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56/29/37/2 MOVES OF [LEGNANO

Opened Nov. 14, 1944 - Closed Jan. 27, 1945
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FROM: 52 BLU

TO : 15 ARMY GP
5 ARMY (FOR BRIT INC)
DISTONE
MMIA

55 AREA
59 AREA
2 COMPS
91 DIV

15

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SECRET

MAIN HQ 52 BLU CLOSE PRESENT LOCATION 0700 HRS 16 MAR MOVING TO
SAN BENEDETTO DI QUERCETO L9021 (.) REAR HQ 52 BLU MOVE TO
PIETRAMALA AREA L6711 18TH MAR (.) ALL INFORMED

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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SD DIST.: 0/2 (Action Copy)

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Subject: Move of Legnano.-

037/2 837/15
1 Feb. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOV ROME

TO : (1) MOV FOLIGNO (2) MOV AREZZO (3) MOV CENT (4) 52 BLU

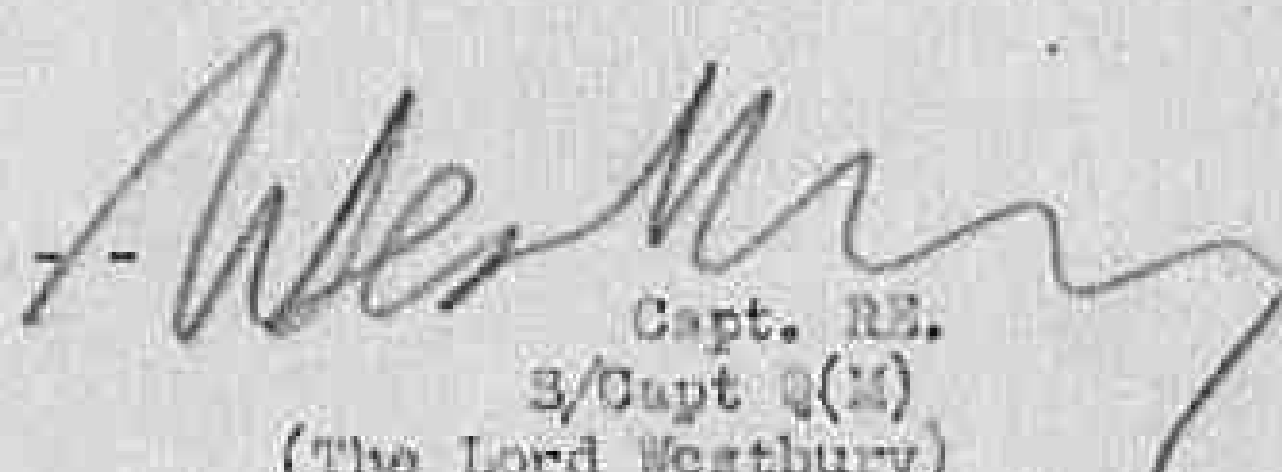
INFO : (5) 181A (6) 15 ARMY GP (7) AFHQ CITE FIDEM

MOV 552

RESTRICTED.

ONE (.) MOVE OF LEGNANO COMBAT GP REAR PARTIES (.) CONVOY 01/RO/039 75 VEHs DEPART
BRACCIANO 310630 (.) CONVOY 02/RO/004 85 VEHs DEPART BRACCIANO 010630 (.) ROUTE
TIMINGS AND MOVEMENT INSTRS AS FOR MAIN BODY BY MOV 517 OP 23 JAN. REFERS (.)
TWO (.) FOR GWYTHYR 52 BLU (.) ABOVE WITHOUT YOUR CONFIRMATION (.)

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3/Capt Q(M)
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Movements Liaison Officer.

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Subject: Move of Legnano.

837/14

27 Jan. 1945

29/37/2
The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOV AREZZO

TO : MOV FOLIGNO MOV ROME 52 BLU BRACCIANO 75 COY CMP (TC)

INFO : RAAC DISTREE DISTONE EMIA 15 ARMY GP FREEDOM CITE PHARM
REAR 8 ARMY

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SECRET.

AFHQ EX 82153 9 JAN 15 ARMY GP SD 1140 12 JAN MOV ROME MOV 517 25 JAN REF.

(1) RETURN JOURNEYS OF LEGNANO COMBAT GROUP AS FOLLOWS.

(2) CONVOY 01/WES/32 75 VEHs RAIDA DEP 270700. FOLIGNO ARR 271345. STAGE
AND REFUEL. DEP 280700. BRACCIANO ARR 281500. CONVOY 01/WES/33 75 VEHs RAIDA
DEP 290700. FOLIGNO ARR 291345. STAGE AND REFUEL. DEP 300700. BRACCIANO
ARR 301500.

