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LOSS OF MAIL
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Ex O. (B)

A/E.C. directed that you should rep
this file on your return. Letter to
D.A.G. has been prepared for despatch
but I am not sure of the wisdom
of raising the matter of a C. of J.

Have you any comments or suggested
amendments of letter to make?

H.S. 30/7

Cso

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No comments Vind 31/7

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
MESSAGE CENTRE

APO 794

1. July, 1946

C.S.O. EX. COMM. OFFICE

Records of Message Centre for the period in question have been examined and no trace of the reference quoted can be found.
In view of the original confusion regarding dates can RAAC be asked to confirm that they are unable to trace receipt of the package on or shortly after 14th August 1945.

Dead SSM

L. Seed SSM
Chief Clerk
Message Centre

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To Commr Sfc

Please see minute of your letter

appended. only 2/
A. W. Knisely.

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Chief S.O. EX. COMM. OFFICE

Two further copies of letters under P and Q have been added 1965
to "temporary packet".

H.Q. R.A.A.C. have no trace of the registered packet during the other period suggested in your minute n. 4 2

Clyde Maddock

Major,
C.G.L. MADDOCK.
Chief Postal Officer.

10th July 1946

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Chief S.O. EX. COMM. OFFICE

10th July 1946.

Please see folios 'R' and 'S' dealt with since Minute n. 4 of
Will you please indicate if in your opinion the details given
in para 3 of Folio 'S' form a satisfactory answer to the D.A.C. 2nd Echelon
original enquiry (Folio A).

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Lead SSM

L. Seed SSM
Chief Clerk
Message Centre

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To Commr S/C
Please see min's ref your letter

opposite - auth 2/7
A. W. Knisely

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Chief S.O. EX. COMM. OFFICE

Two further copies of letters under P and Q have been added **1365**
to "temporary packet".
H.Q. R.A.A.C. have no trace of the registered packet during
the other period suggested in your minute n. **4**

Cly. Maddock

Major,
C.G.L. MADDOCK,
Chief Postal Officer.

10th July 1946

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Chief S.O. EX. COMM. OFFICE

Please see folios 'R' and 'S' dealt with since Minute n. **4** of
10th July 1946.
Will you please indicate if in your opinion the details given
in para 3 of Folio 'S' form a satisfactory answer to the D.A.G. 2nd Echelon
original enquiry (Folio A).

Cly. Maddock

Major,
C.G.L. MADDOCK,
Chief Postal Officer.

20th July 1946

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c.c.

Ref conversation on this subject. Letter to G.H. opposite (6)
20/7/46

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Communications Sub-Commission
Postal Division

MEMO

P.17/305/CS

SUBJECT: Personal Effects P.te G. Molly deceased.

TO : Chief Staff Officer
Executive Commissioner's Office.

In a further letter dated 24 July 1946, GHQ 2nd Echelon ask if they can now be informed of the disposal of the Registered Item Palmi 3593.

The temporary jacket was minuted to you on 20 July 1946 for a decision on the subject matter of the reply to be sent to GHQ.

C.G.L. Maddock

C.G.L. MADDOCK
Major
Chief Postal Officer.

1 August 1946

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P.A. 2/13/46
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : Office/EC/988.

31 July 1946

SUBJECT: Loss of Postal Packet.

TO : R.A.C.
GHI 2nd Battalion,
GIF.

2762213 Pte MURPHY G. - Deceased

With reference to your letters no. 028/80,82/Effects dated 30 March 46 and 6 June 46 with regard to the personal effects of the above-named soldier.

Receipt of this package has been traced to this Hq. and was signed for by a clerk of this Hq. Unfortunately, owing to the length of time involved, it is not possible to state to whom this package was forwarded as our records for that period have been destroyed.

It is therefore regretted that no information on this matter can be given but should you deem it necessary a Court of Inquiry will be held.

For the Chief Commissioner:

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Communication S/C

See 17-1-5 + 7-9

P.A. 1/2/46

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

CGLM/ams

P.17.287/CS

25th June 1946

Subject: Disposal of Personal Effects.
2762213 Pte. Molley G. Black Watch - Deceased.

To : Chief S.O. ✓
Executive Commissioner's Office.

1. Copies of the relative letters dealing with the enquiry from G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to trace the Registered packet containing the personal effects of the above named deceased soldier are forwarded to enable the disposal of the registered item to be verified in the Message Centre records please.

2. The packet bearing the Registered number "PALMI 3593" was posted on the 10th August 1945 and although addressed to "Rome Area Allied Command" was delivered to the "Allied Commission Message Centre" on the 14th August 1945.

C.G.L. Maddock

Capt.
C.G.L. MADDOCK,
Postal Officer.

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see M2-9

P.A.

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A.P.S.

O2E/80482/Effects

30th March 1946

H.Q.,
Allied Commission,
C.M.F.

