003A	Snaletoer Rfts	7 1stn Regt	Completed	1	122			PERSANO	
1004	96 Bn 209 Div	8 Army	"	24	800			VIRANO	arr to
1004A	Rfts 1 Bn 513 Inf Regt	3 Dist	"		50			TORRE ANNUNZIATO	
1004B	13 & 130 Sigs Wksp	"	Ready		43	6		SARDINIA	arr
1005	61 Motor ambulance	8 Army	"		20	16		"	
1009	12 Typhone Sec	2 Dist	Completed	1	86			POLIGNO	arr
1011	Truck Drivers	2 Dist	"		250			"	tr
1012	1005 Q1 Truck Coy	P.R.S.	"	4	120			"	arr
1012A	1010 Q1 Truck Coy	"	"	5	128			NAPLES	en
1013	998 Spec Elec Engr Coys	"	"	9	190				} arr
	999 " " " "	"	"	9	194				
1014	11 Artieri Coy	"	"	6	163				
1018	6 Minatori Coy	5 Army	"	5	216			SPERANISE	
1019	21 Pontieri Coy	"	"	7	315			"	
1020	3 Artieri Coy	8 Army	"	5	264			VIRANO	
1020A	1-2-3-4 Pack Tpt Secs	Flamdc	"	4	196			SARDINIA	arr
	5 & 6 Pack Tpt Secs	"	Ready	2	100				arr

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Units from Appx 'A' to AAI 1605/50/4/2/G(SD1) dated 13 Mar incl amendments 1 - 4

		S T R E N G T H S				P R E S E N T					Shipping			
by	Estimated Date Available	Offrs	O.Rs	MT Vehs	Stores Tonnage	L O C A T I O N	R	E	M	A	R	K	S	Priority Serial
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							11
gt	Completed	1	122			PERSANO								
	"	24	800			VARENO							Arrived 230 ors short. SARE ordered to complete	
	"		50			TORRE ANNUNZI TO								
	Ready		43	6		SARDINIA							awaiting shipment	601
	"		20	16		"							"	61
	Completed	1	86										arrived ex SARDINIA 28 Mar	
	"		250			POLIGNO							training	
	"	4	120										arrived ex SARDINIA 3 Apr	
	"	5	128			NAPLES							entrained for NAPLES 4 April	
	"	9	190										} arrived ex SARDINIA 3 April	
	"	9	194											
	"	6	163										" " " " "	
	"	5	216			SPARANISE							" " " 6 "	
	"	7	315			"							" " " " "	
	"	5	264			VARENO							" " " " "	
	"	4	196										arrived ex SARDINIA 6/8 April	
	Ready	2	100			SARDINIA							awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA	72

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1023	180 Artillery Coy	2 Dist	Completed		201			TERAMO
	181 " "	"	"	3	113			BRINDISI
	182 " "	"	"	3	143			BARI
	163 " "	"	Ready					SALERNO
	13 " "	"	"					"
1024	55 Artillery Coy	3 Dist	"	}	750			"
	77 " "	"	"					"
	162 " "	"	"					"
1025	Eight Field Hospitals	Flambo	"		480			"
1026	Ten Battalions	A...I.	"		8000			"
1027	HELD Div	S.I.P.E.	"		5000			"
1050	Reinforcements							
1051	Two Labour Bns	P.M.S.	Completed		1600			
1051A	211 Vet Sta Hosp	"	"	4	89			
	212 " " "	"	15 April		178			
1051B	707 & 717 Qd Ord Coys	"	"	12	404			NAPLES
1052A	301 } Qd Truck Bns	"	20 April		1034			CALABRIA
	302 }							
1053	Pack Tpt Gp HQ	5 Army	Completed	4	7			SESSA
1054	50 Pack Tpt Coy	"	Ready	4	190			SALERNO
	8 Pack Tpt Coy	"	15 April	7	257			COSENZA
	9 " " "	"	20 " "	7	260			CROTONA
1055	922 Docks Op Coy	2 Dist	Ready	7	387			BRINDISI
	924 " "	3 " "	"	7	387			2 RAMP

