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UNITED STATES FLIERS IN MALTA

Cairo, Sept. 26.—The Royal Air Force announced today that four American pilot officers now are stationed in Malta. They are E. E. Streets, Easton, Md.; E. E. Steele, Salisbury, Md.; H. M. Coffin, Los Angeles and D. A. Bedford, San Francisco.

MALTA RELIEF FUND IN AUSTRALIA REACHES £29,000

Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 8.—Captain Henry C. Curmi, M.C., Commissioner for Malta in Australia, has announced that collections for the Malta Relief Fund now total £29,000.

The Australian Red Cross has agreed to send shipments of clothing and possibly of other stores. "The appeal is not closed," said the Commissioner, "in fact it has only so far been fairly strongly pushed in the States of Victoria and New South Wales. Subscription lists are now open in practically every part of Australia, which, of course, includes Tasmania," continued Capt. Curmi. The Governor of Tasmania had himself launched the appeal in that State, and has written to the Commissioner as follows: "The State of Tasmania by its support of this appeal will share in the honor of helping those who are so bravely suffering some of the most terrible effects of the war."

The Archbishops of Sydney and Melbourne have agreed to hold special collections for the Malta Relief Fund. In the case of Victoria this will mean collections in 166 parishes and, of course, in a larger number in New South Wales.

New Zealand has contributed its share to the Fund by £4,500.

*The greatest joy of living
is the joy of giving.*
Open your MALTA RELIEF
account by sending your
pledge to my "DOLLAR-A-
MONTH" Drive TODAY.
JOSEPH CALLEIA.

A Block of Flats After a Raid on Malta



Courtesy Picture Post, London

While the Germans were in Sicily Malta's raids were longer and heavier. One lasted a whole day and a night. Homes, churches, historic buildings, all suffered, all were military objectives to the Nazis.

AXIS SHIPS HIT IN IONIAN SEA

VALLETTA, Malta, Oct. 7.—British fleet air-arm pilots reported today that two large Italian freighters have been left sinking and a third damaged in an attack on an Axis convoy of six vessels, escorted by five destroyers in the Ionian Sea, between Italy and Greece.

VALLETTA, Malta, Oct. 14.—Enemy fighters which approached Malta this morning were engaged by our fighters and ground de-

fenses. One Macchi-200 was shot down into the sea and others damaged.

VALLETTA, Malta, Sept. 6.—One R.A.F. fighter shot down one Italian machine in a group that attempted to raid Malta this morning. The Axis craft plunged into the sea and one wounded crewman was subsequently rescued.

VALLETTA, Malta, Sept. 9.—Enemy aircraft caused slight damage to civilian property in a raid on Malta yesterday. An Italian plane was shot down into the sea and its five crew members were captured.

MALTA AND THE E-BOATS

Some Details About Mussolini's Secret Weapon

The Italian E-boat attack on Malta on July 26 was obviously planned to create a sensation, and the complete repulse of the effort may yet be ranked as a major achievement in the naval war. This is because the ineffectiveness of these small, torpedo-carrying craft against really strong defenses was so decisively demonstrated; and henceforth we need no longer be intimidated by the tales of large-scale Italian concentration on their little weapon—if we ever were. But the theory of the method is worth examining.

Although Italian propaganda has claimed for the E-boats, as developed by them recently, the status of a "secret weapon", yet there is really nothing very new about it. The Italians themselves, as our allies then, brought it to the peak of perfection in the last war, when their naval hero, Luigi Rizzo, made a particularly daring attack with his small craft upon the Austrian warships at Trieste, sinking the battleship *Wien*.

As perfected by the Italians, the E-boat method is simple. Two kinds of craft are employed, one a type of small torpedo-boat, the other a still smaller vessel, just big enough to carry a torpedo, low in the hull, very difficult to see at night, capable of silent running at low speeds. The idea was for the big boat to tow the small one until near the objective, when it would be released to do the final job on its own. It would, of course, be fitted with a device for cutting the wire of boom defenses, and the Italians have even prated of one type known as the "grass-hopper," which might be capable of heaving itself right over wire obstructions.

