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DOCUMENTATION

MAR. - MAY 1945



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SECRETSUBJECT: Documentation - Italian Combat Groups.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
TEL: 109081 EXT 533

4 A 130
May 45

TO : 51 SLU.

Copy to: Ministry of War,

50 SLU (your A/4/17 of 27 Apr refers),

52 SLU

53 SLU

MMA 10 Rear HQ 8 Army

54 SLU, SEC 107

56 SLU

Reference your A 15 of 13 April.

1. The statement in GME's 14144/Mob of 25 March that absentees (hospital, AWOL etc.) should be struck off strength after 30 days is correct. British Directive No. 12 will be amended accordingly. This standardizes the practice throughout the Italian Army.

2. In the new conditions in Italy it is not considered that the "15 day" ruling, either for reinforcements or strength return purposes, should apply any longer. The system will be the same in Combat Groups as in other formations. If this appears to cause too long a delay between losing a man and getting replacement, it is pointed out :-

(a) Combat Groups are at present authorized to hold a posted strength 5% above W.E. (M.M.I.A. A 617 of 26 April refers).

(b) If a Combat Group is handicapped in any future task by too great a discrepancy between posted and present strength favourable consideration will be given to any special request for reinforcements, based on a calculation of the number of men required to complete the task.

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Reference your A 15 of 19 April.

1. The statement in S.M.F.'s 16144/Mob of 28 March that absentees (hospital, AWOL etc.) should be struck off strength after 30 days is correct. British Directive No. 13 will be amended accordingly. This standardizes the practice throughout the Italian Army.

2. In the new conditions in Italy it is not considered that the 15 days' ruling, either for reinforcements or strength return purposes, should apply any longer. The system will be the same in Combat Groups as in other formations. If this appears to cause too long a delay between losing a man and getting replacement, it is pointed out :-

(a) Combat Groups are at present authorized to hold a posted strength 5% above W.T. (S.M.I.A. A C17 of 26 April refers).

(b) If a Combat Group is handicapped in any future task by too great a discrepancy between posted and present strength favourable consideration will be given to any special request for reinforcements, based on a calculation of personnel shown as posted who are not in fact expected to return.

W. P. Fisher
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT : Documentation ICCs

REAR HQ 50 BLU

HQ ADMA

rptd : 51 BLU

N/4/17

27 Apr 45

1. With ref to 51 BLU letter A 15 dated 16 Apr, copy sent to this BLU.
2. The system as laid down in para 2 of the above quoted has in fact been effective within this Gp since Dec last year. At that time the prevailing unsatisfactory system of striking personnel off strength and demanding rfts was discussed with your HQ and it was understood that a system on the lines outlined in 51 BLU's A 15 was to be instituted in preference to the unsatisfactory arrangement of retaining absent and hosp personnel on strength for 30 days. When involved in active ops, and wastage of personnel increases, the slow and cumbersome method given in SHNE letter 1414/208 dated 28 Mar becomes far too complicated for accuracy, and results in an untrue picture of the actual strength being given. Also whilst operational, the time lag of 15 days becomes too great, and an assessment of the numbers of personnel unlikely to return from hosp has to be made as early as possible in order that rft demands may be submitted, and the Gp be kept up to fighting strength. If the time as laid down is strictly adhered to, the Gps fighting efficiency is likely to be greatly impaired.
3. It is felt strongly by this BLU that this matter should receive particular consideration and if possible the recommendations submitted by 51 BLU be instituted i.e. that documentation be simplified if possible on Brit lines. If however this is impracticable, then the system at present in operation should be modified and personnel wounded, sick, missing or absent should be struck off strength after 15 days i.e. at the same time as demand for rfts is submitted.

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TRANSLATION

FROM War Ministry

REF: 40049 /TR

TO: All addressees

DATE: 13 April 1945. WP

M.M.I.A. for info.

SUBJECT: Absent Strength.

Circular 8054/Troops dated 12th. September 1944 is Cancelled.

Bearing in mind the contents of secret circular 307235/O.A. Cabinet-dated 27/12/1944 "Administrative Instructions", the said circular is therefore modified thus:-

1. All troops on the strength of units who, for any reason (A.W.O.L.) - various leave - temporary release, etc.), are away from duty for a period of more than 30 days must be struck off of the strength of their units and t.s.s. of the respective Depots (normal or subsidiary) where they will be shown on a special roll, under the heading of "Absent Strength", held by the Depot, assisted by an alphabetical nominal roll.

