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Subject: Plan for reorganizing units
of LIEBHARD Gruppe.

52 British Liaison Unit,
GWF.

1 Aug 45.

6/45/53

HQ 89 Area.

Further to this HQ letter 6/43/52 dated 26 July 45.

As soon as 51 Bgr In LIEBHARD Gruppe is freed from guard duties
on enemy ships, Comd LIEBHARD Gruppe proposes to locate the Bn as follows :-

HQ	-	BERGAMO
3 Field Coy	-	BERGLUND
51 Field Coy	-	PAVLA
3 PG Park Coy	-	BERGAMO

171/45

Copy to: HQ 2 District.

SONS -

A/C

for *Hueloch*
Lieut-Col.
G3.

See. CD.

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Subject :- Engineer Responsibilities.

52 British Liaison Unit
CMP

29 Jul 45

RE/05/1/9.

HQ Legnano Combat Group.

Reference my RE/05/1/6 dated 18 Jul 45.

1. No report has yet been received.
2. Will you please arrange for interim reports on bridges already reconnoitred to be forwarded as soon as possible.

CID/aa

CL
Lieut Col
GS.

Copy to : CE 2 District - for information.

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Subject:- Bridge Repair & Maintenance.

10 CRE Works.
179 " "
269 Works Sec.

172 C.E. Works.
HQ. No. 2 Dist.
Tel : MILAN 12241-8
Ext : 140
Ref : CE/103
Date: 17 July 45.

1. The repair and maintenance of all Bailey Bridges and Timber Trestle Low Level Bridges on Priority Routes is at present a military responsibility (CE/104 14 Jul refers).

2. 23 Italian Engineer Bn will be under command 179 CRE for work and will be responsible for

- a) The maintenance of the treadway bridge south of PAVIA until the completion by V Army of the high level bridge there.
- b) the completion of the bridge on Route 10 at TORTONA.

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5. Any difficulties in making such arrangements should be immediately reported to me.

HOW / HQ.

Enclos:

Copy to:-

1. 2 District
HQ 59 Area.
HQ 215 Sub Area
HQ 60 Sub Area

Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

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Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

HCW/CEG.

Enclos:

Copy to:-

'G' 2 District
HQ 59 Area.
HQ 215 Sub Area
HQ 60 Sub Area
CRE 6 S A Div
SCRE 51 BLU
52 BLU
56 BLU
OC 23 Italian Engr Bn.

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APPENDIX TO LETTER CE/103 dated 17 July 45.

	Area	Suggested that work to be carried out by Engineers of	Necessary arrangements to be made between		Remarks
1	LOMBARDIA less province of MANTOVA	LEGHANO Gruppo	179 CRE	SORE 52 BLU	See my CE/1
2	Provinces of PARMA and PIACENZA	MANTOVA Gruppo	179 CRE	SORE 56 BLU	
3	LIGURIA less province of IMPERIA	MANTOVA Gruppo	10 CRE	SORE 56 BLU	
4	Province of IMPERIA	6 S A Div who have u/c CREMONA Gruppo	10 CRE	CRE 6 S A Div & SORE 51 BLU	
5	PIEDMONT	6 S A Div who have u/c CREMONA Gruppo	269 Wks Sec	CRE 6 S A Div & SORE 51 BLU	

APPENDIX TO LETTER CE/103 dated 17 July 45.

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MANTOVA Gruppo	179 CRE	SORE 56 BLU	
MANTOVA Gruppo	10 CRE	SORE 56 BLU	
6 S A Div who have u/c CREMONA Gruppo	10 CRE	CRE 6 S A Div & SORE 51 BLU	
6 S A Div who have u/c CREMONA Gruppo	269 Wks Sec	CRE 6 S A Div & SORE 51 BLU	

SUBJECT:- Command

52 British Liaison Unit
CIT
23 July 45

6/44/168

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

Under authority of HQ 89 Area letter G 33 dated 21 July 45,
114 Inf Regt MANTOVA Gruppo comes under cmd of LEGNANO Gruppo wef 1800 hrs
21 Jul 45.

TPL/MN.

Lieut-Col.
G.S.

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Copies to:- A/Q
Sigs
ST
Med

RA
RE
Ord
RICE

421 Y3 Sec
Sgt Ribolla

Subject :- Engr Responsibilities

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

18 Jul 45

RE/05/1/6

HQ Legnano Combat Group

A copy of 2 District letter reference No CE/103 dated 13 Jul 45, laying down Engr responsibilities for Legnano Group, is forwarded herewith for necessary action.

Will you please arrange for a reconnaissance to be carried out of ALL Bailey and Improvised Bridges in the area defined in the letter and forward a report on the state of each bridge, giving an estimate of the work and materials required for any maintenance and improvement which you consider necessary.

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Lieut Col
GS

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Copy to : CE 2 District - for information

SUBJECT : Bailey Bridge Maintenance.

