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HEADQUARTERS
2832ND ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION
APO 758 US ARMY

15 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 1.)

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Under the provisions of AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 2832nd Engineer Combat Battalion. (Auth: General Orders No. 46. Hq Seventh Army, 10 Feb 45)

John C. O'Brien

JOHN C. O'BRIEN
Major, C. E.
Commanding.

DISTRIBUTION:

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| Ea Sec & Unit, 2832nd Engr C Bn | - 1 ea |
| 540th Engr C GP | - 3 |
| File & extra | - 6 |

Authority 13507
By *AB* NARA Date 4/14/06HEADQUARTERS
3RD ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION
ACU 758
US ARMY

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GENERAL ORDERS)

15 February 1945.

NUMBER 2)

I

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

2833RD ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

Announcement is made of the following staff appointments, Headquarters, 2833rd Engineer Combat Battalion:

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| EXECUTIVE OFFICER | - Captain RICHARD P. FERRY, 01101432, CE |
| OPERATIONS AND TRAINING, S-3 | - Captain ROBERT D. STEVENS, 01101677, CE. |
| SUPPLY, S-4 | - 1st Lieutenant WOODROW E. HOCH, 0516526, CE. |
| INTELLIGENCE, S-2 | - 1st Lieutenant RUDOLPH J. JANECEK, 01111685, CE. |
| ADJUTANT AND S-1 | - 1st Lieutenant JOHN M. CAIRNS, JR. 01112068, CE. |

II.

REDESIGNATION OF UNITS

2833RD ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

Concurrent with reorganization of 2nd Battalion, 540th Engineer Regiment, announcement is made of redesignation of units as indicated: (Auth: General Orders No. 46, Hq Seventh Army, 10 Feb 45)

| Old Designation (2nd Battalion, 540th Engr Regt) | New Designation (2833rd Engineer Combat Battalion) |
|---|---|
| Headquarters Detachment | Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Company. |
| Company "D" | Company "A" |
| Company "E" | Company "B" |
| Company "F" | Company "C" |

III.

APPOINTMENT OF UNIT COMMANDERS

2833RD ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

Announcement is made of the appointment of Unit Commanding Officers, 2833rd Engineer Combat Battalion, as indicated:

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| Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Company | - 1st Lieutenant JAMES L. RANKIN, 0406467, CE |
| Company "A" | - 1st Lieutenant THEODORE L. RAYMOND, 0387872, CE |
| Company "B" | - 1st Lieutenant ROY N. THOMPSON, 01102087, CE |
| Company "C" | - Captain SIDNEY G. HARDEMAN, 01101020, CE |

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| Ea Sec & Unit, 2833d Engr C Bn | - 1 ea |
| Ea O concerned | - 1 |
| 540th Engr C Gp | - 3 |
| File and extra | - 6 |

*Seaman A. Knapp, Jr.*SEAMAN A. KNAPP, JR.,
Lt Colonel, C.E.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (C)
APO 758 U. S. ARMY

6 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

:
No. 2.)

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

RUDOLPH J. JANECEK O1 111 685, 1st Lt, CE, Company "D", 540th Engineer Regiment (C), Italy, 30 January 1944. Entered service from Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

By Order of Colonel MARVIN:

J. W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

J. W. Robeysek
J. W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT(C)
 APO 758 U. S. ARMY

7 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

No. 3)

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

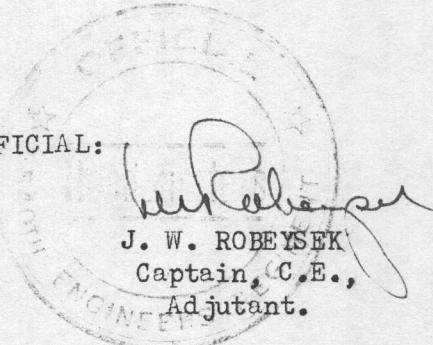
LEO PAGINI 32 294 296, Tec 5, CE, Company "F", 540th Engineer Regiment(C), Sicily, 12 July 1943. Entered service from Albany, New York.

EMERY C. SPRUELL 17 045 083, Tec 5, CE, Company "F", 540th Engineer Regiment(C), Italy, 7 February 1944. Entered service from De Soto, Missouri.

By Order of Colonel MARVIN:

J. W. ROBEYSEK
 Captain, C.E.,
 Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:



J. W. ROBEYSEK
 Captain, C.E.,
 Adjutant.

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
 HEADQUARTERS
 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
 A.P.O. # 464
 U.S. ARMY

DATE 7 February 1945C E R T I F I C A T E

I CERTIFY THAT THE MILITARY PERSONNEL NAMED BELOW WERE TREATED BY ME ON
12 July 1943 FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED DURING ENEMY ACTION AT
Licata, Sicily AND THEREFORE ARE RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF
 THE PURPLE HEART.

