

Military Resistance 8G23

Keep The Message Strong!



U.S. soldier, Bejjia, Iraq 2008. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

The Military Resistance Summer Fund Raising Raffle Is On Now

[Photos Of Prizes Below]

But First:

**If you approve of “Yes” comments below, your
help now will keep the work going.**

Yes #1:

To: Military Resistance

**From: Soldier R [Active Duty: Overseas]
January 17, 2010**

The support, hope and dedication you show us soldiers is something not found too many places.

I'm not sure if I've ever shared this with you. . . My view of Traveling Soldier and Military Resistance is that it is against the giant.

Yes #2:

[This email was sent to Military Resistance newsletter by a mother whose son was killed in Iraq June 2010.

[She refers to an issue of Military Resistance Newsletter that honored her son for this public comment he wrote before he left for Iraq: "I support the right of protesters because an unchallenged and fearless government soon will become a harsh tyrant of its people."]

**From: O
Sent: Jul 16, 2010 11:08 PM
To: Military Resistance
Subject: (no subject)**

I am glad that you showed my son as a man that, would protect you.

A Very Proud Mother

Yes #3:

**From: MR
To: Military Resistance
Sent: April 12, 2010 10:41 AM
Subject: Re: Resistance newsletter**

Thanks for the news letter. My wife receives it and passed it along to me.

So good to hear real voices.

Yes #4:

**From: LD
To: Military Resistance
Sent: May 24, 2010
Subject: a story of quiet rebellion**

And yet more thanks for Military Resistance and the information it contains.

People (and that includes soldiers) know that peace is cheaper than war and that we can't afford war with the financial crisis. A pity that politicians and big business don't get it.

Why Does Military Resistance Newsletter Need Your Support?

Doing everything possible to encourage military resistance to Imperial war has never been more important!

You know we don't hit on you more than twice a year [last Raffle was 11.09], but Imperial war doesn't happen only twice a year: the killing never stops.

Working people have fronted the money that keeps Military Resistance coming out.

Bills are piling up. And up.

For instance, a replacement computer for the laptop that overheated and fried early last year still isn't fully paid for.

And the routine stuff adds up inexorably:

1. Computer Maintenance:

Yearly fees for security services that keep out assorted hackers, virus senders, so that not only is it possible to produce military resistance, but, most important, emails received from active duty troops remain confidential.

Yearly fees for website that posts the newsletter, and serves as an incoming email address for members of the armed services. Along with this, yearly fees for keeping the website name registered.

And then there are those killer monthly charges for having a high-quality unlimited-capacity email service connection to the internet to send and receive Military Resistance newsletter and the hundreds of emails that come in every day, day after day.

Costs for a brilliant computer technician who solves the nasty problems that come up in maintaining the platform that makes Military Resistance Newsletter possible. And yes, he gives Military Resistance a significant break on fees because he's sympathetic to the work.

Cost of a very high security mail drop that allows anybody in the armed services to address mail to Military Resistance anyway they want, using any name they want, ranging from Military Resistance to Presbyterian Pen Pal Club, provided the Box # is correct: \$650 for a year.

Then, routinely: postage, office supplies, buckets of ink and on and on.

It never ends,

**The United States Federal Reserve Bank shows no signs of coming to our aid.
We're not too big to fail.**

Maybe too useful to fail: that's up to you.

Your assistance is respectfully and very urgently requested now.

**T
Military Resistance**

**EVERY CENT WILL BE USED FOR WORK GIVING AID AND COMFORT TO
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES RESISTING TODAY'S IMPERIAL WARS.**

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT THE
BLOODSHED**

THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE WARS

Here's How The Raffle Works **[Photos Of Prizes Below]**

Anybody who sends at least \$5 is in the raffle. The deadline for entry is August 31.

There are 13 prizes, so 13 names will be pulled out of a hat.

The first name pulled gets to pick his or her choice, and then the second name will get to choose from the remaining prizes, and so on. We'll contact winners by email or phone if you send a phone #.

There will be no charge for shipping the items to you unless you are overseas and do not have APO.