Subject: 2762213 Pte MOLLEY G. - Deceased.

A parcel containing personal effects of sentimental and intrinsic value belonging to the above mentioned soldier was despatched through the Italian Civil Postal Service by the Sindaco of the Comune di Palma and addressed to H.Q., Rome Area Allied Command on 10 Oct. 45, under registered cover number 3593.

It has been confirmed by H.Q. R.A.A.C., that this parcel has not been received at that office and it would be appreciated if you could trace the disposal of this registered parcel and inform this H.Q. as early as possible.

Brigadier.
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

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C.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ams

P.17.225/C3

3rd April 1946

Subject: Loss of Registered Parcel.

To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

1. It is reported that on 10th ^{August} October 1945 the Sindaco of the Comune of Palma despatched through the Italian Postal Service a parcel addressed to H.Q., Rome Area Allied Command.

2. The parcel was accepted for registration with number 3593. It contained personal effects of a deceased British Soldier named MOLLEY G.

3. As this registered parcel has not been delivered to H.Q. Rome Area Allied Command will you please have enquiries made as to its disposal and inform me as soon as possible.

H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to:

G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (ref. OZE/80482/Effects 30th March 1946).

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16 Aprile 1946

MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E
DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Provinciale P.T.
Rep. III - ROMA
Cn. Commissione Alleata
Communications S/C - ROMA
(a suo P.17.225/CS del 3 Aprile).

Servizio IV Div. I Sez. I
Prot. n. 684853.RI

OGGETTO: Piego racc. n. 3593 da Palma per Roma.

In seguito a richiesta della Commissione Alleata, si prega di far accertare con la massima urgenza se risulti pervenuto a Roma e, in caso affermativo, quando e a chi consegnato il piego raccomandato voluminoso n. 3593 impostato a Palma il 10 Ottobre 1945 all'indirizzo del Quartier Generale del Comando Alleato del territorio di Roma (H.Q. Rome Area Allied Command).

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

TRANSLATION

Following a request from the Allied Commission, please make urgent enquiries as to whether a bulky registered parcel No. 3593 dispatched from Palma on the 10 Oct 45 addressed to H. Q. Rome Area Allied Command arrived in Rome and if so to whom it was consigned.

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TRANSLATION OF LETTER 684853 RI

To : Communications Sub-Commission.
From : Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.
Subject: Search for registered packet.

With reference to P.17.225/CS of 3rd April you are informed that there does not exist in Italy a commune named simply Palma.

There is the Commune of Palma Campania in Naples Province and of Palma Montechiaro in Agrigento Province. Moreover there is the commune of Palmi in Reggio Calabria Province.

In answer to telegraphic enquiries the Postal Directorate of Naples and Agrigento have replied that the registered packet n. 3593 of 10th October 1945 was not accepted at Palma Campania or Palma Montechiaro.

The Postal Directorate of Reggio Calabria gives the same reply in respect of Palmi but adds that an insured packet n. 3593 sent by the Municipio and addressed "Comando Alleato di Roma" was posted at Palmi on 10th August 1945.

We beg you therefore to ask that Command to ascertain whether that insured packet arrived in due course and is the packet in question.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ec

P.17.256/CS

27th April 1946

Subject: Loss of parcel of personal effects of deceased British
Soldier. 2762213 Pte MOLLEY G.

To : Director General Ministry of Posts and Telecomms.

A copy of your letter is being referred to Rome Allied
Area Command. It would be helpful, however, if you would inform
me how insured item n. 3593 Palmi 10 August 1945, was disposed of
so far as your Administration was concerned. In particular it is
desirable to know the date of delivery or of transfer to the A.P.O.

H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Inc. : Translation of Ministry's reply to enquiry concerning
lost packet said to have been posted at Palmi 10 Oct.
1945 to R.A.A.C.

Copies to:

Rome Allied Area Command,
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.
(ref. 02E/80482/Effects of 30th March with
translation of 684853 R1.).

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MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E
DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Servizio IV Div.I Sez.I
Prot. n. 684853.R.1/685124

27 Aprile 1946

Alla Direzione Provinciale P.T.
Rep. III - ROMA
e p.c.

On. Commissione Alleata
Communications S/C - ROMA

Risposta al f. n. P.17.225/CS
del 3/4

OGGETTO: Piego n. 3593 da Palmi per Roma.

Con riferimento alla nota n. 684853.R.1 in data 16 corrente, si partecipa che, da informazioni telegraficamente assunte, il piego raccomandato n. 3593 del 10 Ottobre 1945 non risulta impostato ne' a Palmi Montechiaro, ne' a Palmi Campania, ne' a Palmi.

La Direzione Provinciale di Reggio Calabria ha avvertito pero' che a Palmi risulta impostato il 10 Agosto 1945 un piego assicurato, spedito da quel Municipio all'indirizzo del Comando Militare Alleato a Roma.

