

AG 383.6

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19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture would be useful to the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore SECRET.
4. a. You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attaché to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations:
 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
 - (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
 - (3) The route you followed.
 - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.b. You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
c. You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
d. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.
e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the American Military Attaché to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) Douglas J. FERR Signed Douglas J. Ferr
Rank Sgt. A.S.N. 33126276 Date 7 20 Mon 1944
Unit 379th GROUP Witness John W. Hilt
Co. G.S.C

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 509

No., Rank, Name:- SGT DOUGLASS J. FARR, 33126276

Unit:- 527th SB. 379th GP.

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

a. Did you use your aids box? NO

b. If not, why? Immediate Help ~~Don't have time (immediate)~~

c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

NONE

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

"

Milk (tube).

"

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

"

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

"

Matches.

"

Adhesive tape.

"

Chewing gum.

"

Water bottle.

"

Compass.

"

Sewing kit.

"

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? NO

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? A FRENCH MAN DISPOSED OF IT

f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

NO

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse? YES

State color of stripes and letters.

If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse? YES yellow

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

HELPERS;
TRAIN TICKETS

~~HAD ALL MONEY CHANGED
TO FRENCH + IT HELPS ME
MY WAY ACROSS THE LINE~~

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

FRENCH DISPOSED OF IT

Compass.

SPANISH TOOK IT

File (hacksaw).

SPANISH TOOK IT

Surplus currency.

~~NONE~~

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES FOUR
If so, how many?

b. Did you use them? NO

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES EVERY WHERE I WENT
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

b. Did you find the lectures of value? YES

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel
will help other evaders and escapers?

No

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO. 509
EVASION IN FRANCE

25 March 1944
(Date)

Douglas J FARR, Sgt, 33126276
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(2 missions)
(Number of Missions)

MIA: 30 December 1943
Arrived in UK:

527 Bomb Squadron, 379 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

23 March 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

			Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-802105	2d Lt Glenn E CAMP, JR	MIA	
CO-PILOT	T-121961	F/O Joseph F FITZGERALD	MIA	
NAVIGATOR	0-687814	2d Lt Jarvis H COOPER	MIA	
BOMBARDIER	0-682084	2d Lt Edward J DONALDSON	E&E # 460	
RADIO OPERATOR	35649131	S/Sgt Milton J MILLS	MIA	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	15329583	S/Sgt Richard R GIERSCH	MIA	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	18151528	Sgt Marcus C PIERCE	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	33126276	Sgt Douglas J FARR	NARRATOR	
WAIST GUNNER	18226609	Sgt Neelan B PARKER	E&E #461	
TAIL GUNNER	38164212	S/Sgt Robert E CROSS	MIA	

Were you wounded?

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(Sgt. Douglas James Farr)

EVASION IN FRANCE

SEE E+E Rpts.

465-467

(Donaldson and
Tanner)

FOR PLANE

I heard the order to bail out just as I was hit in the leg during the second fighter attack. I went to the waist escape-hatch and kicked it open because ~~then~~ the emergency lever failed to work; but a third attack occurred just then, and so I returned to my gun. The pilot had jumped; and, calling to the other waist gunner to come along, I went out of the waist escape-hatch.

DELAYED

JUMP

APPROACHED

BY HELP

I tumbled for what seemed a long time, then righted by body, and pulled my rip-cord. I landed in a field, unfastened my chute, which was dragging, and, because I was frightened by the sound of someone approaching, ran away at once, and found myself on a road before I was aware of it. About fifteen people were riding towards me on bicycles.

I tried to hide in a haystack; but I was seen by the approaching Frenchmen, one of whom went to my chute, hid it, and brought me

(over)

my G.I. shoes which I had left attached to it.
 →
~~Two of the French~~ I put ^{them on} ~~on these~~ shoes and removed
 my flying clothes, which the Frenchmen took. Then
 two of the Frenchmen put me on a boy's bicycle
 and motioned me to follow them up the
 road. They led me to a garage in a ~~town~~
 village near at hand where they gave me hot
 Japonica tea wine and ~~and~~ ration coupons here,
 and then took me to a house some
 distance away where there was a man who
 spoke English. From this house my journey
 ARRANGED.

was arranged at noon for 10 AM

Two hours later we got ready three new sets of
 clothes - pajamas, trousers and a shirt each.