But the apotheosis of the method was undoubtedly the feat of two Italian enthusiasts in the last war, who constructed a "mignatta," or "leech," torpedo-carrier, which consisted of nothing more than a naked torpedo, operated by compressed air, which could be guided from behind by a floating man! This was actually used on one occasion, penetrating right into an Austrian harbor after it had been released from outside, and the

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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Indifference to the welfare of the community is the common weakness of men. If they do not fight and antagonize the higher forces of life, they give those forces a wide berth. It is a sad commentary on life that relatively few persons are doing the major part of the important work that must be done if the community is to go forward.

Most people don't care what happens, so long as it doesn't happen to them. Most people feel they are free from community and human obligations. All are ever ready to receive commendations, but only a small number are assuming the obligations. This is true regarding Malta Relief. If more people were interested and studied this subject with scrupulous care, if they had more time to give, if they cared how their fellowmen live, there would be more high-minded leaders in our community and their task made easier.

Everybody's business is knowing how to live and teaching others how to live, making it easier to do right and harder to do wrong, arousing and crystallizing public sentiment in behalf of moral progress, and lifting the load from the back of humanity. These and many other measures belong to everybody.

We owe to others the best that we have of mind and soul. We owe them good-will, sympathy, cooperation. We owe them anything we have that they need, as they owe us in the same proportion.

Right now, the most important problem of our community and which is of our deep concern, is the speedy relief for the unfortunate besieged people of Malta. A good way to solve this problem is to contribute to Joseph Calleja's "Dollar-a-Month" drive, and to any other Malta relief measure that may be offered from time to time in the various Maltese communities.

Any thought, act and attitude that will help ease their suffering, makes us all more industrious, kindly, contented and idealistic. It is everybody's business. So make it your business.

MALTESE ENLIST IN AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Many Maltese have given up their business and gainful employment to enlist in the Australian army.

Mr. J. P. Albany, an ex-president of the Malta Patriotic League and Mr. S. Vella, the organization's secretary, have enlisted and have been assigned as interpreters with the rank of sergeants. These two gentlemen have been inseparable since childhood; they attended the same school, worked together, and were both appointed to committees for local organizations and for Malta Relief.

ITALIAN PRISONERS TREATED WELL

Italian prisoners held in Australia expressed great appreciation for the kind treatment they are receiving under the guidance of Maltese interpreters.

A group of 200 prisoners under the care of Sgt. S. Vella sent a letter of appreciation to Lt. J. P. Albany, senior interpreter whereupon the Commanding Officer ordered copies of the letter to be placed on the bulletin of the various messes.

GRANDMOTHER, 61, ENROLLS IN THE MALTESE FALCONS

Mrs. Wallace P. Cohoe, a 61-year-old grandmother of Riverdale-on-Hudson set her pontoon-equipped light monoplane on Sept. 29 at Downtown Skyport after a twelve-minute, twenty-mile hop from Yonkers Seaplane Base, and by presenting her plane to Lieutenant David M. Cullen of the First Division Air Corps initiated the organization of private pilots and plane owners to be known as the Maltese Falcon Group.

After volunteering her services and plane, the air-minded matron declared she would make a flying tour of the country to enlist recruits among its 80,000-odd private pilots and 20,000-odd privately owned aircraft.

The yellow airplane which was matched in color by the tall and vigorous lady's costume of yellow slacks, buckskin jacket and yellow turban, bore as insignia a blue Maltese falcon on a white field ringed with a red circle, a fifteenth century badge of the Knights of Malta signifying a token of fealty to a governing body in an emergency.

TORONTO MALTESE GET WARM RECEPTION IN DETROIT

The Toronto Maltese Dramatic Club "Melita" with its fifty odd members arrived in Detroit on October 10 to take part in the Malta Relief Fund Benefit show and dance sponsored by the Malta War Relief Society of Detroit and were given a rousing welcome by the Maltese Community of Detroit.

As the cars filled with members of the Dramatic Club trickled into the Maltese center, they were met by friends and members of organizations' hosts. After a rest they were grouped and taken sightseeing the auto city.

On Oct. 11, the Mayor and Mrs. E. J. Jeffries welcomed the Toronto Maltese actors and actresses at St. Andrew's Society Hall amid the cheers of some 500 members of the Detroit Community.