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Dist	Completed		201		TERMOLE		Arrived ex SARDINIA 8 April	
"	"	3	113		BRINDISI		" " " " "	
"	"	3	143		BARI		" " " " "	
"	Ready				SARDINIA		awaiting shipment	
"	"				"		" "	
Dist	"							78
"	"		750		"		" "	
"	"							
ambo	"		430		"		" "	79
I.	"		8000		"		" " if required	85
R.E.	"		5000		"		" "	90
							Scale to be confirmed - 150 RE	
							Rfts moved to 3 Army 5 April	
E.	Completed		1600				Reinforcements only	
	"	4	89					
	15 April		178				Forming CAMPANIA	
	"	12	404		NAPLES		Entrained 8 April	
	20 April		1034		CALABRIA		Forming from AA CALABRIA - will be untrained	
y	Completed	4	7		SESSA		Leaving 11 Apr	
	Ready	4	190		SARDINIA		awaiting shipment - to be absorbed by 3 Pack Tpt Coy	
	15 April	7	257		COSENZA		Movement applied for	
	20 "	7	260		CROTONE		" " "	
	Ready	7	387		BRINDISI		Not yet released from Port Lab.	
	"	7	387		TRAPANI		Released but movement order not yet received	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1055	Two Port Bns	P.B.S.			1888				Not yet
1056	905 LAVART Coy	2 Dist	Completed	6	257		FOGGIA		
1057	901 " "	P.B.S.	"	6	225		NAPLES		
1057A	708 & 718 Qd Ord Coys	"	"	12	372		"		Entrai
1058A	One Engr Regt (GS)	"			1321				Not yet
1059A	951 & 952 Engr Wksp Sess	2 Dist	Ready		100		S. RUFINA		Awaiti
1059B	900 LAVART Coy	"	Completed	6	227		DELLA DISI		
1059C	902 " "	3 Dist	"	6	249		FORTE ANNUNZIATA		
1060	6-16-23 Hvy Constr Coys	"			750		CAMP NIA		Formed already
1061	1003 G.T. Coy	GHQ	Completed	10	395		ATRIGOLA		Arrive
1061A	Cav Sqn & Pack Tpt Bty	Flambo	Ready Part		460		S. RUFINA		For Re
1062	Dvrs i/c	GHQ	completed		117				1011 D 4 offi
1062A	Two H Depot Coys	P.B.S.			388				Not yet
1063	One Guard Bn	"	Completed		800		NAPLES		Reinfo
1064	" " "	8 Army	Ready		800		BARI		Formed 14 Apr
1065	1100) 1101) 1102) 1103)	Qd Petrol Coys	P.B.S.	Completed	20	488	NAPLES		Entrai
1065A	709 Ord Coy (H)(C)	"	Ready	6	290		CAMP NIA		Awaiti