172 C.E. Works,
HQ 2 District.
Tele : MILAN 12241,
Extn No 141.
Ref : CE/103.
Date : 13 Jul 45.

SORE
52 BLU

Confirming conversation 12 Jul 45 (DAVIES - GRYLLS) will you please arrange for the CRE Legnano Gruppo to carry out the following with effect from 16 Jul 45 :-

- (a) Maintenance of all Bailey Bridges in LOMBARDIA (excl MANTOVA Province) and in the provinces of PARMA and PIACENZA. A list of those bridges which are known to have been put up is at Appx 'A'. If, after a recce, you find this list incorrect, I should be glad if you would let me have amendments.
- (b) Maintenance of all temporary bridges on Routes 9, 10 and 11 (from BRESCIA to provincial boundary at MR F 3856) and Autostrada TURIN - MILAN - BRESCIA within the limits of LOMBARDIA.

copy to 179 C.E. Works

Fabry 6347

Lieut-Col., RE,
for Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

JIR.

Passon to Gruppo.

APPENDIX 'A' *To CE/103*
dated 13 Jul 45

M.R.	Route No	Type	Length	Class	Remarks
A.5402	45 B	D/S	130	12 ✓	Ramp requires lengthening.
E.4208	36	S/S	40	40 ✓	
F.1754	45 B 13	T/S	170	40 ✓	Continuous over one pier.
K.1933	35	D/T	180	40 ✓	
K.4717	10	D/S	260	12 ✓	
K.7008	9	-	-	40 ✓)	Notify type and length to CE 2 District.
K.7802	9	-	-	40 ✓)	
L.0288	9	-	-	40 ✓)	
L.1782	9	D/S	70	40	
P.9392	9	-	-	40	Notify type and length to CE 2 District.

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Revised No.

Call

Sel. No.

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Mission Instr. Code

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

DIST NO

For Action

TO

CAPTAIN DAVIES

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

CR

Originator's No.

Go and see Major Hester at Engineer
Section No. 2 District as early as possible
tomorrow morning in connection with a job for
one of Capt Davies's field Cos to build a
Bailey Bridge

Hester 6345

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SECRETSubject: Operational Command.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CAF.
5 July 45.

C/14/145

To: HQ Legnano. A/a. RME.
Lt. Th. Camp Comd.
50. Med.
R. 145. Ord.

Copy to: 421 FS Section.

A/G, Bergamo.

Sgt. Ribolla (att Legnano, 305)

The following Warning Order has been received from HQ 2 District in their signal CO/3415 of 4 July 45.

1. HQ 2 District will take on responsibility for internal security from HQ IV Corps wef 15 July 45.
2. 59 Area, with under cmd :-
LIGURIA Gruppo
Garibaldi Regt
502 TPI Gds Bn.
will be responsible for LIGURIA less MANTOVA.
3. 60 Sub-Area, with under cmd :-
HQ 1 Gde Regt
503 TPI Gds Bn (less one coy)
519 TPI Gds Bn.
MANTOVA Gruppo - less one Regt (wef approx 20 July)
will be responsible for LIGURIA less IPIRIA.
4. 215 Sub-Area, with under cmd :-
One Regt MANTOVA Gruppo (on arrival approx 20 July)
will be responsible for FLORENZA and PARMA.
5. 6 SA Arm Div, with under cmd ORONA Gruppo, will be responsible for PIEDMONT and IPIRIA.
6. 151 Sub-Area - no security responsibilities. To remain with one coy 503 TPI Gds Bn under cmd.
7. 2 Isthians, on arrival will be located in ILLIV under cmd of 2 Dist.
8. 10th Column, to assist 215 Sub-Area and 60 Sub-Area if required, will be committed.

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SM. Med.
R 543. Ord.

Copy to: 421 WS Section.
AMG, Bergamo.
Sgt Ribolla (att Legnano. RES)

The following Warning Order has been received from HQ 2 District in their signal GO/3115 of 4 July 45.

1. HQ 2 District will take on responsibility for internal security from HQ IV Corps wef 15 July 45.
2. 60 Area, with under command:-
LEGnano Gruppo
Garibaldi Regt
502 III Gds Bn.
will be responsible for LEGnano less MANTOVA.
3. 60 Sub-Area, with under command:-
HQ 1 Gds Regt
503 III Gds Bn (less one Coy)
519 III Gds Bn.
MANTOVA Gruppo - less one Regt (wef approx 20 July)
will be responsible for LEGnano less MANTOVA.
4. 215 Sub-Area, with under command:-
One Regt MANTOVA Gruppo (on arrival approx 20 July)
will be responsible for PAVENZA and PARMA.
5. 6 SA Arm Div, with under command MANTOVA Gruppo, will be responsible for PAVENZA and PAVIA.
6. 151 Sub-Area - no security responsibilities. To remain with one Coy 503 III Gds Bn under command.
7. 2 Lethians, on arrival will be located in MILAN under command of 2 Dist.
8. 100 Columns, to assist 215 Sub-Area and 60 Sub-Area if required, will be embarked.

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Lieut-Col.
GS.

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SECRET.Subject: Operational Command.52 British Liaison Unit,
GRT.

10 July 45.

5/44/151.

HQ LEGNANO GRUPPO. ST
RA. Med.
PT. Ord.
Sigs. RTEL.
4/2. Corp Comd.