(3) ROUTES 6922-69 AREZZO (PASS 0900 HRS) 71-75 FOLIGNO 3 CIVITA CASTELLANA
NEPI-AG002-ROUTE 2 ROAD JUNCTIONS F6579 - GREEN ROUTE. 15 MIH 30 VTM.

(4) BOTH CONVOYS HALT FOR 1 HOUR AT CIVITA CASTELLANA. REFUEL FOLIGNO
REF REPORTING AHEAD TO MOV FOLIGNO FOR DETAILS AND STAGING.

(5) MOV ROME TO ARRANGE RETURN JOURNEY TO RADDA.

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Subject: Move of Legnano.

837/13

25 Jan 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOV ROME

TO : (1) 52 BHM (2) RTO ROME TERMINI (3) RTO TIBURTINA (4) 77th RAILWAY
GRAND DIVISION

INFO : (5) PRISON CITY PRISON (6) MOVEMENT (7) MOV POLIGNO (8) IMIA
(9) MOV ARIZZO (10) DEER ROME (11) DILTONS (12) 15 ARMY GROUP
(13) ROME AREA (14) 2 ROG

T.O. 3018 SECRET.

REF PRISON EX 86927 OF 18 JAN NOT TO ALL AND MOV ROME TO 2963 OF 22 JAN (.)
LEGNAPO ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP RAIL PARTY PERSONNEL STRENGTH NOW 5600 ALL RAMES
(.) MOVE WILL NOW BE IN FIVE PERSONNEL TRAINS 25 TO 29 JAN INCL (.) THREE
TRAINS LIGHT TRACKS WILL NOW MOVE ON 25 AND 29 JAN (.) DETAILED TIMINGS AND
MEAL HALTS REMAIN AS IN ABOVE SERIAL (.)

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3/Capt G(M)
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Subject:- Move of Legnano

837/12

25/1/45

The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACRED

TO 52 BLU

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP DISTONE MOV ROME MOVE CENTRAL RAAG MMIA MAIN 8 ARMY REAR 8 ARMY

REF FX90412- 24/1

SECRET(.)

Verbal requests for postponement of move of LEGNANO ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP are not
accorded to (.) formation will move as ordered in our FX 82153 of 9th and
FX 84431 of 13th.

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Subject - Move of Legnano

by David Jones
9/25/24

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

74/24

637/17

MSG Center No : 1199/24
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : IMMEDIATE
From : AFHQ signed SAC.
To : 52 BLU

Date Time Recd : 24300
Date Time Sent :
Reference NR : FX 90412
Cite : PHACT

info 15 ARMY GROUP DISTONE MOI ROME
MOVE CENTRAL RAAC MMIA
MAIN 8 ARMY PEAR 8 ARMY

FX 90412 - 24/1

~~SECRET~~ ~~signed SAC~~

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LEGNANO ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP are NOT
accorded to. formations will move as
ordered in our FX 82153 of 9th and
FX 94431 of 13th

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Subject:- Move of Legnano

837/10

24/1/45

The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM MOV ROME

TO (FOR ACTION) (1) MOV FOLIGNO (2) Mov Arezzo (3) MOVCENT (4) 52 ELD
(BRACCIANO) (5) 75 COY CME (TC) (By hand).
INFO (6) BRAC (7) DISTHREE (8) DISTONE (9) MMIA (10) 15 ARMY GROUP
(11) FREEDOM CITE FUGDM (12) MOV REAR 8 ARMY.

REF: MOV 517 SECRET

AFHQ FX 62153 of 5 Jan and 15 Army Gp SD 140 of 12 Jan refers(..)
move of LEGNANO COMBAT GP main body(..)

FIRST (..) Route (..) Green Route to Rd June P6579 Route 2 to A6002
- NEPI - CIVITA CASTELLANA- R3 - R75 - R71 - R69 to MONTEVARCHI
thence destination (..)

SECOND(..) All convoys (1) move in march units of 50 vehs (..) 30 mins
interval between March Units (..) 15 MIN 30 VTM (..) (2) Refuel FOLIGNO
on arrival(..) (3) Halt 30 mins first day TERNI A6941 second
day Rd June R75 and R71 (..)