2. When the above mentioned troops have to return to duty (because of the establishing of their position following denunciation for desertion, expiration of leave, revocation of temporary release, etc.) they must report, not to their unit nor to the Depot on which they are on strength, but directly to the Reinforcement Centre (BR - ITI, US - ITI, IPI - ITI, or for the Italian Fighting Forces) according to whether they previously formed part of the units reinforced by said reinforcement Centres.

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Those belonging
to BR-ITI units)To the nearest of the
three reinforcement
Centres for BR-ITI(Afragola
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to US-ITI units)To the P.B.S. reinforce-
-ment Centre

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those belonging)
to ITI-ITI units)To the ITI-ITI reinforce-
-ment Base Depot

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those belonging) To the Italian Fighting (Cesare.
to Combat Groups) Forces Training Centre

The Depots will, therefore, take action to:

- (a) Notify in time (through Garrison R.Q.s or C.C.R.R. stations) the troops concerned as to which Reinforcement Centre they must report for successive posting to units;
- (b) Send a copy of the notification to the Reinforcement Centre that it may be informed that the soldier has to report himself there. The Reinforcement Centre will then arrange to inform the Depot of:
 - Postings effected in order that the consequent forwarding of service documents to the Mobilisation Centre of the new unit may be carried out.
 - or Failures to Report for the carrying out of the eventual apprehension and trial of the soldier who has not reported.

3. . Particularly in the respect of military patients in Hospitals or Convalescent Depots:-

- for periods up to 30 days (in which included any eventual convalescent leave) they must remain on the strength of their units as "Hospital Patients".
- for successive periods of hospitalisation from 30 up to 60 days (in which included any eventual convalescent leave) they will be taken over onto the strength of the appropriate Reinforcement Centre, as referred to in para. 2. Notification of the transfer will also be given to the respective Depot (which will still handle the service records) in addition to the Directorate of the Hospital.
- after 60 days in Military Hospitals or Convalescent Depots they will have to be taken over by civilian Hospitals or convalescent Depots and will therefore cease to be shown on the effective strength of the Reinforcement Centres. Notice of the transfer will be given to the Depots which are looking after their service documents in order that these documents may be forwarded to the competent Military District, which will enter the troops to whom the documents refer on their own absent strength until their military position is established.

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4. The troops referred to in para.3., who, upon discharge from Hospital or termination of convalescent leave, are held to be still on the strength of their units, having spent a period of not more than 30 days in hospital or on convalescent leave, will return to their units.

- If, however, the period spent in hospital or on convalescent leave does not exceed 60 days, they will report to the Reinforcement Centre (to which they will be transferred by the corps to which they belong) who will arrange for their new posting (as in para.2) and for the forwarding of the service documents to the Mobilisation Centre of the new unit to which they are posted.

Upon discharge from Hospital the soldier will have to be informed, by that Hospital, ^{which is the Centre} he will have to report himself immediately upon the expiration of eventual convalescent leave.

5. The troops referred to in the previous paragraph, should they be graded, or should they be graded in the future, by a medical board of the Director of the Military Hospital, and be already transferred or be due to be transferred to the Absent Strength, should, instead of being so transferred, be sent by the Corps, Depot, Reinforcement Centre, or, finally, Military Hospital, whichever the case may be, on renewable three monthly leave, in the same way as the graded men excluded from the recent call-ups, and as such restored to the competent Military District.

- If, however, the sending on three monthly leave is carried out by the Corps, Reinforcement Camp or Military Hospital, the said units must give notification about it to the Depot in order that the latter may forward to the District the service documents duly brought up to date.
- The graded men living in occupied territory still not liberated who are not able to find employment (see circular 107c/11-Cabinet - dated 14/2/1944) will have to remain in the service and when ceasing to be on the Absent Strength must be sent to the IPI-III Reinforcement Centre at Fresinone.

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6. The troops shown on the special roll of "Absent Strength", kept separately as shown in para.1. will not have to be shown on the periodical strength return of the Depot, exception being made in the case of the three-monthly return of strength under arms, in which said elements will be shown separately.

7. For the troops of the special roll of "Absent Strength" who are entitled to pay, the same Depot or Reinforcement Centre that has them on strength will keep acquittance rolls and pay accounts. It must remain well understood that they are not entitled to any ration issue.

8. The following entry must be made on the soldier's service documents after the relative entry has been made according to the position in which he finds himself (extraordinary leave without allowances, convalescent leave, three-monthly exemption, denunciation for desertion, etc.):—

"Shown on the "Absent Strength" of.....(Depot or Reinforcement Centre) authy.circular.....(quoting this) date....."