"Pia De' Tolomei", a romantic drama in four acts, was presented under the able direction of Charles E. Baldacchin who himself played the leading role.

Miss C. Baldacchin as Countess Pia De'Tolomei, honored her part gracefully. P. Sapiano, as Lord Tolomei, interpreted his role in a masterly manner and divided his acting honors only with E. De-Battista who played Ugo.

The star of the evening, however, was Count Nello della Pietra (Charles E. Baldacchin) who exacted his difficult role without a single flaw.

Other parts and players were: Maria played by Miss F. Caruana; Ariberto, played by C. Facciol, Giorgio, played by A. DeBattista; Beatrice, played by Miss J. Baldacchin; Vala Frido, played by G. Attard, Angelic Spirit, played by Miss N. Cassar and soldiers played by J. Borg, J. Agius and A. Mifsud, all of whom played well their part and we are convinced that they must have undergone a severe stage test as well as painstaking rehearsing.

The Toronto party was given a reception at the church auditorium on Sunday afternoon after which a tour to the several clubs followed. In the evening they were the guests of the Knights of Malta Post 129 of the B.E.S.L. at their headquarters. The Toronto Maltese should be given much credit for the success of the benefit evening for the Malta Relief Fund.

ENTERS SEMINARY

Mr. T. Butigieg has entered the Immaculate Conception Seminary of Huntington, L. I., N. Y., to continue his studies for the priesthood after enjoying a three month vacation with his parents.

THE STORY OF MALTA

By G. B. Brydson, on the B.B.C.
(Continued from last edition)

Ferdinand Hompesch, the only German Grand Master of the Knights of the Order, had signed the death-warrant of the Order, and betrayed the rights and privileges of the Maltese people. By tyranny and autocracy the Order had lost respect with the people, now, by refusing to arm, the Order lost the inclination to fight even in defense of its own.

"It is useless to try and oppose the French. We denied them the use of our harbor on the grounds of our neutrality. We should have allowed them the harbor out of hospitality."

"What, to 50,000 armed men?"
"You are determined to surrender, Monseigneur?"

"At least we must ask for a truce or they'll take us by force. I have no faith in the people. I do not even trust the Knights."

"The French must consider themselves lucky there are people to open the gates of Valletta; they would never have taken the city had it been empty."

So, with hardly a fight, Napoleon had entered Valletta. Well might the people believe that the Knights had sacrificed and betrayed them.

"And yet there were many of my people who were not sorry that the French took over the government of the island until it became apparent Bonaparte was worse. We were treated as an inferior race. It had become even worse than before. The tyranny was more than my people could bear. Churches were pillaged. Day after day brought fresh indignities to us. Three months after the invasion, the people rose in revolt. My people were being starved to pay for the army of Napoleon."

"Malta is ours to make free, ours to keep free."

"Malta will be ours only when we have driven the French from our city."

"What my dear Borg?"

"They cannot stand out indefinitely. They will be forced to surrender."

"What is to stop Napoleon bringing them new forces?"

"I will tell you what is to stop them. Nelson and his fleet. He will look after Napoleon and leave the land operations to us. The English will defend us as a free people and govern us as we have never been governed before, with our own laws and privileges."

"We can never stand alone."

So with Nelson to guard the sea the Maltese forced the French to capitulate. With Britain to guarantee their freedom, the Maltese entered upon a new period of peace and national regeneration. Fourteen years later the islands were confirmed by the world as freely elected members of the British Empire.



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guiding man just managed to save himself at the last.

Doubtless the Italians have been so keen on this sort of thing because they have realised their naval deficiencies in other ways. It is, if the prejudice can be forgiven, a rather typical Italian method.

After the abortive attack on Malta Harbor one Italian newspaper went so far as to say that the "suicide craft" were "tiny and powerful, one of the most precious secrets of the Italian war machine"; whilst others asserted that they were designed to skip over torpedo nets and that their crews wore bathing suits, cork belts and crash helmets!

Unfortunately for the Italians, all the "suicide craft" lived up to their name!

CIGARETTES, PLAYING CARDS FOR SAILORS

An appeal for playing cards for the sailors of the Royal Navy, the Royal Canadian Navy and the Merchant Marine was made by Mr. Charles LaFerle, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, Ontario Division, Navy League of Canada.