THIRD(..) Read (a) Convoy No (b) No of vehs (c) Head dep BRACCIANO
(d) Time length of coln (e) ETA head FOLIGNO (f) Head dep
FOLIGNO (g) ETA head RADDA

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
01/RO/017A	250	250630	180 mins	251400	260530	261315
01/RO/017B	250	270630	180mins	271400	280530	281315
01/RO/017C	150	290630	90mins	291400	300530	301315

FOURTH (..) Rep ahead Mov FOLIGNO for details staging area and
refuelling(..)

FIFTH (..) For TC (..) TC ensure strict March discipline throughout(..)

SIXTH (..) 75 vehs of convoys 01/RO/017 A and B return BRACCIANO
27 and 29 respectively (..) Rep to contact Mov AREZZO for
return Movement Instrs(..)

SEVENTH(..) 60 vehs remain in BRACCIANO for ferry duties to entraining
station FALIDORO (..)

EIGHTH(..) All vehs except those not mechanically fit will concentrate
RADDA not later than 2 Feb.

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ON arrival (.) (3) Head 30
day Rd June R75 and R71 (.)
THIRD (.) Head (a) Convoy No (b) No of vehs (c) Head dep BRACCIANO
(d) Time length of coin (e) ETA head FOLIGNO (f) Head dep
FOLIGNO (g) ETA head RADDA

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
01/RO/017A	250	250630	180 mins	251400	260530	261315
01/20/017B	250	270630	180mins	271400	280530	281315
01/RO/017C	150	290630	90mins	291400	300530	301315

FOURTH (.) Rep ahead Mov FOLIGNO for details staging area and refuelling (.)

FIFTH (.) For TC (.) TC ensure strict March discipline throughout (.)

SIXTH (.) 75 vehs of convoys 01/RO/017 A and B return BRACCIANO 27 and 29 respectively (.) Rep to contact Mov AREZZO for return Movement Instrs. (.)

SEVENTH (.) 60 vehs (remains) BRACCIANO for ferry duties to entraining station FALIBORO (.)

EIGHTH (.) All vehs except those not mechanically fit will concentrate RADDA not later than 2 Feb.

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Subject: Move of Legnano

11/24 58
6989, 7928
837/11

From ROME AREA

221710 A

To 52 BLU - MOV ROME

FREEDOM - 15 ARMY GP - EIGHTARMY - DISTONE - MMIA - MOVCENT - DMRS ROME - 201 SUB AREA.

SD *413*

SECRET (.)

LEGNANO COMBAT GP WILL MOVE IN TWO PHASES TO UNDER COMD EIGHTARMY IN RADDA AREA (.)
PHASE ONE (.) RAIL (.) ⁶⁰⁰⁰SIX ZERO ZERO ZERO PERSONNEL ¹⁶⁸ONE SIX EIGHT LT TRACK VEHs BY RAIL
FROM PALIDORO TO AREZZO AT RATE ¹⁰⁰⁰ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO PERSONNEL DAILY FROM ²⁵⁻³⁰TWO FIVE DASH
¹²⁰⁰THREE ZERO JAN INCL (.) TRAINS IN POSN ¹⁰⁰⁰ONE TWO ZERO ZERO HRS DAILY (.) ENTRAINING TO BE
COMPLETED BY ¹⁰⁰⁰ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO HRS (.) ¹⁶⁰⁰ETD ONE SIX ZERO ZERO HRS DAILY (.) ETA AREZZO
⁰⁸⁰⁰ZERO EIGHT ZERO ZERO HRS ^{26 16 31}TWO SIX TO THREE ONE JAN INCL (.) LT TRACK VEHs ⁰⁶FIVE SIX LOAD
PALIDORO ON ²⁶TWO SIX CMA ²⁸TWO EIGHT AND ³⁰THREE ZERO JAN (.) PERSONNEL ²⁰⁰TWO ZERO ZERO ON EACH
VEH TRAIN (.) TRAINS IN POSN ¹⁰⁰⁰ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO HRS DAILY (.) ENTRAINMENT AND LOADING
COMPLETED BY ¹⁶⁰⁰ONE SIX ZERO ZERO HRS (.) ¹⁸⁰⁰ETD ONE EIGHT ZERO ZERO DAILY (.) ETA AREZZO
¹⁰⁰⁰ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO HRS ²⁷TWO SEVEN CMA ²⁹TWO NINE, AND ³¹THREE ONE JAN (.) PHASE TWO (.) ROAD
(.) CONVOYS OF ²⁵⁰TWO FIVE ZERO VEHs WILL MOVE ²⁵TWO FIVE AND ²⁷TWO SEVEN JAN (.) CONVOY ONE
¹⁵⁰FIVE ZERO VEHs WILL MOVE ²⁹TWO NINE JAN (.) REAR PARTY ⁶⁰SIX ZERO VEHs USED AS TRAIN FERRY
WILL MOVE UNDER ORDERS MOV ROME ON OR AFTER ⁵²THREE ONE JAN (.) ²²⁷FIVE TWO BLU WILL ARRANGE
COLLECTION MOV ORDERS EX MOV ROME EARLIEST (.) AUTHORITY AFHQ ^{FX 26927 0618}FX EIGHT SIX NINE TWO
SEVEN OR ONE EIGHT

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Subject: Move of Lohano.