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>ASN</u> | <u>ORGANIZATION</u> |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|
| PAGINI, Leo | Tec 5 | 32294296 | Co "F" 540th Engr Regt |

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*Albany,
N.Y.*

SIGNED Myron N. King Captain
 RANK Myron N. KING
Captain, M.C.,

C.R.G. 70th Station Hospital

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HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (C)
APO 758 US ARMY

12 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

No.

47

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

HARRY FRANK 35 324 201, Pfc, CE, Company "B", 540th Engineer Regiment (C), France, 1 January 1945. Entered service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

By Order of Colonel MARVIN:

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J. W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.



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1 CG, VI Corps - 1; CO Central MRU (APO 887) - 1; Ea EM Concerned - 1; UPS - 3
M/R Sec - 1; Ea Sec, Unit & Det, 540th Engr Regt (6) - 1; File - 2

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HEADQUARTERS
540th ENGINEER REGIMENT (C)
APO 758 US ARMY

13 February 1945

File 220.5

SUBJECT: Presentation of Award.

TO : Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 540th Engineer Regiment (C),
A.P.O. 4758, U. S. Army.

1. Transmit herewith Award of Purple Heart, awarded to:

Tec 5 HARRY C. SPRAGUE, 17 045 083
Company "Y", 540th Engineer Regiment (C)

Tec 5 LEO PAGINI, 32 294 296
Company "Y", 540th Engineer Regiment (C)

2. It is desired that presentation be made promptly and proper entries
made in appropriate personnel records.

3. Inclosed receipt will be completed and returned to this Headquarters
in duplicate.

By Order of Colonel MARVIN:

J. V. HOBBS
Captain, C.R.
Adjutant.

3 Incls:

Incl #1 - Receipt for Award (Trip).

Incl #2 - Purple Heart Medal awarded to Tec 5 Sprague - un-numbered.

Incl #3 - Purple Heart Medal awarded to Tec 5 Pagini - un-numbered.

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HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
A.P.O. #758, U. S. ARMY
758

Date 13 February 1945

Subject: Award of Purple Heart.

To : Tec 5 LEO PAGINI, 32 294 296, Co. F, 540th Engr Regt(C)

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September, 1943, and per General Orders No. 3, Hq. 540th Engineer Regiment, dated 7 February 1945, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL or PURPLE HEART OAK LEAF CLUSTER, as indicated, is awarded to you for wounds received in action against the enemy:

PURPLE HEART MEDAL UN-NUMBERED

By order of Colonel MARVIN:

JAMES W. ROBEYSEN
Captain, C.E.,
Adj'tant.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ABOVE INDICATED
AWARD ON 15 Feb 45.
(date)

T/5 Leo Pagini 32294296
Grade (Full Name) Serial Number
(Two copies to be returned to Regimental Headquarters)

ENTERED ON SERVICE RECORD:

Personnel Officer

Date: FEB 20 1945 J.M.C.

REF. NO.: B-90

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 US ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 46)

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Auth: CG Seventh Army
Init: JEP
Date: 10 Feb 1945
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10 February 1945

REORGANIZATION AND REDESIGNATION OF 36TH
40TH AND 540TH ENGINEER COMBAT REGIMENTS

1. Effective 15 February 1945, the 36th, 40th and 540th Engineer Combat Regiments are reorganized under T/O & E 5-192, 25 August 1944, and T/O & E 5-15, 13 March 1944, and Change 1, thereto, dated 2 August 1944.

2. Concurrently with reorganization the units will be redesignated as follows:

Old Designation

New Designation

36th Engineer Combat Regiment

36th Engineer Combat Group
2826th Engineer Combat Battalion
2827th Engineer Combat Battalion
2828th Engineer Combat Battalion

40th Engineer Combat Regiment

40th Engineer Combat Group
2829th Engineer Combat Battalion
2830th Engineer Combat Battalion
2831st Engineer Combat Battalion

540th Engineer Combat Regiment

540th Engineer Combat Group
2832nd Engineer Combat Battalion
2833rd Engineer Combat Battalion

3. Authority: Cable: WAR 26418, 29 January 1945.
Cable: European Theater of Operations, United States
Army, EX 92145, 29 January 1945.
Cable: Sixth Army Group, BX 23723, 31 January 1945.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

OFFICIAL:

W. G. CALDWELL
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General

ARTHUR A. WHITE
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff



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HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER COMBAT REGIMENT
APO 758

US ARMY

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AUTH: CO, 540 Engr C Regt:
Init: *hnr*
Date: 14 Feb 45
14 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 6.)

