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After a violent preparatory bombardment, the German forces (believed to be about 4 divisions) opposing the Allied landing forces (4 to 5 divisions) in the Neptuno district, at 0630 on 16 February launched attacks southwest, south and east of the Aprilia R.R. Station and from southwest of Cisterna in a southerly and southwesterly direction. The situation is developing favorably for the Germans.

According to intercepted wireless from the enemy, he is in utter confusion in this sector and is preparing to send airborne reinforcements from Naples.

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