"We are endeavoring to provide packs of playing cards on all ships leaving our ports and in the Navy League recreation centres located at various ports and naval bases, and although the Ontario division has already sent 45,000 packs of new and used playing cards the demand is greater than the present supply."

The Ontario Division of the Navy League of Canada has placed orders to supply members of the Royal Navy, the Royal Canadian Navy and the Merchant Marine with 2,000,000 cigarettes and 20,000 plugs of chewing tobacco.

GIORDMAINE ENTERS TAINS TROOPS

Among the hundreds of actors and actresses of the Canadian stage who are giving much of their time to the entertainment of the Canadian Army and Navy we find the name John Giordmaine one of many talented members of the Maltese Community of Toronto.

Mr. Giordmaine who is doing his best in the cause of Malta Relief, appeared at the Soldiers' Canteen in Adelaide Street, Toronto, on Sept. 21, in a variety show sharing honors with the famous actress Cornelia Otis Skinner.

Mr. Giordmaine, who by the way is a prominent member of Eaton's Masquers, is scheduled to appear in a Malta Relief Fund Benefit Show and Dance which is to be held in Detroit on October 25.

"SUNDOWN" OPENS IN HOLLYWOOD

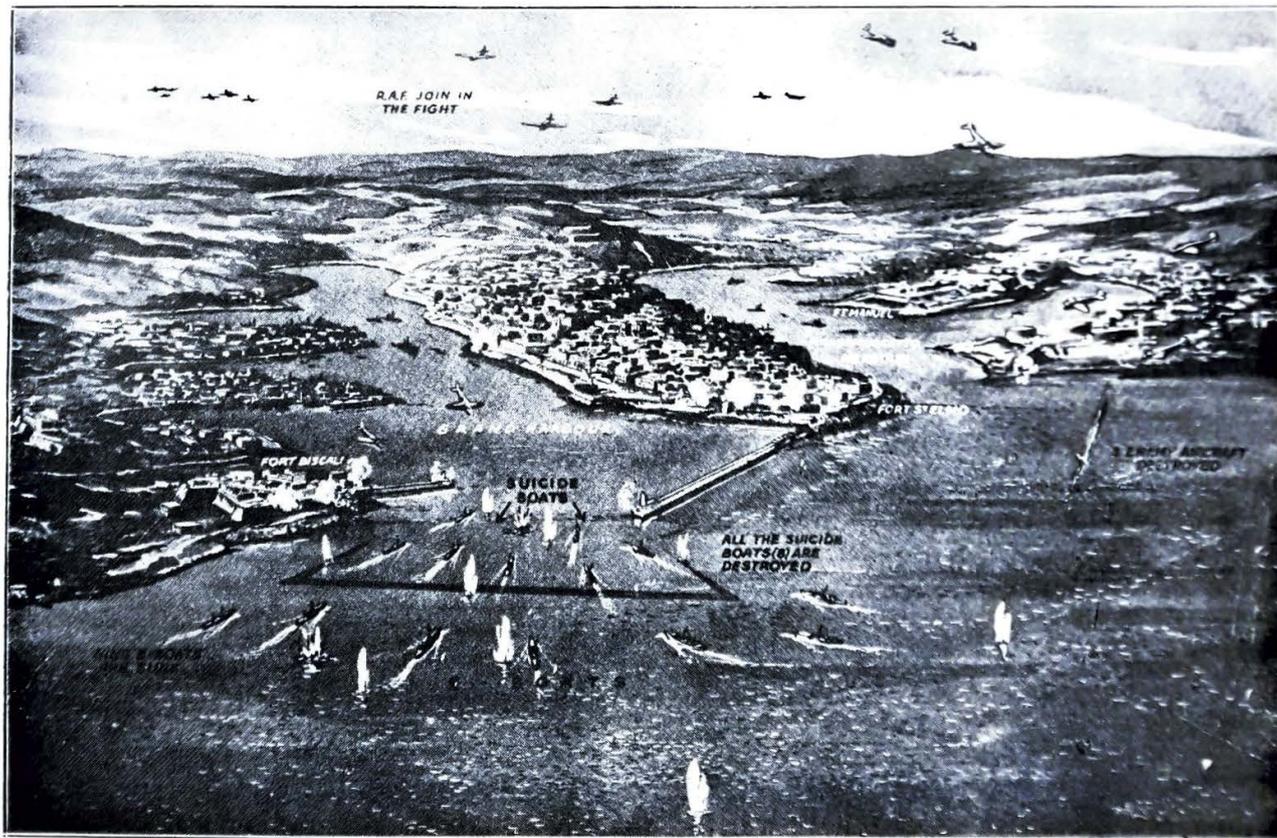
According to John Chapman, Walter Wanger will World Premier "Sundown" at the Four Star Theatre, Hollywood, on October 16.