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		1838			939 2315	Not yet formed	
Completed	6	257		FOGGIA			
"	6	225		NAPLES			
"	12	372		"		Entrained 7 Apr	
		1321				Not yet formed	
Ready		100		SARDINIA		Awaiting shipment	83
Completed	6	227		BRINDISI			
"	6	249		MONTE ARCONZI TA			
		750		GRUP. NIA		Forming under DGER. Nucleus already working	
Completed	10	395		TRIGOLA		Arrived ex SARDINIA 8 April	
Ready		460		SARDINIA		For Remount Depot PERSANO	83A
Fort completed		117				1011 Drivers Coy with 36 Veh Coy 4 offrs 104 ore	
		388				Not yet formed	
Completed		800		NAPLES		Reinforcements only	
Ready		800		BARI		Formed from 541 Gp Arty - leaving 14 April	
Completed	20	488		NAPLES		Entrained 4 April	
Ready	6	290		C MILANO		Awaiting movement instrs	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1065B	Three Ivy Mobile Wksp	P.B.S.	Completed		15			
1065C	728 & 729 Ord Coys (HM)(Q)	"	Ready	12	404		TREPUSZI	Awaiti
1065D	716 & 719 Ord Coys (Ann)	"	15 April		372		GALATONE	Formin
1065E	One QI Truck Bn	"			517		SARDINIA	Order
1066	19 QI Bakery Coy	"	Completed		163			
1068	Four QI Truck Coys	"			496		SARDINIA	Order
1068A	824 Telegrafisti Coy	2 Dist	15 Apr	4	120		CATANZARO	
	825 " "	3 Dist		4	120		TRANI	
1071	921 Docks Op Coy	2 Dist	Ready	7	387		BRINDISI	Not y
	923 " " "	"	"	7	387		TARANTO	"
1071A	Two Wksp Coys	16 Base Wksp			564		SARDINIA	Order
1072	1051 G.T. Coy	G.H.Q.	Ready	15	395		SALICE SALERNO	Form
	Four G.T. Coys	"			1051			Tank
								Not
1073	904 L.V ART Coy	2 Dist	Completed	6	257		TARANTO	
1074	903 " " "	"	"	6	204		SALERNO	
1076	Two Labour Bns	P.B.S.	"		1600		NAPLES	
1077	" Guard Bns	"	Part ready		1600			320 n
								Rema
1078	103 Minatori Coy	5 Army	Completed	16	494		SPARANISE	
1079	101 Pontieri Coy	"	"	6	283		"	
1082	Two Labour Bns	"			1600		CAMPANIA	Rfts
1085	906 Art Wks Coy	3 Dist	25 Apr		250		"	Form
	907 " " "	"	"		250		"	"

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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Completed			15					
Ready		12	404			TREPUZZI	Awaiting movement instructions	
15 April			372			GALATONE	Forming	
			517			SARDINIA	Ordered	
Completed			163					
			496			SARDINIA	Ordered	
15 Apr		4	120			CATANZARO		
		4	120			TRANI		
Ready		7	387			ERINDISI	Not yet released from Port Labour	
"		7	387			TARANTO	" " " " " "	
			564			SARDINIA	Ordered	
Ready		15	395			SALICE SALERITINO	Forming from 51 Tank Bn proposed as Tank delivery unit	
			1051				Not yet formed	
Completed		6	257			TARANTO		
"		6	204			SALERNO		
"			1600			NAPLES		
Part ready			1600				320 moved 3 Apr. 576 awaiting movement. Remainder not yet nominated. Rfts only.	
Completed		16	494			SPARANISE		
"		6	283			"		
			1600			CAMPANIA	Rfts for 210 Div from 1923 Class call up.	
25 Apr			250			"	Forming in CAMPANIA	
"			250			"	" " "	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1097	Personnel for SIMERA LEONE Forestry Coy	A.A.I.			128		SARDINIA		Not requ

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NOTE A. Serials omitted after 1062 indicate NO progress

" B. In addition the following have been ordered, but have not yet been allotted serials

One Guard Bn	I.B.S.	800
Nine Smoke Coys	A.A.I.	2547

DISTRIBUTION:-- AFHQ (2), AAI (2), AAI ADM ECH, REAR FIFTH & EIGHTH ARMIES, FCS, 1, 2, 3 DISTRICTS, 10th AF
Col STILES'S SARDINIA, REAR SUB COMMISSION 10's NAPLES, CATANZARO, EIGHTH ARMY, EARL. Ccmd,
War Diary (2), File, Spare (6).

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		128		SARDINIA	7318	Not required before May	95

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Not required before May

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icate NO progress

e been ordered, but have not yet been allotted serials

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ECH, REAR FIFTH & EIGHTH ARMIES, FEB, 1, 2, 3 DISTRICTS, 2ND HQ ARMY SUB COMMISSION SALERNO,
SUB COMMISSION LO's NAPLES, CATANZARO, EIGHTH ARMY, BARL. Cand, 2 i/c, GSO 1(L), G (4), AQ (4),
(6).