**NOTE; ANY ENVELOPES POSTMARKED 8.31 OR EARLIER WILL BE
CONSIDERED GOOD FOR THE RAFFLE, BECAUSE SOME ARE COMING FROM
OVERSEAS.**

YOU CAN SEND YOUR SUPPORT BY MAIL OR CREDIT CARD:

BY MAIL:

IF YOU SEND A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER,
MAKE PAYABLE TO: THOMAS F BARTON

Mail to:
Military Resistance Newsletter
C/O
Box 126
2576 Broadway
New York, N.Y.
10025-5657

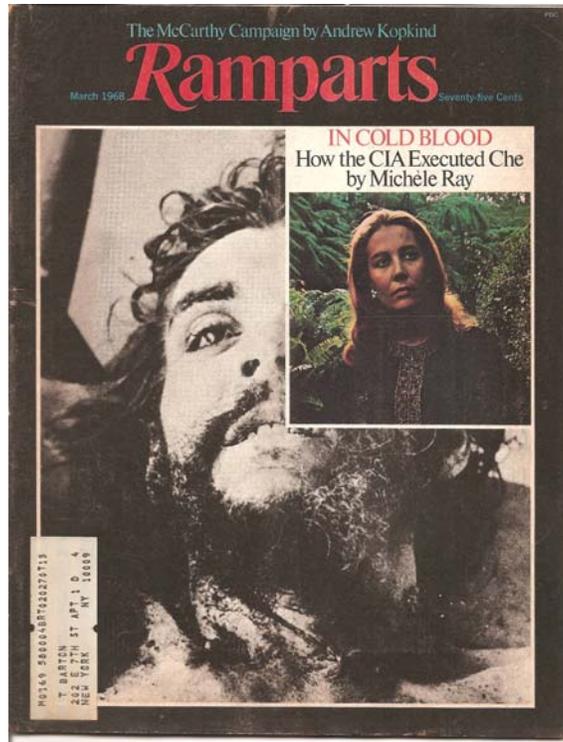
BY CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL THROUGH OUR PAYPAL ACCOUNT:

CLICK ON THIS PAYPAL LINK OR COPY IT INTO YOUR
BROWSER ADDRESS FIELD:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=5069540

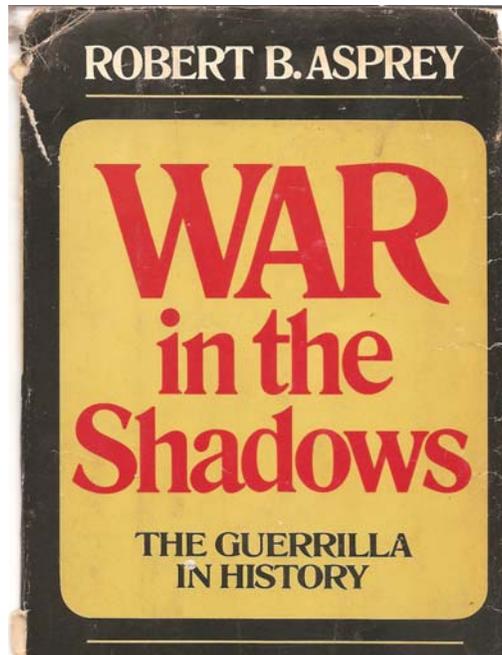
Now For The Prizes: [Winners Choice]

Prize #1:
March 1968 Ramparts Magazine:
“How The CIA Executed Che”



Prize #2:

2000 years of guerrilla warfare tactics, operations, and strategy: from the massacre of Roman armies by “naked barbarians” to the stupidity of French and U.S. government efforts to hold Vietnam