1. This HQ letter 5/44/145 dated 5 July 45 is cancelled.
2. Below is copy of HQ 2 District signal GO/3430 dated 8 July 45, for information and necessary action.

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Copy to: 421 TS Section.
AMG, BERGAMO.
S & TIBONA, (att LEGNANO TS Sec).

COPY.

From: DISTWO.

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To (Action): (1) 53 Area (2) 60 Sub Area (3) 151 Sub Area
(4) 215 Sub Area (5) 6 SA Arm'd Div (6) 51 BLU
(7) 52 BLU.
Info: (8) 5 Army (9) IV Corps (10) 56 BLU.

GO/3430 (.) SECRET (.) GO/3415 dated 4 July is cancelled and following WALKING issued in place (.)
ONE (.) Phase TWO will be implemented in NW ITALY wef 15 July (.) Areas of responsibility will then be as follows (.)
TWO (.) LOBARDIA less MANTOVA responsibility 59 Area with under comd LEGNANO GRUPPO 502 ITI Gd Bn One inf regt MANTOVA GRUPPO (which will be under op comd LEGNANO GRUPPO) (.)
THREE (.) FLORENZA and PAREA responsibility 215 Sub Area with under comd 155 Arty Regt (MANTOVA GRUPPO) on arrival approx 20 July (.)
FOUR (.) LIGURIA less IPERIA responsibility 60 Sub Area with under comd HQ 1 Gd Regt 503 ITI Gd Bn less one coy 519 ITI Gd Bn (.) One SA coy detailed by 6 SA Arm'd Div (.) MANTOVA GRUPPO less one inf regt and 155 Arty Regt (.)

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Marchetti
Lieut-Col.
GS.

10. Ord.
Sigs.
4/a.
FILE.
Corp Comd.

1. This HQ letter 3/4/45 dated 5 July 45 is cancelled.
2. Below is copy of HQ 2 District signal GO/3430 dated 6 July 45, for information and necessary action.

REF/3.

Copy to: 421 34 Section.
 AUG, REGALO.

Set BIELLA, (att LEGNANO 23 Sec).

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 Lieut-Col.
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COPY.

From: DISTWO. 08 B
 To (Action): (1) 59 Area (2) 60 Sub Area (3) 151 Sub Area
 (4) 215 Sub Area (5) 6 SA Arm Div (6) 54 MM
 (7) 52 MM.
 Info: (8) 5 Arm (9) IV Corps (10) 56 MM.

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 FIVE (.) PIEMONTE and IPERIA responsibility 6 SA Arm Div with under comd CREMONA GRUPO (.)
 SIX (.) 151 Sub Area will have NO security responsibilities but will provide one coy 503 III Gd Bn under comd (.)
 SEVEN (.) On arrival 2 LOMBARDS will be located in MILAN under comd HQ DISTWO (.) From beginning Phase TWO until arrival 2 LOMBARDS 6 SA Arm Div will command mobile column (a) in MILAN area to assist 59 Area and 215 Sub Area (b) in TURIN area to assist 60 Sub Area (.)
 Detailed orders for these columns will follow

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TOP SECRET.

HQ LEGNANO GROUP.

G OPS AND INT SECTION.

Ref 01/1187.

17 Apr 45.

Subject: Advance NORTH (Operation 'Y')Ref Maps: 1/25,000 Sheets 87 II SE & 98 I NE.

To: HQ 68 Inf Regt.
 HQ Special Inf Regt.
 HQ 11 Arty Regt.
 HQ 34 Inf Div.
 HQ 51 Signal Coy.
 HQ 1st Tank Coy.
 HQ 10th Tank Coy.
 HQ Rear.

For Info: HQ II Corps.
 HQ 34 Inf Div.
 HQ Macforce.
 HQ 752 Tank Bn.

1. INFORMATION.

As a result of developments of allied offensive, the enemy may carry out an orderly retreat towards, fighting rear-guard actions. Retreat will probably start on our right, but may start on our left flank. Units will follow close on the heels of the enemy conforming to progress of allied units on the flanks.

2. INTENTION.

- (a) Increase state of readiness and employment of a larger number of patrols to avoid possibility of enemy evacuating positions unobserved.
- (b) As soon as enemy starts disengaging in our sector, fwd bns will advance to HILL 459 (9653), spur at PIZZANO (9552-9432) and heights of HILL 363 (9553).
- (c) IX Assault Unit will halt on spur of M. ARIANO 9533 and Goito En on POGGIO SCARNO 9434.
- (d) From a/m line deliver an org attack or follow up according to situ.

3. METHOD.

- (a) Inform this Hq immediately the enemy shows signs of retreating and at the same time take advantage of any opportunity without prejudicing the def.

- (b) Advance on orders from this Hq only, to objectives mentioned in para 2 (b) and (c).

(c) Deploy 1 Bn 68 Inf Regt to occupy HILL 363

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Subject: Advance NORTH (Operation 'Y')

Ref Maps: 1/25,000 Sheets 87 II SE & 98 I NE.

