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    Sommario/riassunto The purpose of this research project is to determine what factors led to
                        the operational failure and destruction of the 1st and 3rd Ranger
                        Battalions during the battle of Cisterna on 30 January 1944.
                        Subordinate questions include: Why did experienced combat
                        commanders, like General Truscott and Colonel Darby, utilize the
                        lightly armed Ranger Force against a fortified town? Did the training
                        level of the new ranger replacements compromise the infiltration and
                        affect the outcome? Did the Germans detect the infiltration and
                        emplace an ambush for the unsuspecting Ranger Force? What was the
                        intelligence preparation of the battlefield, and how did it affect the
                        plan? Did General Truscott's and Colonel Darby's previous experience
                        lead to assumptions about effectiveness of the Ranger Force in such a
                        mission?