Upon that special^{position} ceasing to exist (because of the expiry of leave granted with no farther extension, or because of his medical category being established by medical board, or because the three-monthly exemption has been withdrawn with no further extension, or because his position has been established following denunciation for desertion) after the appropriate entry has been made in the soldiers service documents, the following entry will be made:—

"Struck off of the "Absent Strength" of the.....(Depot or Reinforcement Centre), authy.circular.....(quoting this) and reported to Reinforcement Centre of..... or passed over to Military District of.....(according to whether remaining in the service or not)....." or "Sent on three monthly leave, being graded, and passed over to Military District of under terms of circular.....(quoting this) on.....(date)."

"Posted to.....(Corps of unit to which posted by the Reinforcement Centre), on....."

9. The H.Q.s addressed will arrange for the urgent issue of this circular to all the units in the area of their jurisdiction.

Sgd. CASATI

Minister.

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 AL. COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE MINISTERO GUERRA
 e, per conoscenza:
 AL. G. M. I. T. C.
 AL. STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
 AL. C. C. C. ROSSA ITALIANA - Comitato Centrale -
 AL. COMMISSIONE ALIATA - Sottocommissione per l'Esercito
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La circolare n. 5058/Truppe in data 12 settembre 1944 è abro-
gata.

Tenuto presente quanto forma argomento della circolare se-
 greta n. 307255/C.A. - Gabinetto - in data 27/1/1944 "Istruzioni Ammi-
 nistrative n. 18", la suddetta circolare viene pertanto così sostituita:

1.) - Tutti i militari in forze a reparti, che per una ragione qualsiasi
 (assenti arbitrari - in licenze varie - temporaneamente esonerati,
 ecc.) stiano assenti dall'effettivo servizio per un periodo ^{superiore} di 30
 giorni - devono essere transitati dalla forza effettiva
 dei reparti stessi a quella dei Centri di Mobilitazione rispetti-
 vi (normali o sussidiari) ove faranno il ruolo speciale,
 sotto il nome di "FORZA ASSUMPTA", tenuto dal Centro di Mobilita-
 zione, sussidiato da una carica nominativa alfabetica.

2.) - Allorché i predetti militari dovranno riprendere servizio (sia per
 definizione della loro posizione in seguito a denuncia per diser-
 zione, sia per scadenza di licenza, sia per revoca di esonere tem-
 poraneo, ecc.) si dovranno presentare, non ai reparti né ai Centri
 di Mobilitazione ai quali sono in forza, ma direttamente ai Com-
 plementi (M.I. - C.S. - I.T. - I.T.I. - I.T.I. - I.T.I. - I.T.I.) o per Forze Ita-
 liane di Combattimento) a seconda che facevano già precedentemente

partito ai reparti alimentati da tutti i Centri affluenza di complementi.

Ossia:

- Gli appartenenti a { al 1° Reggimento del 1° { Afragola
Reparti BR-ITI { Gruppo di Complementi { Trani
{ Reparti per BR-ITI { { Livorno
- Gli appartenenti a { al 2° Reggimento del 2° { Astroni
Reparti US-ITI { Gruppo di Complementi {
- Gli appartenenti a { al 3° Reggimento del 3° { Prossenne
Reparti ITI-ITI { Gruppo di Complementi {
- Gli appartenenti a { al 4° Reggimento del 4° { Cesano
Gruppi di Combatt. { Gruppo di Complementi {

Pertanto i Centri di Mobilitazione saranno ai :

- a)- notificare tempestivamente, attraverso i Comandi di Presidio, o le Stazioni dei CC PR, ai militari interessati il Campo affluenza complementi al quale dovranno presentarsi per la successiva assegnazione al reparto;
 - b)- inviare copia della notifica al Campo affluenza di Complementi perchè sia a conoscenza che al militare deve presentarsi. Il Campo affluenza di Complementi provvederà poi a segnalare al Centro di Mobilitazione :
 - la assegnazione avvenuta, per dar corso alla conseguente trasmissione dei documenti individuali al Centro di Mobilitazione del nuovo reparto;
 - o la mancata presentazione per effettuare l'eventuale ricerca e denuncia del militare inadempiente.
- 3.)--Particolarmente nei riguardi dei militari degenti in Ospedale o in convalascenziario :

- c)- notificare tempestivamente, attraverso i Comandi di Presidio, le Stazioni dei CC PP, ai militari interessati il Campo affluenza complementi al quale dovranno presentarsi per la successiva assegnazione al reparto;
- b)- inviare copia della notizia al Campo affluenza di Complementi perchè sia a conoscenza che il militare deve presentarsi. Il Centro di Mobilitazione provvederà poi a segnalare al
- la assegnazione avvenuta, per dar corso alla conseguente trasmissione dei documenti ai medici al Centro di Mobilitazione del nuovo reparto;
 - o la mancata presentazione per effettuare l'eventuale ricerca e denuncia del militare inadempiente.
- 3.)--Particolarmente nei riguardi dei militari degenti in Ospedale o in convalascenziario :