Pregasi pertanto far accertare se tale piego risulti a suo tempo regolarmente pervenuto e consegnato al Comando destinatario.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

TRANSLATION

With reference to our letter No. 684853.R.1 dated 16 April 46, we inform you that we have received a telegram stating that the registered parcel No. 3593 of the 10 Oct 45 was not despatched from either Palmi Montechiaro, Palmi Campania or Palmi.

The Provincial Direction of Reggio Calabria has stated however that a registered parcel was despatched from Palmi on the 10 Aug. 45 from the Municipio of the town to the Allied Military Command in Rome.

Kindly ascertain whether such a parcel arrived at that time and if it was handed in to the named addressee.

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URGENTE

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1 Giugno 1946

MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E
DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Alla Commissione Alleata
Communications S/C
ROMA

Servizio 4 Div.I Sez.I
Prot. n. 684853/RI.685666

Risposta al f. n. P.17.256/CS
del 27/4/46

OGGETTO: Piego 3593 da Palmi per Roma.

Con riferimento al foglio sopra indicato, si partecipa
che l'assicurata n. 3593 di L. 200 impostata a Palmi il 10 Agosto
1945 diretta al Comando Alleato risulta consegnata al Comando Aereo
Alleato di Roma - Via Veneto - il 14 Agosto 1945.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

TRANSMISSION

With reference to the a/s letter, we inform you that the
registered parcel no. 3593 of L. 200, posted at Palmi on the 10 Aug.
45 addressed to the Allied Command, was handed in to the Allied Air
Command of Rome - Via Veneto - on the 14 Aug. 45.

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7 Giugno 1946

MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E
DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

On. Commissione Alleata
Communications S/C
ROMA

Servizio IV Div.I Sez.I
Prot. n. 684853.R.1/685666
Allegati 1

OGGETTO: Piego n. 3593 da Palmi per Roma.

A seguito della nota di pari numero in data 1 Giugno corrente,
qui unita si trasmette una copia della firma che e' stata rilasciata per
ricevuta del piego in oggetto.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

TRANSLATION

Following on our letter, sent reference, dated 1 June 46, we
enclose herewith a copy of the signature which was given in receipt
of the parcel in question.

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O2E/80482/Effects

6th June 1946

H.Q.

Allied Commission,

C.M.F.

Subject: Personal effects of 2762213 Pte Molley G.

With reference to your P.17.256/CS dated 27th April 1946 addressed to the Director General of Posts and Telecomms, with copy to this Headquarters, concerning the personal effects of the above mentioned.

Will you please inform this Headquarters if you are now in a position to say how this Registered item was disposed of.

Brigadier.
D.A.G.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

1953

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ams

P.17.272/GS

8th June 1946

Subject: Packet 3593 Palmi to Rome.

To : Director General Ministry of Posts and Telecomms.

With reference to your 684853/RI 685666 of 1st
and 7th June 1946.

1. I am afraid that I do not understand which office
is intended by the term "Comando Aereo Alleato di Roma Via
Veneto". Can more precise information be given as to the
address to which this packet was delivered.

2. The copy of the initials obtained on the receipt
does not help as a means of identification.

H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ams

P.17.276/CS

11th June 1946

Subject: Personal Effects of 2762213 Pte Molley G.

To : 2nd Echelon G.H.Q.

Reference your O2E/80482/Effects of 6th June.

1. The Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecomms reported a few days ago that its enquiries revealed that insured item Palmi n. 3593 addressed "Comando Alleato Roma" was delivered on the 14th August 1945 to the "Comando Aereo Alleato" Via Veneto Roma.

2. As it is not clear from this description to which Allied Office the item was actually delivered, the Ministry has been asked if more specific information can be given in this respect. The receipt held is signed only with initials and does not help.

H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

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APO 794

Communications Sub-Commission

CGIM/ams

P.17.285/CS

17th June 1946

Subject: 2762213 Pte. MOLLEY G. - Deceased.
Disposal of Personal Effects.

To : G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon,
(for attention D.A.G. Branch).

Reference your OZE/80482/Effects of 30th March
1946.

1. The enquiry into the case of the disposal of the registered parcel containing the personal effects of the above named deceased soldier is still proceeding but it is feared that some confusion is being caused by the similarity of place names and the possible coincidence of tracing a similarly numbered registered parcel.

2. Can the following details be confirmed from the data available in your records please:-

- (a) Actual name of Offices of posting with name of Province.
- (b) Date of posting.

3. These particulars are of extreme importance as a Registered parcel posted at PALMI bearing the number 3593 was posted on the 10th August 1945 and not on 10th October 1945 as originally stated in your letter, and it is not known whether this item can be the one referred to.

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H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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S.D.S.