837/9

25 Jan. 1945

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FROM : MOV ROME

TO : (FOR ACTION) (1) 52 BLU (2) RTO ROME TERMINI (3) RTO TIBURTINA
(4) 774 GRAND DIV

TO (FOR INFORMATION) : (5) FREEDOM SITE FINDER (6) MOVEMENT (7) MOV FOLTRIO
(8) MOV AREZZO (9) EMRS ROME (10) 15 ARMY GP (11) 5 ARMY (BR IN) FOR
MOV (12) DISTONE (13) ROME AENA (14) MELA (15) 2 REG.

(Ref. No.) T.O. 2963

SECRET.

(1) RAY FREEDOM F286927 OF 18 JAN NOT TO ALL (.) LOHANO ITALIAN COMBAT GP
6600 ALL RANGES + 168 LIGHT TRACKS WILL MOVE BY RAIL PALIDORO TO AREZZO (.)

(2) PERSONNEL TRAINS (.) 1000 ALL RANGES WILL ENTERAIN IN 35 BOX CARS DAILY 25 -
30 JAN INCL (.) CARS WILL BE PLACED 1200 HRS (.) ENTRAINMENT TO BE COMPLETED
BY 1500 HRS (.) TRAINS DEP 1600 HRS DAILY (.) MEAL HALT ROME TIBURTINA APPROX
1900 TO 2000 HRS (.) REA AREZZO 0800 HRS ON 26 - 31 INCL (.)

(3) LIGHT TRACKS (.) APPROX 56 LIGHT TRACKS WILL LOAD PALIDORO ON 26 28 30 JAN (.)
200 ALL RANGES WILL ENTERAIN ON EACH TRAIN IN 8 BOX CARS (.) CARS WILL BE
PLACED 1000 HRS (.) ENTRAINMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY 1600 HRS (.) TRAINS DEP
1800 HRS DAILY (.) MEAL HALT ROME TIBURTINA APPROX 2100 - 2200 HRS (.) REA
AREZZO 1000 ON 27 29 31 JAN (.) TRACKS WILL BE LEFT IN LOW GEAR WITH BRAKES ON
CARRYING ONLY SUFFICIENT PETROL FOR DETRAINMENT AND JOURNEY TO NEAREST PETROL
POINT (.) ALL VEH WILL BE REGULARLY CHECKED (.)

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Capt. RE.

S/Capt 3(1)

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MONTAGNA Liaison Officer.

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Subject: Move of Leonard.

837/8
21 Jan. 1945

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The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM : AFHQ 201705A

TO : MOV ROME DATED ROME

INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP 5 ARMY (BT IND) DISTONE ROME AREA MOVEMENT

AREA 52 BLU

OR 38 BT

FX 88309 CITY WILSON, FIRST SIGNED ~~SECRET~~

CONFIDENTIAL REF THIS HQ FX86927 DATED 18 JAN. PARA 1 FOR UNDER COMMAND

5 ARMY FOR BRITISH MOVEMENT NOW READ 8 ARMY. SIGNED INFORMATION 5 ARMY (BT IND)

FOR MOVEMENTS.

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Westbury 720
Capt. RE.
S/Capt. C(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

Subject:-

SECRET (.) 1 (.) Move of LEGNANO ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP from Bracciano to Radda area to under comd 5 Army for BRITISH INC is subject(.)

2 (.) Road party consists approx. 1100 wheeled vehicles and 4000 personnel will move as follows:- 330 vehicles each day 2527 and 29 Jan. (.) staging one night FOLLIGNO to arrive destination 2628 and 30 Jan. (.) rear party to follow on completion troop carrying to entraining station for rail lift under instructions MOV ROME (.)