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Serials from Annex 'A' to ACMF 1605/50/4/2/G(SD1) dated 3 Feb

Serial No	U N I T	Required by	Estimated Date Available	S T R E N G T H S				PRESENT LOCATION	R
				Offrs	O.Rs	MT Vehs	Stores Tonnage		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1000)	PIONEER LABOUR	P.B.S.	Ready	222	3,220			CALABRIA	212
1001)									
1002)									
1003)									
1003A	MULETEER RFTS	7 Mtn Regt				115			Ord Regt
1004	GUARD BN	8 ARMY				800		APULIA	Ord
1004A	Rfts 349 SMOKE Regt	3 DISTRICT				50			Ord by S
1005	61 MOTOR AMBULANCE	8 ARMY	Ready			20			Await ambu
1006	95 Med Section	2 District	Completed			249		BARI	Arri
1007	1002 G.T. Coy	2 District	Completed	11		431		BRINDISI	Took
1008	231 Field Hosp	3 District)	Completed	7		57		AFRAGOLA	) Arri
525	" "	3 District)		7		57		"	
865	" "	3 District)		7		57		NAPLES	
866	" "	5 ARMY)		6		52		MADDALONI	
1009	12 HYGIENE SEC	2 District	Ready			72			Await
1010	52 M Bakery Coy	P.B.S.	Completed	3		152		GLI ASTRONTI	Arri
19	" " "	"	"	5		156		" "	"
1011	Truck Drivers	2 District	Ready			250		POLIGNANO	Trg from
1012	One QM Truck Co	P.B.S.	Ready			140			Await

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S T R E N G T H S					P R E S E N T										Shipping		
Estimated Date Available	Offrs	O.Rs	MT Vehs	Stores Tonnage	L O C A T I O N										Priority Serial		
4	5	6	7	8	9										10	11	
Ready	222	3,220			CALABRIA					212 Div - moving 8/9 March							
		115								Ordered - Italian offr from 7 Mtn Regt at present choosing personnel							
		800			APULIA					Ordered and forming from 209 Div							
		50								Ordered - Personnel being selected by SMRE							
Ready		20								Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA until ambulance cars can be shipped					61		
Completed		247			BARI					Arrived 19 Feb ex SARDINIA							
Completed	11	431			BRINDISI					Took over 168 British GT Coy 15 Feb							
Completed	7	57			AFRAGOLA					)	Arrived 19 Feb ex SARDINIA						
	7	57			"						)						
	7	57			NAPLES						)						
	6	52			MADDALONI						)						
Ready		72								Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA					64		
Completed	3	152			GLI ASTRONI					Arrived 19 Feb ex SARDINIA					65		
"	5	156			" "					" " " "							
Ready		250			POLIGNANO					Trg - awaiting disposal instrs from FLAMBO							
Ready		140								Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA (No 13)					66		

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1012A	One QM Truck Co	P.B.S.			140			Not yet
1013	Two Coys Electrical Engineers	P.B.S.	15 Mar		400			Forming
1014	1 Artieri Coy	P.B.S.	Completed	5	213		GLI ASTRONI	Arrived
	2 " "	"	"	5	243		" "	"
	11 " "	"	Ready		250			Awaiting
1015	9 Rly Operating Coy	3 District	Completed	3	204		CASERTA	Arrived
1016	13 & 130 Sigs Wkps	3 District	Ready		45			Awaiting
1066	One QM Bakery Coy	P.B.S.			163			) Believed) QM Bakery) Confirmed Awaiting
1018	6 Minatori Coy	5 ARMY	Ready		250			"
1019	21 Pontieri Coy	5 ARMY	Ready		250			"
1020	3 Artieri Coy	8 ARMY	Ready		250			"
1020A	6 Secs Pack Tpt Rfts	FLAMBO	Ready		306			) Awaiting) for equipment
1021	12 Artieri Coy	5 ARMY	Working	5	200			"
1022	65 Telegrafisti Coy	3 District	Completed	6	317			) Arrived APULIA
1023	43 Gruppo Spec LAV.	2 District	Ready		1,250			Awaiting
	180 Speciale LAV Coy							
	181 " " "							
	182 " " "							
	13 Artieri Coy							
	163 " "							
1024	55 Artieri Coy	3 District	Ready		750			"
	77 " "							
	162 " "							
1025	Eight Field Hospitals	FLAMBO	Ready		480			"
	Ten Bns non-tradesmen	HQ ACME	Ready		8,000			) Designated SARDINIA