REORGANIZATION AND REDESIGNATION OF
THE 540TH ENGINEER COMBAT REGIMENT

1. Effective 15 February 1945, the 540th Engineer Combat Regiment is reorganized under T/O & E 5-192, 25 August 1944; T/O & E 5-15, 13 March 1944 and Change 1 thereto, dated 2 August 1944; T/O & E 5-16, 13 March 1944 and Change 1 thereto, dated 2 August 1944 and T/O & E 5-17, 13 March 1944 and Change 1 thereto, dated 2 August 1944.

2. Concurrently with reorganization, units will be redesignated as follows:

PRESENT DESIGNATIONNEW DESIGNATION

Hq & Hq & Serv Co, 540th Engr C Regt

Hq & Hq Co, 540th Engr C Gp

Hq & Hq Det, 1st Bn, 540th Engr C Regt

Hq & Hq & Serv Co, 2832d Engr C Bn

Hq & Hq Det, 2nd Bn, 540th Engr C Regt

Hq & Hq & Serv Co, 2833d Engr C Bn

Cos A, B, & C, 1st Bn, 540th Engr C Regt

Cos A, B, & C, 2832d Engr C Bn

Cos D, E, & F, 2nd Bn, 540th Engr C Regt

Cos A, B, & C, 2833d Engr C Bn

1st Bn Sec, Med Det, 540th Engr C Regt

Med Det, 2832d Engr C Bn

2nd Bn Sec, Med Det, 540th Engr C Regt

Med Det, 2833d Engr C Bn

3. Concurrently with reorganization, following Units will be disbanded and records of disbanded units will be disposed of in accordance with Sec I, Circular 121, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, 1944!

Medical Detachment, 540th Engineer Combat Regiment

3d Battalion, 540th Engineer Shore Regiment (now inactive, Auth: General Orders No. 57, Headquarters Engineer Amphibian Command, 3 October 1942).

4. Authority:

General Orders No. 46, Headquarters Seventh Army, 10 February 1945.

By Order of Colonel MARVIN:

OFFICIAL:

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J. W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.
Adjutant.

J. W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (C)
APO 758 US ARMY

14 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

No. 5)

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

WILLIAM R. HEGWOOD 36 173 753, Cpl, CE, Company "A", 540th Engineer Regiment (C), France, 4 January 1945. Entered service from Pontiac, Michigan.

ROBERT L. CHASTEEN 14 008 117, Pfc, CE, Company "A", 540th Engineer Regiment (C), France, 4 January 1945. Entered service from Simpsonville, South Carolina.

By Order of Colonel MARVIN:

J. W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

J. W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

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R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
A.P.O. #464, U. S. ARMY

Date 14 February 1945

Subject: Award of Purple Heart

To : Private First Class HARRY FRANK, 35 324 201, Co B, 540th
Engr Regt (C), APO 758 US Army.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September, 1943, and per General Orders No. 4, Hq. 540th Engineer Regiment, dated 12 February 1945, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL or PURPLE HEART OAK LEAF CLUSTER, as indicated, is awarded to you for wounds received in action against the enemy:

PURPLE HEART UN-NUMBERED

By order of Colonel MARVIN:

JAMES W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.M.,
Adjutant.I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ABOVE INDICATED
AWARD ON 17 February 1945.
(date)

PFC Harry Frank 33324201
Grade (Full Name) Serial Number
(Two copies to be returned to Regimental Headquarters)

ENTERED ON SERVICE RECORD:

DAN
Personnel Officer

Date: 15 Feb 45

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HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
A.P.O. #756, U. S. ARMY

Date 15 February 1945

Subject: Award of Purple Heart.

To : Tec 5 EMERY C. SPRUELL, 17 045 083, Co "F", 540th Engr Regt(C).

I. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September, 1943, and per General Orders No. 3, Hq. 540th Engr Regiment(C), dated 7 February 1945, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL or PURPLE HEART OAK LEAF CLUSTER, as indicated, is awarded to you for wounds received in action against the enemy:

PURPLE HEART MEDAL UN-NUMBERED

By order of Colonel MARVIN:

JAMES W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ABOVE INDICATED
AWARD ON 12-¹ March-45.
(date)

X/5 Emery C. Spruell 17045083
Grade _____ (Full Name) Serial Number
(Two copies to be returned to this Hq.)

ENTERED ON SERVICE RECORD:

Personnel Officer

Date: 20 Feb. 1945 J.M.C.

HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP
APO 758
US ARMY

15 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 1)

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Under the provisions of AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby
assumes command of the 540th Engineer Combat Group (AUTH: General Orders No.
46, Hq Seventh Army, 10 February 1945).

George W. Marvin
GEORGE W. MARVIN
Colonel, C.E.,
Commanding.

DISTRIBUTION:

Ea Sec, Unit & Det, 540th Engr C Gp - 1
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Ea Sec, Unit & Det, 2833 Engr C Bn - 1
File - - 1

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HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP
APO 758 US ARMY

16 February 1945

File 220.5

SUBJECT: Presentation of Award.

TO : Commanding Officer, 2832 Engineer Combat Battalion, APO 758,
U. S. Army.

1. Transmit herewith Award of Purple Heart, awarded to:

Pfc HARRY FRANK, 35 324 201, Company "B"
540th Engineer Combat Group

2. It is desired that presentation be made promptly and proper entries made in appropriate personnel records.

3. Inclosed receipt will be completed and returned to this Headquarters in duplicate.

By Order of Colonel MARVIN:

T. F. CLIFFORD
Captain, G.R.,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:
Incl #1 - Receipt for Award. (Trip)
Incl #2 - Purple Heart awarded to Pfc Frank

R E S T R I C T E D

Authority 135017
By AK NARA Date 4/14/06C.O 10K
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S-1 gmc.

All Companies & Sections

R E S T R I C T E DHEADQUARTERS
2833RD ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION
APO 758 U. S. ARMY

25 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

:

NUMBER 3)

1. Effective this date, the following designation and appointment within this Headquarters, is announced:

DESIGNATION OF COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER,
COMPANY "C", 2833RD ENGR COMBAT BN.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM A. KILBY, O 376 939, C.E., is designated as Company Commanding Officer, Company "C", 2833rd Engineer Combat Battalion, vice Captain SIDNEY G. HARDEMAN, O1 101 020, C.E., is relieved.

Transfer of property will be affected in accordance with the provisions of Par 1, AR 35-6680, and WD Circular 405, 1942. Transfer of funds will be in accordance with the provisions of Par 19 b, AR 210-50, 1944. Written notification of completion of transfer and acceptance of accountability will be forwarded to this Headquarters with the least practicable delay.

Seaman A. Knapp, Jr.
SEAMAN A. KNAAPP, JR.
Lieutenant Colonel, C.E.,
Commanding.

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| Ea O concerned | - 1 |
| 540th Engr C Gp | - 3 |
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R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP
APO 758 US ARMY

25 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 3.)

Effective this date, announcement is made of the following staff appointment, Headquarters, 546th Engineer Combat Group:

DESIGNATION OF OPERATIONS, ASSISTANT S-3,
HQ. 540TH ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP

Captain SIDNEY G. HARDEMAN, 01 101 020, C.E., is designated as Operations, Assistant S-3, 540th Engineer Combat Group.

Temp W. Marine

GEORGE W. MARVIN
Colonel, C.E.,
Commanding.

DISTRIBUTION:

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| Ea Sec, Unit & Det, 540th Engr C Gp | - 1 |
| Ea Sec, Unit & Det, 2832d Engr C Bn | - 1 |
| Ea Sec, Unit & Det, 2833d Engr C Bn | - 1 |
| File | - 1 |

HEADQUARTERS VI CORPS
APO #46, U. S. Army

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Award of the Silver Star.

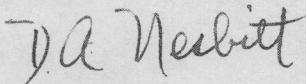
TO : Private Russell R. Thunstrom, 37164607, 2832nd Engineer Combat Battalion, APO 758, U. S. Army.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, you are hereby awarded the Silver Star with the accompanying citation:

RUSSELL R. THUNSTROM, 37164607, Private, 2832d Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 1 January 1945 in France. During an attack on his battalion headquarters, Private THUNSTROM, although armed with only an M-1 rifle, engaged the enemy in a fire fight. By swiftly alternating his position he was able to successfully evade the hostile fire while maintaining an almost continuous fire of his own which inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and finally caused them to retreat from all near approaches to the building which was being utilized by the battalion as its command post. Shortly thereafter, Private THUNSTROM volunteered to accompany a staff officer in an effort to contact a higher headquarters for the purpose of informing them of the enemy penetration. Having proceeded approximately 300 yards, they were fired upon by an enemy patrol. Private THUNSTROM crossed an open intersection and, while in an exposed position, dispersed the enemy, enabling the officer to complete his mission. Private THUNSTROM'S courage and high devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Isanti, Minnesota.

t/ EDWARD H. BROOKS,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:



D. A. NESBITT
1st Lt., C.E.,
Adjutant,
2832nd Engr C Bn.

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