To: HQ 68 Inf Regt.
 HQ Special Inf Regt.
 HQ 11 Arty Regt.
 HQ 54 Ingt Bn.
 HQ 54 signal Coy.
 HQ 'A' Tank Coy.
 HQ 'O' Tank Coy.
 HQ Rear.

For Info: HQ II Corps.
 HQ 34 Inf Div.
 HQ MacForce.
 HQ 752 Tank Bn.

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- (c) Deploy: I Bn 68 Inf Regt to occupy HILL 459 and adjacent heights.
 II Bn 68 Inf Regt to occupy spur of PIZZANO.
 PIMONTE Bn, Special Inf Regt to occupy heights of HILL 363.
 Boundary line between regts - road in IDICE valley incl to Special Inf Regt.
- (d) Tanks, Tank-Destroyers and Arty.
 (i) During occupation of objective stated in para 2 (b), give supporting fire to IDIs as requested by Regt Comd and at varying intervals.
 (ii) Orders for later stage of attack for tks and tk-destroyers will follow.

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Arty may have to move IV Bty to area C. COLLINA 9532 and III Bty to area OSTERIA 9530 in support of Special Inf Regt. II Bty to area S. ANNA 9530. I Bty to area MIELLIARA 9529 in support of 60 Inf Regt.

- (c) Engineers Coy. will be at the disposal of the two Inf Regts up to 17 Apr for improving and repairing routes to be used by the above units.
Be prepared to repair and improve IDICE valley rd.
One pl held in reserve at my disposal for similar tasks in more fwd areas.

4. ADMINISTRATION.
For tasks 2 (b) and 2 (c) the following will move to areas stated on my orders :-

Medical Section - area FIMBETO 9223
1st Medical unit - area OSTERIA 9530
2nd Medical unit - area RONCO BRINT 9350 (COG)
532 Hospital - area BISANO 917255
34 Surgical Unit - BISANO 917255.

Other administration details unchanged.

Orders for a later stage of the advance will follow.

(Signed) UBERIO UTILI

GOC LEGNANO Group.

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ARMY FORM 3156 (Std)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

52 HLU

191305B

For Action

HQ LEONANO

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Rear HLU
SORASORE
SORE-1ga

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Message Instructions

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GO/14 (.) SECRET (.) LIGHT LINE effective 191800Z Apr 18 24 Nothing for
Routes 65 and 6531

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TOP SECRET.

HQ LEGUANO GROUP.

Ref 01/1163.

16 Apr 45.

Subject: Operations astride IDICH valley.

Ref. maps: 1/25,000. Sheets 87 II SE and 98 I III.

To: HQ 68 Inf Regt.
 HQ Special Inf Regt.
 HQ 14 Arty Regt.
 'A' Coy 752 Tank Bn
 'C' Coy 605 TD Bn.

Info: HQ II Corps
 HQ 34 Inf Div.
 HQ MACFORCE.
 HQ 752 Tank Bn.
 HQ 51 Bn. Bn.
 HQ 51 Signal Coy.
 Group HQ Bn.

In continuation of 01/1141 of
 14 Apr 45 and verbal comm of 15 Apr 45.

1. Orders from higher formation.

In order to give the enemy the impression that strong units are preparing to deliver an attack along the SILLANO, QUADRINA and IDICH valleys, II Corps has issued orders as follows:-

(a) 5153 Sir Service Coy (which is specially equipped for producing noises with the object of confusing the enemy) to represent, on the nights 15/16 Apr and 16/17 Apr, the w./i:-

- (i) The move of two lorry-borne bns, one bn this, one coy the destroyers, and 3" guns along route 937 towards cone area 10028 (after midnight).
- (ii) The move of a lorry-borne bn and a coy of medium tanks along route 6531 towards cone area 19731 during the hrs of darkness.
- (iii) The move of two lorry-borne bns, one bn this, one to SP guns, and gun tractors towing 105 mm guns along route 6531 towards cone area in IDICH valley NORTH of MACOA JALLO 9531, during the hrs of darkness.

(b) LEGUANO Group, on night 17/18 Apr will carry out one of the following tasks:-

- (i) An attack to capture line 'X', OR
- (ii) a raid at coy strength, OR
- (iii) active patrolling along the whole front keeping close contact with the enemy.

2. EVALUATIONS.

- (a) Attack and capture of line 'X' (known as Operation 'V') - see relative orders in this HQ's 01/1141 of 14 Apr 45.
- (b) Raid at coy strength (known as Operation 'S'):
- (i) A surprise attack on the objective without any arty preparation.
- (ii) Arty intervention during this action, with short and intense cone on targets selected to give the impression that the diversion of the attack is different from the actual one.
- (iii) Protective fire to cover the withdrawal of the arty forces.
- (c) Vigorous patrolling of the front, maint contact with the enemy.

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HQ 132 Tank Bn.
Hq 51 Engr Bn.
Hq 51 Signal Coy.
Group Hq Rear.

In continuation of OI/1141 of
14 Apr 45 and verbal comm of 15 Apr 45.

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(b) MORGAN Group, on night 17/18 Apr will carry out one of the following tasks:-

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2. REMARKS.