At 10 AM I put on my pajamas and went to bed.

I had just fallen asleep when I heard a noise outside.
 I got up and saw a man with a rifle walking

toward the house. He stopped and said
 "I am a German soldier. I am looking for a place to sleep for the night. Can you help me?"

"Yes, come in," I said. "You can sleep here." I helped him get into the house and he lay down on the floor.

He slept well and I did not hear him move.

E+E Rpt # 509

(Sgt. Farr)

Appendix B

- a) In the raid on Paris 31 December 43 one wave hit the railway so well that travel southwards from the city was suspended for more than 24 hours, but another wave missed the target entirely and killed a great many French people (Observation and hearsay, 31 December 43)
- b) The Germans have machine-gun nests in buildings at the corners of all the principal streets in Paris and are digging holes for road blocks in all the streets (Hearsay, January 1944).

F and F Rpt #

(Sgt. Farr)

Appendix C.

Farr was picked up as soon as he landed by a member of Frenchmen. Two of these, a garage mechanic and a schoolteacher, took him by bicycle to the home of Jean Moffet (Frenchman born in America; has wife and one child; was P/W in Germany; speaks English) in a village about 50 kms N. of Paris. Moffet interrogated him, gave him first aid and clothes. Then the schoolteacher took him by train to Paris to the home of Moffet, the brother of Jean (has wife and small child; is connected with the firm of Cartier and is very affluent; has wife and child of 1½ yrs.; speaks English). Here he stayed one week and had medical treatment. Here a Frenchman, 6 ft. tall, blonde, wearing glasses, came to interrogate him, got him photographs and papers, and finally took him to the railway station. He here met Marie-France who took him with Kiniklis (American evader now in U.K.) and an English evader, ^{Anthony} T. Reynolds (now in U.K.; has full name & address of Marie-France) to her home, 25 kms. N.W. of Paris. (This is her father's home. He lost a leg in 1914-18, is tall, slender, and grey; (over))

he is a painter well known in England. His wife is 6 ft. tall and heavy-set. There are ten in the family, but only the parents and Marie-France, who is a librarian in Paris, were at home.) The three evaders remained here twelve or thirteen days, after which Marie-France took them to Paris to an apartment near the Etoile (old Jewish lady whose husband had been arrested by the Germans the day before). The next evening Marie-France, the tall man with glasses, and another tall, dark Frenchman took them to the railway station. On the way they were joined by a short French boy who with the tall dark Frenchman took them by train to Toulouse. There they all went to a restaurant for dinner and at 1500 hours ~~they~~ got on a train for ~~Toulouse~~^{There the} Pav. ~~The~~ short Frenchman, the English evader, and Farr ate at one hotel, where they were known, and slept at another, where they were not known, for two nights and two days. At 5 P.M. of the second day ~~Kiniklis~~^{Kiniklis} rejoined them, and they all went by bus to Navarrenx. Here the short French they met Lt. Zeman. The short Frenchman left them after making arrangements with a taxi which was awaiting them. The bus conductor put them into the taxi, in which the first mountain guide was waiting; and they drove about 25 miles and then walked for three hours to a farmhouse at the foot of a large mountain. Here they ate and stayed in the hay-loft that night and the following day and at dark started over the mountains. The rest of Farr's story is the same as that of Lt. Zeman.

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E & E REPORT NO. 509
EVASION IN FRANCE

MARCH 25, 1944

(Date)

Douglas L. FARR SGT. 33126276
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
2nd Mission.

5275 3794
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 22

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 20 MO.

HOME ADDRESS: MICHAUX VIRGINIA

MIA: DEC 30, 1943

Arrived in Spain: JAN 27, 1944

Arrived in Gibraltar: MARCH 20, 1944

Arrived in UK: MARCH 23, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT G.E. CAMP -
CO-PILOT J.F. FITZGERALD
NAVIGATOR J.H. COOPER
BOMBARDIER E.V. DONALDSON - Here
RADIO OPERATOR M.J. MILLS
TOP TURRET GUNNER R.R. GIERSCH
BALL TURRET GUNNER M.C. PIERCE
WAIST GUNNER D.J. FARR (LEFT)
WAIST GUNNER N.B. PARKER - Here
TAIL GUNNER R.E. CROSS

Official Narrators
Disposition Disposition

FRENCH SAID 5 members of crew were killed
(shot from ground while floating down,
I fell with parachute unopened, 3 dead in plane
French also said (of these was radio operator)
YES that one was wounded + taken prisoner.