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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			140				Not yet formed	
15 Mar			400				Forming in SARDINIA	67
Completed	5	213			GLI ASTRONI		Arrived 19 Feb ex SARDINIA	
"	5	243			" "		" 20 " " "	
Ready		250					Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA	68
Completed	3	204			CASERTA		Arrived 19 Feb ex SARDINIA	
Ready		45					Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA	70
		163					) Believed ready SARDINIA. May be 19	72
		250					) QM Bakery Coy already arrived.	73
Ready		250					) Confirmation asked for from SARDINIA	74
Ready		250					Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA	75
Ready		306					" " " "	75
Working	5	200					) Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA. 1 & 50	
Completed	6	317					) for each Pack Tpt Coy at present employed	754
Ready		1,250					) Arrived 20 Feb ex SARDINIA. Moving APULIA for further training	
							Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA	78
Ready		750					" " " "	79
Ready		480					" " " "	85
Ready		8,000					) Designated - Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA if required	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	NEMBO DIV	5 ARMY	Ready		5,000			
	Rfts MULES	HQ ACMF	"		841			
1050	Rfts							
	Rfts for Pack Tpt Coys	FLAMBO	Ready		255			
1051	Two Labour Bns	P.B.S.			1,600			
1052	23 Artieri Bn	5 ARMY	Ready		835			CALABRIA
1053	One Pack Tpt Co HQ	5 ARMY			1,546			
1054	Four Pack Tpt Coys							
1055	Two Docks Co Coys	2 District	15 March		800			
1056	905 LAV Artieri Coy	2 District	15 March		250	1	20	TRANT
1057	901 LAV Artieri Coy	3 "	15 Mar		250	1	20	CATANZARO
1058	822 Telegrafisti Coy	3 District	Ready	4	120			MANDURIA
1059A	951) Sezione Del 952) Genio	2 District	31 March		100	1	20	
1059B	900 LAV Artieri Coy	2 District	Ready		250	1	20	TREBISCACCE
1059C	902 " " "	3 "	15 Mar		250	1	20	CROTONE
1060	6 Ferroviari Coy 16 " " 23 " "	3 District			750			MONTECORVINO NAPLES NAPLES
1061	1003 G.T. Coy		HQ	Ready				