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(iii) Protective fire to cover the withdrawal of the arty force.

(c) Vigorous patrolling of the front, maint contact with the enemy

Operation 'C'.

(i) Employ selected and experienced patrols simultaneously on various objectives in the sector, these patrols to be protected by short and intense arty cone.

(ii) As soon as contact is established with the enemy on the objectives, it will be maint until the situ is clarified.

(iii) In the event of the enemy withdrawing, he will be followed by the patrols on the spot, or by other previously earmarked units, according to the situ.

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3. METHOD.

Of the above three operations (any of which must be carried out with swiftness and surprise) only one will actually be executed, as specifically ordered by me.

(a) Attack and capture of line 'X' (Operation 'V') see a/a 01/1141 of 14 Apr 45.

(b) Raid (Operation 'S')

- (i) Objective : C. MERLA 9332.
- (ii) Strength : One Coy of Special Inf Regt.
- (iii) Task : Temporary occupation of the objective, capture of prisoners and material and return.
- (iv) Route : C. ZANARELLO 9432 - 941328 - C. MERLA.
- (v) Date : 18 Apr 45.
- (vi) H-hour : 0030.
- (vii) Arty and 3" mortar fire support for the Inf action between 0035 and 0050 hrs, as follows:-

I & II Btys } Rocks WEST of PIZZANO 9432 and will expend
11 Arty Regt } 480 rds not at a uniform rate.
One Tp, IV Bty } C. ALZAZONI 9533 expending 120 rds not at a
11 Arty Regt } uniform rate.
Mortars of 68 Inf Regt: Rocks WEST of PIZZANO; 200 rds.
Corps Arty : Convent and church of M. ANILATO 9534.
One Tp, IV Bty } S. CHIERICO 9433 - 120 rds not at a
11 Arty Regt } uniform rate.
One Tp, III Bty }
11 Arty Regt } C. DEL FINE 9433 - 120 rds not at a uniform rate.
Mortars of Special Inf Regt: FERRINI 9433 - 200 rds.

(viii) Protection for the withdrawal (to commence at a time to be arranged between Comd Special Inf Regt & Comd 11 Arty Regt).

One Tp, III Bty, 11 Arty Regt: Ft 160 (933328).
One Tp, " " " : C. DEL FINE 9433.
One Tp, II Bty, " : Rocks WEST of PIZZANO.
Mortars, 68 Inf Regt : Rocks WEST of PIZZANO.
Mortars, Special Inf Regt: 400 rds to be expended at orders
OC Regt.
Corps Arty: Convent and church of M. ANILATO 9534.

These fire tasks, as far as concerns the three tps of 11 Arty Regt and the mortars of 68 Inf Regt, will be fired in seven-minute periods (3 minutes fire, 1 minute pause, 3 minutes fire) at request of Comd Special Inf Regt.

(ix) Available ammunition.

For the tasks envisaged above: 288 rds 25 pdr
100 rds 3" mortar
For subsequent tasks : 372 rds 25 pdr
100 rds 3" mortar.

Comd 11 Arty Regt will tabulate detailed plan for employment of the fire available in accordance with Comd Corps Arty Group.

(x) Estimated time of return: 0130 hrs.

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- (iii) Task : Temporary occupation of the objective, capture of prisoners and material and return.
- (iv) Route : C. ZANARELLO 9432 - 941328 - C. IERLA.
- (v) Date : 16 Apr 45.
- (vi) H-hour : 0030.
- (vii) Artillery and 3" mortar fire support for the Inf action between 0035 and 0050 hrs, as follows:-
- I & II Btys } Rocks WEST of PIZZANO 9432 and will expend 14 Artillery Regt } 450 rds not at a uniform rate.
- One Tp, IV Bty } C. IZZONI 9533 expending 120 rds not at a uniform rate.
- 14 Artillery Regt } uniform rate.
- Mortars of 68 Inf Regt: Rocks WEST of PIZZANO; 200 rds.
- Corps Artillery : Cemetery and church of I. AMILIO 9534.
- One Tp, IV Bty } S. AMERICO 9433 - 120 rds not at a uniform rate.
- 14 Artillery Regt } uniform rate.
- One Tp, III Bty } uniform rate.
- 14 Artillery Regt } C. DEL FINE 9433 - 120 rds not at a uniform rate.
- Mortars of Special Inf Regt: PIZZANO 9433 - 200 rds.
- (viii) Protection for the withdrawal (to commence at a time to be arranged between Command Special Inf Regt & Command 11 Artillery Regt).
- One Tp, III Bty, 11 Artillery Regt: Pt 160 (938328).
- One Tp, " " " : C. DEL FINE 9433.
- One Tp, II Bty, " " : Rocks WEST of PIZZANO.
- Mortars, 68 Inf Regt : Rocks WEST of PIZZANO.
- Mortars, Special Inf Regt: 400 rds to be expended at orders
- Corps Artillery: Cemetery and church of I. AMILIO 9534.

These fire tasks, as far as concerns the three tps of 11 Artillery Regt and the mortars of 68 Inf Regt, will be fired in seven-minute periods (3 minutes fire, 1 minute pause, 3 minutes fire) at request of Command Special Inf Regt.