- per periodi fino a 30 giorni (in esso compreso l'eventuale licenza di convalascenza) dovranno rimanere in forza al reparto come "degenti all'Ospedale"

- Per il periodo di degenza successivo ai 30 fino ai 60 giorni (in esso compreso l'eventuale licenza di convalascenza) verranno trasferiti nella forza effettiva del Campo affluenza di Complementi corrispondente di cui al precedente numero 2) - Notizia del passaggio sarà data anche al rispettivo Centro di Mobilitazione, (che trasmetterà peraltro i documenti pertinenti) nonché alla Direzione dell'Ospedale;

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- Dopo i 60 giorni di degenza in Ospedale o Convalescenziario militare, gli stessi dovranno essere trasferiti in Ospedali, Convalescenziari civili, e successivamente portati dalla loro effettiva dei Corpi di appartenenza. Comunque, la Notizia del passaggio sarà data ai Centri di Mobilitazione che ne conserveranno tutte i documenti necessari. Affianco a documenti stessi verranno passati al Distretto Militare competente, il quale iscriverà i militari, cui i documenti si riferiscono, nella propria lista assente fino a definizione della loro posizione militare.

4.) - I militari di cui al numero 3), che all'uscita dell'Ospedale ed al termine della eventuale licenza di convalescenza sono da considerare ancora in lista al reparto, avendo trascorso tra degenza o licenza di convalescenza un periodo non superiore ai 30 giorni rientreranno al reparto.

- Se tra degenza ed eventuale licenza di convalescenza sarà trascorso invece un periodo non superiore ai 60 giorni, si presenteranno al Campo Affluenza o al reparto (con saranno stati trasferiti dal corpo di appartenenza) in quale provvederà alla loro nuova destinazione, come è detto al numero 3), per la trasmissione dei documenti necessari ai Centri di Mobilitazione dei nuovi reparti di assegnazione.

All'atto dell'uscita dall'Ospedale il militare dovrà essere informato, a cura dell'Ufficio medico stesso, del Campo Affluenza Cameramenti ove egli dovrà presentarsi subito o allo scadere della eventuale licenza di convalescenza.

5.) - I militari di cui al precedente numero, quali si siano stati o vengano in avvenire regolarmente riconosciuti idonei a servizio condizionato o limitatamente idonei (vedetam) da giudizio espresso da Direttore di Ospedale Militare, e siano già transitati, debbono essere trasferiti nella loro sede, anziché in tale posizione dovranno essere inviati dai Corpi o dai Centri di Mo-

se non invece in persona non saprei se si è già, si presentano al Campo Affluenza o nel Centro (con saranno stati trasferiti dal corpo di appartenenza) il quale provvederà alla loro nuova destinazione, come è detto al numero 2), per la trasmissione dei documenti amministrativi ai Centri di Mobilitazione dei nuovi reparti il mese di maggio.

All'atto dell'uscita dall'Ospedale il militare dovrà essere informato, a cura dell'Ospedale stesso, del Campo Affluenza Complementi ove egli dovrà presentarsi subito allo scendere della eventuale licenza di congedo.

5.) - I militari di cui al precedente numero, qualora siano stati o vengano in avvenire regolarmente riconosciuti idonei a servizio congedato o limitatamente idonei (vedi stati) da giudizio erano, se da Direttore di Ospedale Militare, e siano già trasferiti, debbono essere trasferiti nella loro asse, anziché in tale situazione dovranno essere inviati nei Corpi o nei Centri di Mobilitazione, o dai Campi di affluenza, e, infine degli Ospedali Militari a seconda dei casi, in licenza trattenuta rinnovabile, e sorveglianza del limitatamente idonei esclusi dai recenti richiami, e come tali reattivi ai Distretti Militari competenti.

- pertanto se l'invio in licenza trattenuta non fosse dal Corpo in un Campo di affluenza Complementi da un Ospedale Militare, si dovrà da detto dato dare notizia al Centro di Mobilitazione affinché questo trasmetta al Distretto i documenti necessari e sarà debitamente agiti.

- I limitatamente idonei appartenenti a territorio non ancora liberato che, non avendo possibilità di trovare impiego (vedi circ. n. 1675/II - Gabinetto) in data 14/2/1944) debbono rimanere alle armi, allorché cessano dall'attribuzione alla forza assente, dovranno essere avviati al Campo Affluenza Complementi ITI, in Provincia.