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Ready	5,000					Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA	90
"	841					Awaiting shipment under ACMF (Adm Ech) arrangements	
						Scale to be confirmed. 200 RE rfts asked for from SMRE for 8 ARMY by 15 Mar	
Ready	255					Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA	80
	1,600					SMRE asked to designate & alert	
Ready	835				CALABRIA	Moving 11 Mar to PIGNATARO. ETA 13 Mar	
	2,646					5 Pack Tpt Coy with 1 MOT BDE, 21 offrs 538 ORs. 58 Pack Tpt Coy awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA. FLAMMO informed that no further Pack Tpt Coys available. Our letter SD/5/24 of 4 Mar refers.	81
Merch	300					921 Coy ex TARANTO Port Labour on relief by Navy. 929 Coy ex BRINDISI Port Lab on relief by Navy	
Merch	250	1	20		TRANI	Movement applied for	
Mer	250	1	20		GATANZARO	" " "	
by	4	120			MANDURIA	As soon as vehs drawn from 3 District by 11 L of C, will move CASTELLAMARE	
March	100	1	20			Forming SARDINIA shipping serial required	
y	250	1	20		TRERISCACCE	Ordered to BRINDISI. SMRE instructed	
or	250	1	20		CROTONE	Movement order applied for	
	750				MONTECORVINO NAPLES NAPLES	Nucleus each Coy already working. Forming gradually under DGMR arrangements	
	395					Awaiting shipment ex SARDINIA - shipping Serial required	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1062	Motor Amb Drivers	GHQ			225			
1063	One Guard Bn	F.B.S.			800			SMR
1064	One Guard Br	8 ARMY			800			} fr
1071	Two Docks Cp Coys	2 District	31 March		800			922 rel For Mov
1073	904 LAV Artillery Coy	2 District	15 March		250	1	20	GINOSA MARINA
1074	903 " "	3 District	15 March		250	3	20	VIBO VALENTIA
1075	105 Minstori Coy	5 ARMY	Formed		250			ROGLIANO Ave
1076	101 Carabinieri Coy	"	"		250			OIDIA TAURO Ave
1077	905 LAV Artillery Coy	3 District	31 March		250		20	ORLANDO For
907	" " " "				250		20	

Dissemination: AGMA (2), FIANCO (5) for SO, 3, M, Adv 22 S. LERNO, 4PM 500 COMETS FOR SANDURIA, AGMA
 CATANZARO, RICHTEI ARMY, BARI, 2 1/c, GSO 1(J) APOLIA, GSO 1(L) CAMERIA, (4), AQ

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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			225					
			800					
			800					
			800					
ict 31 March								
ict 15 March			25	1	20	GINCSA MARINA		
ict 15 March			25	1	20	VIBO VALENTIA		
Formed			25			ROGLIANO		
			25			GIBIA TAURO		
ict 31 March			25		20	CAPIA		

SMRE asked to designate and alert

" " " " " "

922 Coy ex TIRANTO Port Labour on
release by Navy. 924 Coy ex BRINDISI
Port Labour on release by Navy
Movement order applied for to ACMF

" " " " " "

Available 31 Mar from present employ

Available 31 Mar

Forming CAMPANIA

for 32, 3, M, Adv HQ SALERNO, ADV SUB COMUS ION MARITIMA, ADV SUB COMUS ION ION, NAPLES (2)
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SUBJECT: - ITALIAN ARMY IN ITALY

15 ARMY OF (50)

ARMY Adv Adm Sch) for
Allied Control Commission) info

Military Mission
to 12 JAN ARMY
80/2/51
20 Jan 44

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1. Ref your 160/20/501 of 16 Jan para 3, and programme of same number dated 26 Dec. I forward herewith at

Appendix 'A' Progress Report on units ordered to date.

Appendix 'B' Numbers of each category required from overseas and the rate at which they are required for Feb and March.

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Pat. Vincent

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15 Army Gp 1605/801 of 26 Dec
APR: Adv Gen Lch 2553/11(2D) of 15 Jan