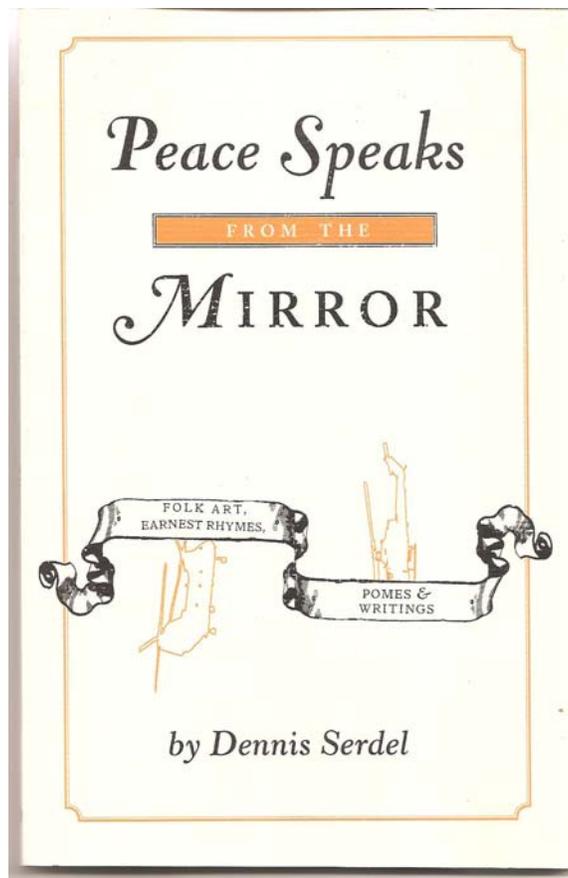


When *War in the Shadows* was first published in 1975, it infuriated members of the US military. Asprey's denounced high-ranking officers' conduct of the war. Asprey argued the US military was destroyed by total ignorance of unconventional guerrilla warfare. Though blackballed by military scholars for almost a decade, he refused to retract his accusations.

Brilliantly written history and a pleasure to read, the book covers 2000 years of guerrilla warfare tactics, operations, and strategy, from the massacre of Roman armies to the stupidity of French and U.S. efforts to hold Vietnam.

The paper cover is in pieces, but the hardcover book itself, some 665 pages, is unmarked and clean inside.

**Prize #3:
The Incomparable Poems Of Dennis Serdel,
Signed Copy "Dennis Serdel 2009"**



Out of print now, this copy is completely fresh and new. Thanks to Dennis Serdel for sending to help Military Resistance.

You know his work from Military Resistance Newsletter, but here's a reminder, from this book:

The Devil

Written by Dennis Serdel, Military Resistance 2010; Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade; United Auto Workers GM Retiree

the 4 star death generals drip blood
from their eye teeth like little children
with their halloween masks
as they shout trick or treat ba-a-a-by
many ugly americans with w
jump up and down with stars and stripes
in their bully mouths
crying kill kill kill like laughing hyenas
awol-ing this war with sulfur yellow
support the war stickers plastered
on the backs of their cars trucks
suv's on backs of the soldiers
overseas fighting for other people's land
the rabble wearing their death t-shirts
that bark america bless god
huge statues of jesus on the cross
are being used as hammers
to slam the muslims flat
killing mohammed everybody
loving dripping blood
and the devil in the white house
gurgling lies every time he speaks
kills 24 hours a day
horns hoofs and tail dragging hell
on earth torturing missing arms
legs children women old men
young men putrid air sand gunpowder
oil exhaustion sweat
i don't care bombs guns landmines
the devil is at his ranch making money
killing anyway he can

**Prize #4 & 5:
May 1917: Russia
The War Bonds That Brought On A Revolution
[Two Denominations Available]**

In February 1917, Russian workers and soldiers rose in revolution to overthrow a feudal government that had dragged them into an Imperial War, World War 1, where Russians died, at home and in the Army, for the glory and greed of the Czar, Emperor of Russia.

Having gotten rid of him, they thought the new government, led by Prime Minister Kerensky, would stop the war. Instead, in May 1917, he floated the Kerensky War Loan, gold backed bonds to borrow \$188 million, to pay for keeping Russia in the war. **[Gee, does that betrayal sound familiar?]**

Seeing that nothing less would do, 6 months later the elected soldiers' and workers' councils organized a second revolution that wiped Kerensky's government of generals, war profiteers, crooked politicians, and capitalists off the face of the earth.



These are the Kerensky war bonds. The blue is for 500 gold rubles, the red for 1000 gold rubles. If you win one, feel free to go to Moscow and see if they will honor the debt.

P.S. They were purchased on 9.1.64 from (no joke) Carl Marks & Co., Inc., New York. If you win one, you'll get a copy of the bill of sale.