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For the tasks envisaged above: 288 rds 25 pdr
100 rds 3" mortar
For subsequent tasks : 372 rds 25 pdr
100 rds 3" mortar.

Command 11 Artillery Regt will tabulate detailed plan for employment of the fire available in accordance with Command Corps Artillery Group.

(x) Estimated time of return: 0130 hrs.

(c) Active Patrolling: (Operation 'C')

(i) Strength: Section patrols, one per objective.

(ii) Objectives:

68 Inf Regt.

1. Pt 459 (9633) from the direction of Pt 532 (9632).
2. CERVIA 9533 from the direction of C. PRA 9531 - Pt 247 (959530).

Special Inf Regt.

3. C. IERLA, via C. ZANARELLO 941328.
4. Pt 358 (932327) via C. COLLINA 9232.
5. C. CARRARA 9333 via spur C. COLLINA - C. CARRARA.

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- (iii) Tasks. None, close contact with the enemy and subsequent engagements of enemy positions.
- (iv) Date: 18 Apr 45.
- (v) Hour: 0330 hrs will be the hour at which the action of each patrol must be felt by the enemy on the respective objectives. Patrols must therefore leave from their fire in sufficient time to allow them to effect this, taking into account their route and the nature of the ground to be covered.

- (vi) Artillery and 3rd Mortars - Fire plan.
From 0245 to 0315 hrs .. 3 or 4 concentrations:-

Target.	Engaged by:	No. of Mks.
Pt 459	One tp, 11 Arty Regt.	200
Pt 459	Mortars of 68 Inf Regt	100
OMVLA	Mortars of 68 Inf Regt	200
Pt 376 (959355)	One Bty, 11 Arty Regt	350
C. DEL FINE	One tp, 11 Arty Regt	200
Pine spur (EAST of C. COLLINA)	Mortars of Spec Inf Regt	100
C. CARBARI	One tp, 11 Arty Regt	200
Conventary & church at M. ARVINO	Corps arty	

Could 11 Arty Regt will arrange detailed plan for employment of the fire in accordance with the above, and after consultation with Cold Corps Arty.

- (vii) Time of return of patrols: On my orders.
- (viii) Tanks and Flak-destroyers.
Will comply with requests made by the units concerned for direct support tasks in the initial stages and during the time when the patrols are in close contact with the enemy.
- (ix) Orders in the event of an enemy withdrawal.
Units of Inf Regts will be prepared to move adequate forces on my orders, for subsequent use in the event of enemy withdrawal.

4. ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) Operation 'V' - see OI/1141 of 14 Apr 45.
(b) Operation 'S' - present locations.
(c) Operation 'O' - present locations.

5. INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- (a) Operation 'V' - see OI/1141 of 14 Apr 45.
(b) Operation 'S' - to be decided.
(c) Operation 'O' - to be decided.

- covered.
- (vi) Arty and 3rd Mortars - Fire Plan.
From 0245 to 0715 hrs - 3 or 4 concentrations:-

Target.	Employed by:	No of M.B.
Pt 459	One tp, 11 Arty Regt.	200
Pt 459	Mortars of 68 Inf Regt	100
CEVILA	Mortars of 68 Inf Regt	200
Pt 376 (959335)	One Bty, 11 Arty Regt	350
C. DEL FUJIL	One tp, 11 Arty Regt	200
Line spur (EAST of C. OMBILIA)	Mortars of Spec Inf Regt	100
C. CARBANA.	One tp, 11 Arty Regt	200
Sanctuary & church at H. AMATO	Corps arty	

Comd 11 Arty Regt will arrange detailed plan for employment of the fire in accordance with the above, and after consultation with Comd Corps Arty.

- (vii) Time of return of patrols: On my orders.
- (viii) Tanks and Tk-destroyers.
Will comply with requests made by the corps concerned for direct support tasks in the initial stages and during the time when the patrols are in close contact with the enemy.
- (ix) Orders in the event of an enemy withdrawal.
Comds of Inf Regts will be prepared to move adequate forces on my orders, for subsequent use in the event of enemy withdrawal.

4. INTERPRETATION.

- (a) Operation 'V' - see OI/1141 of 14 Apr 45.
(b) Operation 'S' - present locations.
(c) Operation 'O' - present locations.

5. INTERCOMUNICATION.

- (a) Operation 'V' - see OI/1141 of 14 Apr 45.
(b) Operation 'S' - to be decided.
(c) Operation 'O' - to be decided.

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HQ LEGNANO GROUP.
G OPS AND INT SECTION.

Ref 01/1141

14 Apr 45.

Subject: Orders for the attack and capture of Line 'X'.

To: HQ 68 Inf Regt. Info: HQ II Corps.
HQ Special Inf Regt. HQ 34 Div.
HQ 11 Arty Regt. HQ MACFORCE.
HQ 51 Engr Bn. CO 752 Tank Bn.
HQ 51 Signals Coy.
CO 'A' Coy, 752 Tank Bn.
CO 'C' Coy, 805 TD Bn.