PROGRESS REPORT OF ITALIAN UNITS

SERIAL		UNIT	Required for	Estimated date available	STRENGTHS - STRENGTHS		
A	B				Offrs	Enl	AT Vols
1A		Italian Rescue Unit	8 Army	31 Jan	6	101	19
2		7 Mtn Regt Personnel	15 Army Gp	Ready	7	480	N11
3	2	X Mined Pack Tpt Coy	2 District	"	3	173	"
3A		Bn for DAPINO Gp	5 Army	"	"	733	20
4		Sign Cable laying unit	15 Army Gp	"	3	120	4
4A		Mount Sta Bn	FBS	"	20	825	N11
6	1	Two Pack Tpt Coys	5 Army	Operating	16	704	"
7	3	Mobile Vet Section	"	"	4	27	"
11	5	Field Amb	2 District	Ready	7	97	"
13	7	One Gen Tpt Coy	"	"	10	323	N11
13	7	" " " "	"	7 Feb	10	225	"
16A	13	Line Constr Coy	"	Ready	4	120	9
16A	13	" " "	"	"	4	120	9
16B		Sign Cable Laying Unit	15 Army Gp	24 Jan	1	50	N11
17part		Truck Coy	FBS	Feb	10	320	"
19part 8		Rfts for labour	FBS	Ready	2	140	N11
19A		Guard Bn	8 Army	"	"	800	"
23	9	2 Vet Hospitals	5 Army	"	16	200	"
27		Four Art Works Coys	2 District	end Feb	20	1,000	"
28part		Three Rly Constr Coys	"	"	15	750	9
29part		Rfts for labour	"	Ready	15	750	N11
29		Two Guards Bns	"	"	"	1,000	"
45		23 ARTIARI Bn	FBS	Feb/Mar	10	816	9
47part		(Hq and 3 Coys)	"	"	"	"	"
50part 14		Rfts for labour	5 Army	Ready	2	430	N11
52		" " Mule Coys	8 Army	delivered	5	143	"
53part 27		Two labour Bns & rfts	8 Army	Ready	57	1,577	2
	4	61 Motor Ambulance	2 District	"	"	14	9
	6	90 Med Section	"	Feb	"	315	9
	10	Four Field Hospitals	"	"	"	400	9
	11	12 Hygiene Section	"	"	"	72	9
73part 12		28 Bakery Coy	FBS	Feb	"	135	9
88part		Two Art Bks Coys	2 District	end Feb	10	500	N11
100		210 Artieri Coy	5 Army	Ready	5	280	"

OF ITALIAN UNIT FOR ALLIED FORCES

APPENDIX 'A'

UNIT - STRENGTH		Present location	Ref Map	ITALY	REMARKS
to S. No. of Vehs		1: 250,000			
101	19	BRUSAPANO	I4418		For 1st Corps
406	M11	MANTOVA	I4067		Leaves for PERSANO 20 Jan
270	"	EROMIE	I1710		awaiting British Cadre
755	20	SARDINIA			shipment
120	4	TRANI	K0000		being collected by CAPSO
928	M11	PERSANO	K0818		(15 officers 325 GIs left BARI for PERSANO 14 Jan (remainder being found in CAMPANIA ex SARDINIA
764	"	FIFTH ARMY			
27	"	VIGGIANO	M1190		formed by Col PICKERING with Gen BASCO
57	"	Mr BRINDISI			
395	M11	MILICIANO	P7770		ST 2 District taking over
395	"	"	"		Drivers require training
120	9	FRANCIVILLA FORT	L0420		(Being moved to BARI
120	9	CATANZARO			
50	M11	TRANI	K0000		to reinforce Pl already working under CAPSO
380	"	SARDINIA			FATIMA ordering to form Coy in CAMPANIA if American trucks available
140	M11	CALABRIA			Movement applied for
800	"	"			To be ordered from LEGNANO
200	"	SARDINIA			Due for shipment 21 Jan
1,000	"	to be formed			
750	?	GENOVATO	K0001		being formed under DMR
720	M11	CALABRIA			for 24 Sub Area - movement applied for
1,000	"	APULIA			one under orders for SARDINIA
816	?	CALABRIAN I of C			Release date depends on Engr work on Calabrian I of C
460	M11	CALABRIA			move applied for
143	"	EIGHTH ARMY			
1,977	?	CALABRIA			first Bn moving; remainder movement applied for
14	?	SARDINIA			(
215	?	"			(15 Army Gp SD1832 of 27 Dec 43
400	?	"			(
72	?	"			(
135	?	SARDINIA			15 Army Gp SD1832 of 27 Dec 43
330	M11	to be formed			
250	"	TRANTO			Moving to Cond 2 District

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