H.Q.,
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 794
Communications Sub-Commission.
C.M.F.

02E/80482/Effects

21st June 1946

Subject: 2762213 Pte. MOLLY G. - Black Watch.
Deceased

Reference your letter P.17.285/CS dated 17th June 1946, asking for postal information in respect of the above mentioned deceased soldier's personal effects.

H.Q. Rome Area Allied Command stated in a letter dated 22nd March 1946: -

"The packet referred to was despatched through the Italian Civilian Postal Service on 10th October 1945 under Registered cover Number 3593. It was despatched by the Sindaco of the Comune di Palma and addressed to this Headquarters."

H.Q., 3 District stated in a letter dated 3rd November 1945: -

"Information has been now received from Rome Area Allied Command that the Comune di Palma stated on 21st August 1945, that they had forwarded the effects in a Registered letter."

In view of the statement made by H.Q., 3 District, it would appear that the package was despatched on 10th August 1945 as you suggest.

Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

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C.M.F.
JS/JRM

URGENTE

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14 Giugno 1946

MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E
DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

On. Commissione Alleata
Communications-S/C- ROMA

Servizio IV Div.I Sez.I
Prot. n. 684853.R.1/686460

OGGETTO: Piego n. 3593 da Palmi per Rome.

Con riferimento alla nota n. 684853.R.1/685666 in data 7 corrente, si partecipa che il portalettere Casagrande dell'Ufficio di Roma A.D. (Piazza dei Cinquecento) ha dichiarato quanto segue:

"L'assicurata n. 3593 da Palmi fu da me, il giorno 14.8.45, consegnata al Caporale RODHAM del Message Center in Via Veneto 31, dove era diretta".

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

TRANSLATION

Reference letter No. 684853.R.1/685666 dated 7 June 46.
We inform you that the postman Casagrande of the Rome Office A.D. (Piazza dei Cinquecento) declared as follows:

"The registered parcel No. 3593 from Palmi, was consigned by me on the 14.8.45 to Cpl. RODHAM of the Message Center in Via Veneto 31, which was the address given."

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

GCHM/ams

P.17.292/CS

3rd July 1946

Subject: 2762213 Pte Molloy G. - Black Watch - Deceased,
Disposal of Effects.

To : H.Q.
Rome Area Allied Command.

1. The enquiry into the case of the disposal of the Registered item containing the personal effects of the above named deceased soldier is still proceeding but it is feared that some confusion is being caused by the similarity of place names and the possible coincidence of tracing a similarly numbered registered parcel.

2. D.A.C. G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon states that "H.Q. Rome Area Allied Command stated in a letter of the 22nd March 46 that the packet referred to was despatched through the Italian Civil Postal service on 10th October 1945 under registered Cover Number 3593. It was despatched by the Sindaco of the Comune di Palma and addressed to this Headquarters".

3. It would be appreciated if your records of receipt of Registered correspondence could be checked for the period 10th to 20th of August 1945 instead of October of that year for the Civilian Postal Authorities have a reference to a Registered Item "Palma 3593" being delivered on or about the 14th August 1945.

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C. G. L. Maddock

Capt.
C.G.L. MADDOCK.
Chief Postal Officer.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY
OFFICE OF G-1 BRITISH

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Telephone: 66671

SUBJECT:- 2762213 Pte MOLLEY G. -
Black Watch

Ref:- 33AZ

8 Jul 46

HQ Allied Commission

1. With reference to your letter P.17.292/CS dated 3rd July 46.
2. No trace of the package referred to can be found during the period 10-20th August 1945.

R.E. SPALL
Staff Captain
for Lt Col
AA & QMG

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Communications Sub-Commission

OGLM/ams

P.17.297/CS

13th July 1946

Subject: Delivery of Registered Packet Palmi 3593.

To : Director General Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference your letter n. 684853 RI/685666 of 7th June 1946 and further to n. 684853/RI/686460 of 14th June.

It would be appreciated if you would please arrange for the original receipt, given for the Registered Packet Palmi 3593, to be produced for examination at the Message Centre of this Headquarters 31 Via Veneto. The receipt will be examined by Staff Sgt. Major L. Seed Chief Clerk of the A.C. Message Centre.

Major.
C.G.L. MADDOCK.
Chief Postal Officer.
for Director.
Communications. S/C.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
MESSAGE CENTRE

19th July 1946

Subject: Registered Package 3593.

To : Postal Officer, Communications S/C.

1. Reference your letter P.17.297/CS dated 13th July 1946.
2. Receipt for the above mentioned package has been examined and it is agreed that the signature is that of Sgt Rodham of this Office.
3. However all efforts to trace the package to its eventual destination have failed as our records for the period in question are no longer in existence. Neither does Sgt Rodham have any recollection of the package.

L.M. SEED SSM
CHIEF CLERK
MESSAGE CENTRE

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