Ref this HQ letter 01/1083 dated 10 Apr 45.

*Ref maps ITALY 1:25000 Sheet 87 II SE + 98 I NE.*1. INFORMATION.

- (a) Enemy - As described in daily Intelligence Bulletins, and as obtained by direct identifications in the Group Sector.
- (b) Own Troops - In the action which II Corps will carry out for the breaking of the enemy def posns and for the subsequent adv towards the NORTH.

Legnano Group has been allotted the following tasks :-
Phase BROWN.

- (i) Hold present posns firmly.
(ii) Assist the attack of 34 Div by fire and demonstration.
(iii) Maint contact with 13 Corps on RIGHT (MACFORCE) and 34 Div on LEFT, and to protect II Corps RIGHT flank.

Phase BLACK.

- (i) Be prepared on Corps order to capture high ground 9333 and seize Line 'X' (see letter 01/1083 dated 10 Apr).
(ii) Hold present posns firmly.
(iii) Maint contact with 13 Corps on RIGHT (MACFORCE) and 34 Div on LEFT, and protect II Corps RIGHT flank.

34 Div will be on the LEFT of Legnano Group, and has the following tasks :-

Phase BROWN.

- (i) To capture POGGIO DEI MORI 9133 and Pt 356 (9134), and assist 91 Div (on their LEFT) to capture Pt 407 (8934).

Phase BLACK.

- (i) To be prepared on Corps order to capture Pt 299 (9234) and seize line 'X' (in prolongation of line 'X' of Legnano Gp).

On the RIGHT of Legnano Gp, 13 Corps holds present posns.

2. INTENTION.

- (a) To attack and capture line 'X'.
(i) Initially on the LEFT, and then in the centre of the Group.

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CO 192 Tank Bn.

HQ 51 Engr Bn.

HQ 51 Signals Coy.

CO 'A' Coy, 752 Tank Bn.

CO 'C' Coy, 805 TD Bn.

Ref maps 17A24 1:25000 Lines 87 II SE & 98 I NE.

Ref this HQ letter 01/1083 dated 10 Apr 45.

1. INFORMATION.

- (a) Enemy - As described in daily Intelligence Bulletins, and as obtained by direct identifications in the Group Sector.
- (b) Own Troops - In the action which II Corps will carry out for the breaching of the enemy def posns and for the subsequent adv towards the NORTH.

Legnano Group has been allotted the following tasks :-

Phase BROWN.

- (i) Hold present posns firmly.
- (ii) Assist the attack of 34 Div by fire and demonstration.
- (iii) Maint contact with 13 Corps on RIGHT (MACFORCE) and 34 Div on LEFT, and to protect II Corps RIGHT flank.

Phase BLACK.

- (i) Be prepared on Corps order to capture high ground 9533 and seize Line 'X' (see letter 01/1083 dated 10 Apr).
- (ii) Hold present posns firmly.
- (iii) Maint contact with 13 Corps on RIGHT (MACFORCE) and 34 Div on LEFT, and protect II Corps RIGHT flank.

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- (i) To capture POGGIO DEI MORI 9133 and Pt 356 (9134), and assist 91 Div (on their LEFT) to capture Pt 407 (8934).

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- (i) To be prepared on Corps order to capture Pt 299 (9234) and seize line 'X' (in prolongation of line 'X' of Legnano Gp).

On the RIGHT of Legnano Gp, 13 Corps holds present posns.

2. INTENTION.

- (a) To attack and capture line 'X'.
- (i) Initially on the LEFT, and then in the centre, of the Group sector, in perfect coordination with the action of 34 Div on Pt 299.
 - (ii) Hold the present fwd posns without alteration.
- (b) To hold the posns.
- (i) With the existing deployment, until the move fwd of the units de-tailed for the attack.
 - (ii) Disposed for attack, during the development of the action.
 - (iii) In due course in the occupation of the new line.
- (c) To assist the attack of 34 Div on POGGIO DEI MORI with fire and demonstration.

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3. METHOD.

(a) The attack to capture line 'X' will be carried out in 4 Phases, starting on D+Y day at 0600 hrs. (Note - D+1 day will be announced - 'H'-hr will be 0600 hrs).

Phase I - 0553-0733 hrs (estimated)

Capture Pt 363 (9433) from the direction of C. CARRARA 9333.

Phase II - 0733-0933 hrs (estimated, and in any case on my orders).

- (i) to advance from Pt 363 and capture S. CHIERICO 9435.
- (ii) to capture triangle of C. CHILLI 9432 - high ground immediately NE, NORTHER, and NW of C. CHILLI - rocks. (94327) to the WEST of PIZZANO 9532, from the direction of the head of the re-entrant at 94327.

Phase III - 0933-1033 hrs (estimated).

Patrols to June of RIO DI LANO with IDICE at 943336, and mopping-up of rear areas.

Phase IV - 1033 hrs (estimated).

Org of the def of line 'X' - Pt 363 - S. CHIERICO - Pt 418 (9435) - PERDINI 9433 - rocks at 948327. June pt of line 'X' with present line will be emplaced at PIZZANO.