The long awaited movie in which Joseph Calleia, as Captain Pallini, has an anti-Fascist role, is expected to be shown in the east in mid-November.

Gene Tierney and Bruce Cabot have the leading roles. Sir Cedric Hardwicke, George Sanders, Carl Esmond, Reginald Gardner, and Marc Lawrence are presumed to have given their best support to Barre Lyndon's African adventure story. At least that is what Walter and Henry Hathaway declared.

Joe Calleia is now at it again in "The Jungle Book" with Faith Brook, daughter of Clive Brook, Sabu, Rosemary DeCamp and John Qualen have been living in the "Indian Jungle Habitat" for over two months now, but, said Thornton Delehanty, "it's very comfortable."

How Attack on Malta Harbor Was Executed by Italian 'Suicide Boats' and E-Boats July 26



Drawing by E. G. Lambert

Context: Sphere, London

The spearhead of the attack were the eight torpedo—or "suicide"—craft; of these not a single one survived. The torpedo craft were supported by E-boats; of these nine were destroyed. Italian aircraft supported the whole operation; three were shot down by the R.A.F.

WEDDINGS

Lowry-Darmanin

Miss Marlene Lowry and Mr. James Darmanin of New York City, were wed on October 6. Mr. Edward Formosa was best man and Mrs. E. Formosa was matron of honor.

A private reception took place in New York City after the wedding.

Catt-Spiter

Miss Mary Catt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Catt of Detroit, Michigan, and Mr. Joseph Spiter, also of Detroit, were wed in St. Paul's Maltese Church on October 11. The nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. M. Z. Cefai, D.D., pastor of the church.

BIRTHS

Daughter to Michael Fondes

A daughter was born on Sept. 27th in Mercer County Hospital, Trenton, N. J., to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fondes of 705 So. Penna Avenue, Morrisville, Pa. Mrs. Fondes was the former Miss Flora Volpe, sister of the Assemblyman Mario Volpe.

Daughter to William J. Kingstons

A daughter, Barbara Agatha, was born on Sept. 25th to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kingston of 3147 44th Street, Long Island City, N. Y., at the Boulevard Hospital.

Daughter to Anthony Sammits

A daughter, Eileen Frances, was born on Sept. 27th to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sammit of New York City, at the New York Hospital.

Daughter to Commander and Mrs. Arthur Pitt

A daughter, Valerie, was born to Commander and Mrs. Arthur Pitt on July 21, at Midlothian, Scotland. Mrs. Pitt was the former Tania Mifsud, daughter of Captain Jose L. Mifsud of Pelham Manor, N. Y.

Daughter to Charles Manicaros

A daughter was born on Oct. 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manicaro of New York City.

OBITUARIES

Edward Pace, 47, Detroit, Michigan, October, 1941.

Mr. Pace, a popular figure in our Detroit community, died in an Army Hospital at Chicago. Mr. Pace served with the A.E.F. during the World War and was gassed in France.

He leaves his wife Amy and three sons Ivan John and Franklin, all of Detroit, Michigan.

Robert Elliot, 64, Long Island City, N. Y., October 5, 1941. He leaves his wife, Helen, a son, Frank, of New York City, and two daughters, Mrs. T. Zammit of Malta, and Mrs. A. Zammit of Alexandria, Egypt.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The Malta Association for Astoria, Inc., of 22-45 31st Street, Astoria, L. I., N. Y., opened their social season with a dance on September 20.