Prize #6 Vietnam GI: Complete

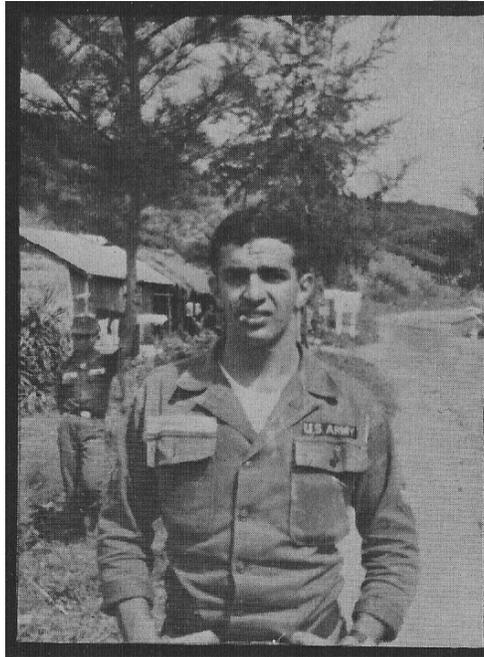
A complete set of Vietnam GIs. The originals were a bit rough, sometimes a line at the bottom gone, but every page is there. Over 100 pages, full 11x17 size.

Not available complete from anybody else, anywhere

Edited by Jeff Sharlet until his death (see below), this newspaper rocked the world, attracting attention even from Time Magazine, and extremely hostile attention from the chain of command.

The pages and pages of letters in the paper from troops in Vietnam condemning the war are lost to history, but you can find them here:

Vietnam GI



Jeff Sharlet Dies

**VIETNAM GI
August 1969**

Many good men never came back from Nam. Some came back disabled in mind. Jeff Sharlet came back a pretty together cat--and he came back angry. Jeff started VGI, and for almost two years poured his life into it, in an endless succession of 18-hour days trying to organize men to fight for their own rights.

On Monday, June 16th, at 2:45 pm, Jeff died in the Miami VA Hospital. He died of a sudden heart failure, brought on by the uncontrollable growth of the cancer that had earlier destroyed his kidney.

There was no way to save him. He was only 27 years old.

Rather than wait for the draft, like so many others Jeff went RA. With dreams of seeing Europe, he applied for "translator-interpreter", and found himself at the US Army Language School at Monterey, California. But instead of French, Czech or German, he was assigned a strange language called "Vietnamese"--. spoken in a country he couldn't even find on the map. For eleven months in 1962 he was drilled in Vietnamese.

In 1963 he was assigned to Army Security Agency, and left for his first tour in Nam. Stationed in Saigon awhile, Jeff witnessed the ARVN coup that overthrew Saigon dictator Ngo Diem.

On his second tour his ASA unit was stationed near Phu Bai. Engaged in top-secret work monitoring, decoding and translating North Vietnamese radio messages, they wore AF uniforms and worked at a small air base. But every time they went into the bars, every bargirl could reel off all the facts about their mission.

Speaking the language well, Jeff could talk to many Vietnamese about what was happening to their country. He spent long hours questioning ex-Foreign Legion men, who'd settled in Vietnam after the French left, peasants, ARVN officers, students, and even suspected VC agents. By the time he ETSed in July, 1964 he'd put a lot of pieces together.

Jeff went back to school, and got his college degree (with honors) from Indiana University in 1967. During his "GI Bill years" he joined the peace movement, and became chairman of his local chapter of Students for a Democratic Society. But he had become increasingly disillusioned about the student movement, and felt that its shallowness and snotty attitude towards other people made it ineffective.

That summer he went to New York City to work with Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and it was there that he decided to try to organize other GIs to fight the brass. Jeff had won a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for graduate study at the University of Chicago. He enrolled and" picked up his check. From then on all his time and money were sunk into starting a newspaper for servicemen.

After two years of endless traveling, fund-raising and writing, Jeff's drive started to fade. That restless energy that had brought him countless miles to base after base wasn't there.

After his last trip to Ft. Hood in the Fall of 1968, Jeff complained that he was really beat, burnt out. We all agreed that he should go "on leave" and take a rest.

It was while visiting friends in Boston that the first really severe pains started. Jeff flew home to Florida, and entered the hospital. From there it was steadily downhill all the way. The removal of his left kidney, massive radiation treatments, drugs--nothing stopped the growth of his cancer.