Were you wounded?

RESTRICTED

WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries.

TO: The Commanding Generals,
Army Ground;
Army Air Forces;
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.

2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.

3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attachés are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.

4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.

5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO
J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture would be useful to the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore *SECRET*.

2. a You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attaché to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.

- (1) The names of those who helped you.
- (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
- (3) The route you followed.
- (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.

b You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.

c You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.

d You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.

e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is *SECRET* and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attaché in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) Douglas J. Farr
Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 33126276
Unit 521st SB. 379 GP.

Signed Douglas J. Farr
Dated MAR 25, 1944
Witness _____

Sgt. Farn.

- See E + E Rpts of Donaldson + Parker for plane -

In the second ~~one~~ fighter attack I was hit in the leg + at the same time I heard the bail-out order. I went back to the emergency door + the lever would not work. I returned to my gun when a 3rd attack developed. The pilot has gone + I called the other waist gunner to come on + I went out the waist escape hatch.

The first attack came 20 minutes before the e-bomb. 12000 ft + flying altitude. I delayed my jump. I was tumbling a long time, I flipped out, saw 3 chutes above me. I pulled my cord and just about 1 minute later I hit the ground. The chute was dragging. I unfastened it + ran up on a road before I knew it. About 15 people on bicycles coming toward me. Two men + a boy in the lead. I was trying to hide behind a haystack. One of the men took my chute + hid it + brought me my GI shoes which were attached to it. The 2 men put me on the boy's bike + towed me up the road + rode behind me. After 5 kms we came to a garage (just 50 kms ~~from~~ N.Y. Paris) in a little village. The men took all my clothes + put me in only coveralls + GI shoes.

One man + one woman + one child (teacher but not English) + one woman + one child (teacher but not English)

I took off my flying clothes + put on my shoes

The men took all my clothes + put me in only coveralls + GI shoes

~~detained
up my leg some.~~ They took me in here, gave me wine + bread ration tickets.
They then took me on bike for 3 or 4 kms. to the house
of ~~Ivan~~ Muffet (^{had a wife & 1 child 1 1/2 yrs.} born in America) who could
coverals to school talk English. He interrogated me. Then schoolteacher,
gave me jacket + took me to a RR track by bike. We got on a train
beret about 5.30 + got to Paris 7.30. Got on metro +

~~connected
with
Cartier's
swell
off.~~ Went to the house of the brother of Muffet
(near Tour d'Eiffel, a couple blocks away). This man
+ his wife (1 child 2 1/2 yrs) could talk English. I
stayed there about 1 week, first 3 days in bed
(doctor to see my leg twice). ~~Muffet~~ got in touch
with organization. A Fman (blonde, 6 ft. tall, wore
glasses, fairly slender) came to see me + asked a
few questions. This man brought photographer + the
next night brought me my papers + then took
me to the station ~~within~~ ^{no address} + met Marie-Franz.
One Englishman (^{middle name} Tony Reynolds) + American
(^{kinshipless} William Kinkelles [^{? here}]). Marie Franz

~~worked
at
library
in
Paris~~ took the 3 of us on train + rode 25 kms N.W. of
Paris to home of Marie-Franz. Here we stayed
about 1 ^{or 1 1/2} days (Her father's place, 1 leg, a ^{lost in 1914-18}
well known painter in England, tall, grey-hair,
slender; his wife 6 feet + heavy set. 1 infant, only
3 home). ~~Marie~~ Franz, Marie Franz then took the
3 of us in to Paris to an apartment near Arc
de Triomphe (Jewish, only old lady there; Germans had
taken over the day before). The next evening
Marie Franz, the tall man with glasses, + another
tall dark Fman took us to the station on the
(long' wavy hair) way to which we met another short, F. boy.