On the conclusion of the above operations, and on my orders, the boundary between 68 Inf and Special Inf Regts will be adjusted as follows :-

PIZZANO cometary 9432 - C. LAZZONI 9533 - C. FOGGIO 9533 - C. RAIBALDI 9534 - C. BOSCHI 9534 (all incl to Special Inf Regt except PIZZANO cometary).

(b) Troops selected to carry out attack are as follows:-

Pt 363 - GOITO IN

PIZZANO ridge - LX Assault Bn.

The above-mentioned units will be deployed on their start-lines in accordance with orders issued by the respective Regt Comds, after approval by me.

(c) Tanks and Tank-destroyers.

'A' Coy 752 Tank Bn.

'C' Coy 805 TD Bn.

Phase I - One Tk Pl - direct support

Remainder - direct fire support } for attack on Pt 363.

Phase II

and III - All Units - direct fire support for attack on S. CHIERICO -

June of RIO DI LANO and IDICE - triangle of C. CHILLI, Pt 265 (946531), and rocks at 948327.

Phase IV - Tanks and Tank-destroyers will take up def posns in support of the new def line of Legnano Group.

(d) Artillery. - under command - 11 Arty Regt and 125 FA Bn. (105mm Hows).

Present Grouping remains unchanged.

Ammunition allotment - 25 prs - 250 rpg.

105 mm - unlimited.

In support: the following units :-

Two tps ltn Arty with 800 rds

Two tps 25 pr with 800 rds

One tp ltn Arty with 80 rds

One bty 155mm with unlimited rds - Corps.

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Phase III- 0933-1033 hrs (estimated).

Patrols to June of RIO DI LINO with IDICE at 943336, and hopping-up of rear areas.

Phase IV - 1033 hrs (estimated).

Org of the def of line 'X' - Pt 363 - S. CHIERICO - Pt 418 - (9435) - PENDINI 9433 - rocks at 948327. June pt of line 'X' with present line will be cemetery at PIZZANO.

On the conclusion of the above operations, and on my orders, the boundary between 68 Inf and Special Inf Regts will be adjusted as follows :-

PIZZANO cemetery 9432 - C. IANZONI 9533 - C. POGGIO 9533 - C. RAIBALDI 9534 - C. BOSCHI 9534 (all incl to Special Inf Regt except PIZZANO cemetery).

(b) Troops selected to carry out attack are as follows:-

Pt 363 - GOLIO IN

PIZZANO ridge - IX Assault Bn.

The above-mentioned units will be deployed on their start-lines in accordance with orders issued by the respective Regt Comds, after approval by me.

(c) Tanks and Tank-destroyers.

'A' Coy 752 Tank Bn.

'C' Coy 805 TD Bn.

Phase I - One Tk Pl - direct support

Remainder - direct fire support

} for attack on Pt 363.

Phase II

and III - All Units - direct fire support for attack on S. CHIERICO -

June of RIO DI LINO and IDICE - triangle of C. GHILLI, Pt 265 (946331), and rocks at 948327.

Phase IV - Tanks and Tank-destroyers will take up def posns in support of the new def line of Legnano Group.

(d) Artillery. -

under command - 11 Arty Regt and 125 FA Bn. (105mm Hows).

Present grouping remains unchanged.

Ammunition allotment - 25 prs - 250 rpg.

105 mm - unlimited.

In support: the following units :-

Two tps 11th Arty with 800 rds

Two tps 25 pr with 800 rds

One tp 11th Arty with 80 rds

One buy 155mm with unlimited rds - Corps.

Fire plan: as per fire plan which will be compiled by HQ

11 Arty Regt in accordance with my instructions.

(e) Engineers.

(i) Be prepared on D+1 day to build a Bailey br across R. IDICE at C. MARCONI 9331, and the mine clearing and improvement of the IDICE valley rd as far as C. DI RAZZONE 9332.

(ii) Be prepared on D+5 day to build a Bailey br across R. IDICE at C. DI RAZZONE 9332, and the mine clearing and improvement of the IDICE valley rd as far as C. DI RAZZONE 9336.

(iii) From D+2, one tp to be ready at my disposal for mine clearance and for urgent repairs by improvisation.

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4. ADMINISTRATION.

(i) Deployment unchanged, except for one sub-unit of Medical section (actually withdrawn) which will move to area of OSTERIA 9330 at disposal of Special Inf Regt.

(ii) Allotment of 3" mortar ammunition:-

68 Inf Regt - 2,000 rds out of their own allotment.

Special Inf Regt - 6,000 rds.

5. INTERCOMMUNICATION.

(a) Communications.

(i) Line - existing lines.

CP (sec (b) below) will be linked with exchanges of Special Inf Regt (2 circuits) and 68 Inf Regt (2 circuits).

(ii) Wireless - a net of 3 between CP (sec (b) below) and the CPs of Special and 68 Inf Regts.

- a net of 2 between CP (sec (b) below) and CP of 11 Army Regt.

From 8-10 P-10 radio silence is lifted.

(b) CP - LA TORRE 939289 from: 2000 hrs
D+Y day - 1.

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