At the end he was weak and emaciated, without enough breath in his lungs to speak for more than a few sentences.

He said that he had many new ideas for our fight, but was just too exhausted to talk about them.

Jeff was a truly rare man.

He was our friend and comrade, and those of us who came together in this fight will never forget him. VGI, the paper that so many readers called "the truth paper," will go on fighting.

Prize #7:

Insta Set Alarm Clock

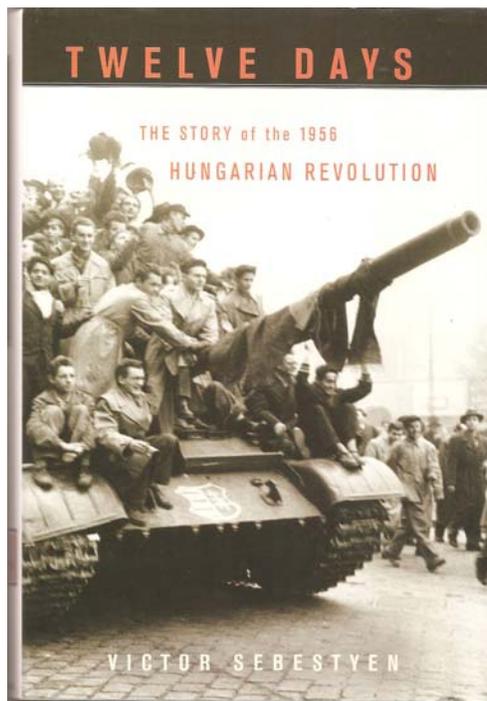


Ordered by mistake, donated for raffle, new in original plastic package, plastic opened but never used.

The Equity (40010) Insta-Set alarm clock has a 0.9-inch blue LCD display with functionality to automatically set itself up immediately after plug-in. This clock automatically sets itself according to the U.S. atomic clock and maintains an accurate date. It automatically for daylight savings time. There are four time zone selections. Snooze alarm functionality included.

Prize #8:

Twelve Days: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution

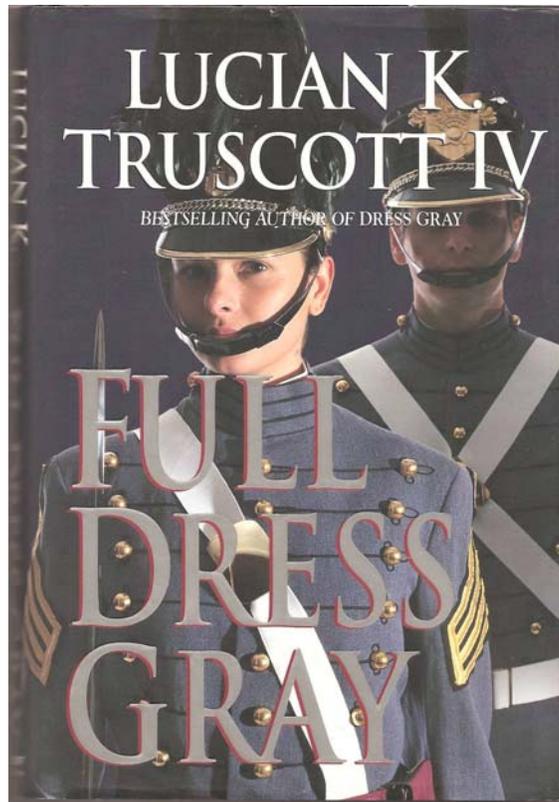


Hungarian soldiers join a working class revolution to overthrow a murderous dictatorship of, by and for the rich and powerful. By Victor Sebestyen, 340 pages, 2006. Fresh and clean

Prize #9:

Full Dress Grey: By Lucien Lucian K. Truscott IV West Point Class Of 1969

West Point from the inside, by a writer with first hand experience there, this novel rips the mask off the secret wars that rock the Academy, up to and including homicide for political advantage in the deadly fight for advancement up the chain of command.