They checked all our papers + gave us train tickets +
at 7:30 we got on the train with the tall dark
F. man + the short French boy. We traveled all night
+ at 10 AM reached Toulouse. We ~~went~~^J went to
Knickel's restaurant for dinner + at 3 PM got a train
+ went to PAU. The short F. man, the Englishman, +
I went to a hotel + ate + then went to a second
hotel for the night. The next day we found Knickel's +
stayed in PAU eating at the first hotel. That night the
English boy + I went to bed in the 2nd hotel. At midnight
2 Germans ^{in uniform} rushed at the door. I opened the door.
One German said something + pushed me aside +
entered the room + thought the Eng. boy was a
woman. The German said Pardon + backed out +
left.

The next day we stayed in the other hotel +
at 5 PM got on a bus (the conductor knew who we
were) + rode for 2 hours ~~at~~^{here the short F. man left after arranging for taxi} at a town (name unknown)
where we met Lt. Leman. {That night we all
got into a taxi + rode about 25 miles where we
got out in the country + walked 3 hours + came to a
farmhouse, + stayed in the hayloft that night + the
next day. The next night at dark we started to walk
over the mts. From here on my story is the same
as Lt. Leman's.

Farr

- a) The raid on Paris 3, Dec. 43. One of these hit the Railway so well that travel south was suspended (Obs. + Hearsay 3, Dec. 43) But one wave missed the target entirely & killed a great no. of F-men.
- b) Machine gun nests in buildings at corners of all the streets in Paris & digging holes for road blocks (Jan 44 Hearsay)

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
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Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. SGT. DOUGLAS JAMES FARR 33126276
2. Decorations. NONE
3. Unit or Squadron. 527th SB.
4. Division (Army) or Group. 379th GP.
5. Date of Birth. OCT. 28, 1921
6. Length of Service. 20 MONTHS 25 DAYS
7. Private Address. MICHaux, VIRGINIA
8. Job as civilian. TRUCK DRIVER + GUARD AT VIRGINIA PRISON
9. From what field did you take off? KIMBOLTON NEAR BEDFORD
10. Take off time. 7:30
11. Date and target. DECEMBER 30, 1943
12. Where did you land? BETWEEN PARIS AND BELGIUM
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? PARIS WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED
14. What was your position in aircraft? LEFT WAIST GUN
15. Were you wounded? YES IN LEFT LEG
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? ORGANIZATION DIO
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? NO
18. Did you have Identity Papers? DOG TAGS
19. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when?
YES IN GIBRALTAR - WRITTEN REPORT TO MILITARY ATTACHE OF
^{also} SPAIN
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? MIRORID
at Alhama de Aragon WRITTEN
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
YES IN SPAIN
22. Date of arrival in Spain. JAN. 27, 1944
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. MAR 20, 1944
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. MARCH 23, FROM
CASABLANCA BY AIR
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
MARCH 24, AT PRESTWICK

OUTLINE FOR TALKS

1. Complete description of everything that happened.
in plane before jump.
2. Description of jump and landing.
3. Description of what you did with your equipment.
4. Tell story of experiences up to time you met the person who put you in contact with organization.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED YOU
AT ANY TIME.
DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF TOWNS.
DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDRESSES.

5. How you crossed Pyrenees (General Location)
6. Your experiences in Spain.

Suggestions for others.

If there is some helpful incident that happened after you were picked up, do not mention it until it has been discussed with M.I.S. Interrogator.

Richard R Nelson
RICHARD R NELSON
Major, AC

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

I was told by a Frenchman that nearly every street corner in Paris had a machine gun nest in it.

I saw two troop trains going south in France one going north

I was told by this French man that the bombing on Dec 31, on Paris was pretty good and killed quite a few French about 600.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

509

DATE: 25 March 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, MELAN B. PARKER, Sgt, AC, 1822669

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

DOUGLAS J. FAIR, Sgt, AC, 33126276

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

Melan B. Parker

Douglas J. Fair

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as DOUGLAS J. FAIR
Sgt, AC, 33126276 (527 Bomb Squadron - 379 Bomb Group)
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

W. F. Maranda
W. F. MARANDA SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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