The organization served toasted wienies, sandwiches and beer to the guests.

The M. A. A. also enjoyed a very pleasant concert and tea party on Oct. 4.

The Maltese-American Democratic Club Inc., of 1538 Madison Ave., New York City, opened their social season with a dance and a "Grand Evening of Fun" on their new and brightly decorated premises on Oct. 11.

The Maltese-American Democratic Club has announced a Tea Party and Concert to be held on Oct. 18.

The Maltese Union Club Inc., of 246 Eighth Avenue, New York City, will open the season on October 25th with a Tea Party and Concert.

The MUC orchestra and melodious voice of Frank Abela will be featured.

MALTESE-AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC CLUB HOLDS ELECTION

The Maltese-American Democratic Club of New York, in their general election meeting held on Sept. 27, elected the following executive members:

John Swain, president; Eugene Messina, vice-president; Alfred Gauci, secretary; Em. Portelli, asst.-secretary; Vincent Cassar, treasurer; John Pullicino, asst.-treasurer Charles Borda, deputy and Charles Lanzon, trustee.

PERSONAL

We are holding return mail at our office for the following subscribers:

Joseph Gatt (Linwood, Pa.); Mrs. Marion Radmill, Michael Grech, Fred Baron, Charles Bartolo, Alfred Glavina, Michael Muscat, Anthony DeLazzaro, E. Camilleri and Anthony Mamo.

A registered letter from Malta is being held in our office addressed to: Paulu Camilleri, 234 West 21st Street, New York, N.Y.

JOSEPH CALLEIA'S "\$1-A-MONTH" DRIVE FOR MALTA RELIEF

The following is a list of new pledgers to Joseph Calleia's "Dollar-a-Month" Drive for Malta Relief.

CALIFORNIA

John Bellia, Joseph Bellia, Joseph Fenech, Anthony Grech, Mr. and Mrs. James Sherry, Joseph Zammit, Charles Zana.

NEW YORK

Joseph H. Aquilin, Charles Bajada, Victor V. Dumbar, Vincent Farrugia, Elizabeth Germain, E. Micalley, Capt. and Mrs. Jose L. Mifsud, Rev. Joseph Tabone, Julian Xuereb, Joseph M. Zammit.

MICHIGAN

William Carnarvon, Domenic V. Stellin.

OUT OF THE LOUD-SPEAKER

I must first say "Thank you Captain" for the lovely evening in Pelham Manor, and for the brief tour of your modern servicing stations. I have it down in my diary.

To those friends who have joined the novel idea of my joint telegram to Malta I say "IT WORKED" and everybody is satisfied.

To the protesting visitors to the Canadian National Exhibition. My letter of protest addressed to the people of Canada and the British Empire has been published in the Toronto Daily Star. I am also assured that Malta and its heroic stand in the present struggle is looked upon with great pride by the Canadian people.

Oh yes! I almost forgot my visit to John Darmanin's cosy spot on Clerk St., Jersey City. I admired the new flagpole with its doggish weathervane on the Malta Cross. Good work John. I must confess however, that I like your garden figs better than the World's Fair pole.

Maltese Union Invest In Defense Bonds

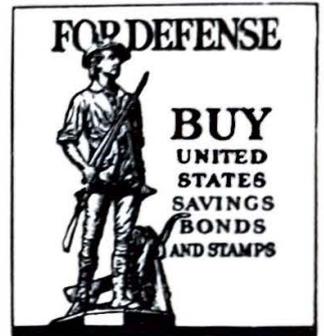
The Maltese Union Club, Inc., of 246 Eighth Avenue, New York City, have announced the purchase of \$300.00 worth of United States Defense Bonds.

YOUNG MALTESE WINS STATE AWARD

Harold G. Thompson of the University of the State of New York, announced on September 10, that Lawrence Schembri of 152 Eighth Avenue, New York City, was awarded a university scholarship in the state of New York.

Young Schembri, who has already been awarded a scholarship in St. Francis College, Brooklyn, N.Y., last June, copped the State banner for LaSalle High School when he was singled out in the state test. Over three thousand honor students of the high schools of the state of New York sat for the test.

The new award adds \$400 more in tuition fees to the credit of the young scholar.



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