3 (.) Rail party consists approx. 5000 personnel and 223 carriers with escort will entrain under arrangements MOV ROME at PALIDORO 25-31 JAN. incl. (.) Detraining station AREZZO (.) Formation to close final destination by 2nd FEB. (.) 72* personnel trains depart 1600 Hrs and Light track 1800hrs DI (.) One meal at ROME (.) ETA personnel 0800 hrs D2 light track 1000 hrs D2 (.) road ferry motor cars detrain station to final destination under unit arrangements (.)

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Subject: Move of Legnano (sup.)

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14 Jan. 1945.

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FROM : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 131635 A

TO : AMHQ

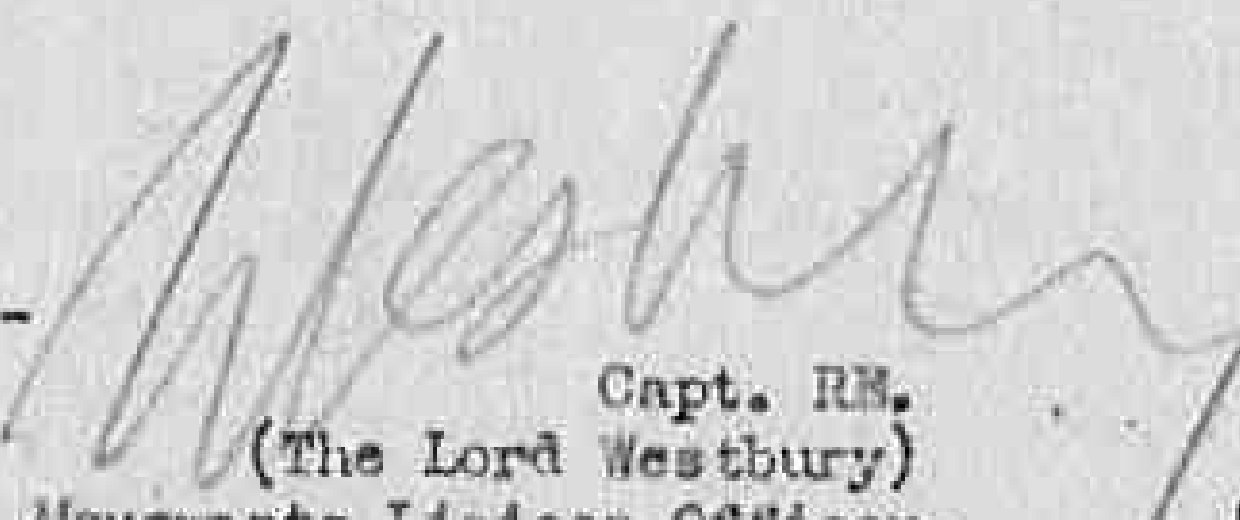
INFO : ROME AREA 52 BLU MMIA DISMIREN DISTONE

SD(1145 ? 1/45 2) (.) RESTRICTED (.) FOR G 3 ORG (.)

REF ROME AREA SD 224 OF 12 JAN. (.-) REQUEST MOVE LEGNANO GROUP TAKES PLACE AS ORDERED
ON 25 JAN (.) FURTHER DELAY WILL PREJUDICE CALLING FORWARD FOR OPERATION FOR WHICH
GROUP IS REQUIRED TO BE READY BY 1st. MARCH (.)

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FROM HQ 15 Army Gp

TO CG 5 Army, 8 Army, 52 BLU, RAAC

Info BFHQ, DISTONE, DISTHREE, 50 BLU, 51 BLU, 121430A
53 BLU, WMIA MOVWIT, MOVCENT, MOVROME, PENSOUTH FOR WMIA LG

SD 1140

SECRET

Ref AFHQ FX 82153 dated 9 Jan. LEGNANO Combat Group on arrival RADDA
area will come under command 8 Army and not Brit Incr 5 Army. Under local admin
1 District.

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Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

SD 11450 RESTRICTED (C) For G 3 Org (C)

Red (ROME) Area SD 224 8/12 Can (C)

Request move LECNANO Group takes place as ordered on 25 Jan (C) Further delay will prejudice artillery grouping supply column for operation for which group must be ready by 1st March

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Subject: Move of LEGNANO Grd .-

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11 Jan. 45.

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : ROME AREA

TO : 52 BLU

INFO : MMIA MOV ROME

SD 181. 10.

SECRET.

REF MOVE LEGNANO COMBAT 15 - 25 JAN (.) INSTRUCT UNIT REF REPORT EARLIEST G THREE
BRITISH ROME AREA AND MOV ROME WITH FULL INFO STRENGTHS AND VEHS TO MOVE (.)

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