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SUBJECT : 3 BLU Int and Liaison Report No 1 HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Period 15 - 30 Nov 45.

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HQ MALIA, ROME

1. This period has largely been occupied in settling in to the BLU's new surroundings - The break with the FRIULI Inf Div could not be effected overnight, and several outstanding matters remain to be sorted out. Similarly, the MALIA NORTH ITALY Office could not close down at midnight 14/15 Nov, but continued to function as such until 23 Nov.

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5. Gen MARRAS held a conference on 24 Nov at which the following were present :

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Gen NANNEI  
Senior Offrs of No 3 Territorial Comd Staff  
All Comds of Mil Districts and Depots, LOMBARDIA  
GSO I and Senior Maltese Liaison Officer, 3 BLU

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2. At 0235 on 26 Nov, unknown persons threw 2 hand grenades into GARIBALDI Bks at VARESE, with probable intention of blowing up POL stores. There were no casualties and only slight damage to property.

#### 8. PUBLIC RELATIONSHIP

It is difficult to express any opinion at the moment regarding deep rooted feeling, but it appears that there is general disinterest towards the Army by the civil population.

Relationship between the Army and ITALIAN Civil Authorities also does not appear to be good and there is a certain amount of unwillingness to give assistance by the latter.

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