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Il dott. Giorgio Piccini si è provato l'licenza straordinaria, l'licenza di concessione, l'licenza di concessione, l'licenza di concessione, ecc.) sarà apposta la seguente va-

Il Centro di Mobilitazione o Tam-

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ALLA CONSERVAZIONE DELLA SPECIE. (perchè scaduta la
validità del controllo la produzione non è definita alla
fine dell'anno - dalle autorità di controllo, e perchè ritirato
il prodotto dalla produzione in seguito alla mancanza di per-
sonale per la lavorazione, dovendo apportare le seguenti
modifiche al regolamento.)

Il secondo della "Forma" (1955) del (1955) Mobilizzazione

Il Presidente del Consiglio

_____ (a seconda se deve con-

_____ ovvero passato

Case - United States v. Brown
- 1958 - 357 U.S. 155 - 100 S.Ct. 2321 - 16 L.Ed.2d 637

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

1995

CONFERENZA DI LAVORO E RAPPORTI CON UNITÀ ITALIANA ASSOCIATA DAL

1 - Carried in 1151420 promissory note

EXCERPTS FROM THE
MEMORANDUM OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE, DATED MAY 1, 1964,
RE: JAMES EARL RAY,
ALLEGEDLY A PERSON
WHO HAS BEEN
IDENTIFIED AS THE
PERSON WHO
KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

APPENDIX II

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Col Piddley

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S.1 B.0 express the situation correctly.

It is for consideration that cases of A.W.O.L. should be struck off unit strength after 15 days, thus ending reinforcements later demanded.

Whatever decision is made the situation can be cleared up in the orders. I.M.D.E. are now preparing reference strength returns.

1. Apts can only be demanded to replace men struck off strength.

2. Men will be struck off strength: as soon as dead, sentenced to be 30 days, definitely known to be going to be away 30 days or as soon as they have been away for 30 days for any cause. This should simplify DoR or apur.

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APOR A* to 91 B10 letter A 15 dated 39 APR 49

Copy of para 2 of same letter 1411/DOB dated 28 MAY 42

2. MIA in their 3/3/32, of which a copy is att for each group, draws attention to the fact that amongst groups there is a great disparity between the figures shown for fighting strength and total strength. For the case of difficulty and to ensure that returns are correct in the calculation the following method is given:

When a group is submitted to it for the 32nd, the figures for the group are submitted and submitted to the group for the 32nd day of the month of the year.

12 Sep 42. The instruction in British Directive No. 14 rules that certain groups are to be submitted for personnel that has occurred in 1942. This instruction refers only to the personnel of the group and NOT to the personnel of the group to the 12th of the year.

RCME

28 Mar 49

17 FEBRUARY 1949
SECRETARY

Strength for the sake of uniformity and to ensure that the same
kind of work is done in the same way in the following units is given.

Instructions for the use of uniformity and to ensure that the same
kind of work is done in the same way in the following units is given.
The instructions are to be given to all personnel and to be
repeated at intervals of 10 days for the first 10 days.
The instructions are to be given to all personnel and to be
repeated at intervals of 10 days for the first 10 days.

12 Sep 42. The instruction in British Directive No. 33
rules that confidential documents are to be submitted for
perusal that have been received by the person. This instruction
applies only to the confidential documents and NOT to the
transmission of information to the person concerned.

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28 Mar 42

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SUBJECT :- Documentation BR-ITI. Retn

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No A/130

26 March 45

TO : AFHQ

Your CR/2218/G-1 (BR) of 21 March 45 is receiving attention.


Major General
(M.M.I.A.)

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SUBJECT:- Documentation - BR-ITI Rfts

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/2218/G-1(ER)

21 Mar 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

1. The following extract from a report by C.C. Troops of one of the BRINDISI/ANCONA Ferry Ships has been received at this Headquarters:-

"Documentation of British-Italian Reinforcements is most unsatisfactory. Nominal Rolls are often rough pencil lists on odd sheets of paper and do not correspond with numbers carried. Although every effort is made to check these during the voyage, the actual calling of the roll has to be left to the Italian Officers and results cannot be guaranteed"

2. Will you please take this matter up with the Italian War Ministry with a view to an improvement being effected.

HEADQUARTERS
22 MAR 1945

A. C.

Al Wandy, Major
Major-General, DAG.
G-1089

Copy to: G-4 (Mov & Tr)

*Major Tagliari, SMAR, examining this matter. He will put forward
30th E's suggestions for standardised nominal roll & posting order 24R
27 Mar*

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