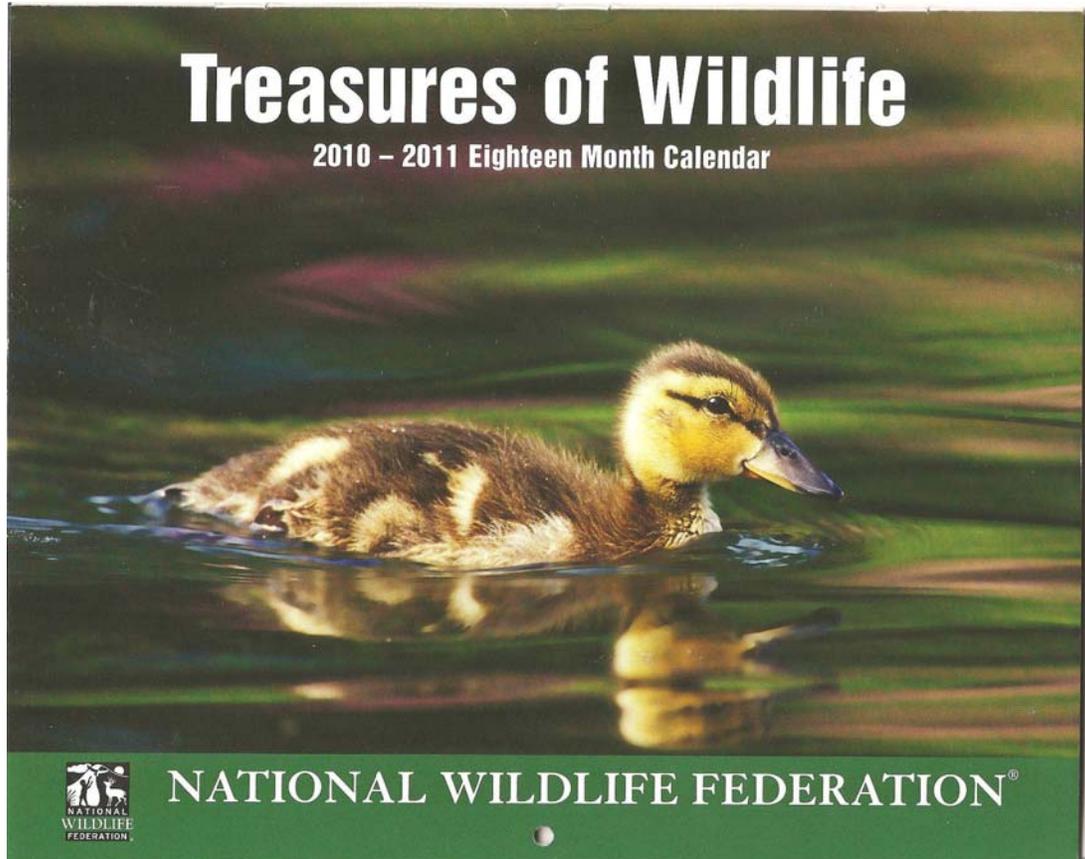


Lucian King Truscott, Jr. was a U.S. Army General, who successively commanded the 3rd Infantry Division, VI Corps, U.S. Fifteenth Army and U.S. Fifth Army during World War II.

A grandson, Lucian K. Truscott IV, graduated from West Point in 1969 but resigned from the army 13 months later and became a journalist and screenwriter. In 2003, he was a journalist with the 101st Airborne Division in Iraq.

Clean, fresh copy, 1998; 384 pages.

**Prize #10:
National Wildlife 18 Month Calendar:
September 2010 through December 2011**



**Prizes #11, 12, 13
Ten Different Early Issues Of GI Special Printed
Out In Full Color**

Because most readers have come on within the last four years, many people have never seen earlier GI Specials.

None in these prizes will be more recent than 2004. A slice of history.

[Example of front page:]

GI Special: thomasfbarton@earthlink.net 4.17.04

Print it out (color best). Pass it on.

GI SPECIAL 2#60

PAYING THE PRICE FOR IMPERIAL WAR



Bring Them All Home Now!

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment of the First Infantry Division mourn after a memorial service for two comrades on a military base near Najaf, April 15. (Laszlo Balogh/Reuters)

“We Told Our Officers To Get Us Out Of Here”

[END PRIZES]

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