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Dear Aggie Students:

Just a short note to you along with this newsletter which is going to the former students and graduates of this School, located on the fighting front both at home and abroad - on the farms and fields, in the homes, in the factories, in the Army camps; yes, from Bataan to Burma and from Madagascar to Minnesota. We are scattered over a great area, but every one is contributing toward this war for survival, and I am happy to say that the former students and graduates of this School are contributing much and in many lines toward the final victory. May God grant to each of us the power and ability to carry on. And it is along that line that I want to send these few words to those of you who are still on the home front. I have had so many letters from those of you in the various Army camps, telling me of the value which your work here at the School has been to you. Many of you have told me of your advancement due to the training you had received here. And so, I urge those who may still be here on the home front to be with us at the beginning of the fall term on Monday, October 12; to carry on, to get more training, which will be of help to you wherever you may go.

Those of you who are not yet graduated from this School, should make every effort to carry on and finish. We are opening later than usual as you will note - Monday, October 12. Then we also urge you to contact other young people in your community. If each of you would be responsible for getting one other young person here to the School, you would be contributing greatly toward the strengthening of our whole social structure, not only in this time of war, but also for times of peace.

Our dormitory facilities are going to be somewhat limited this year since the Federal Government is taking over both Dexter and Dining Hall dormitories for housing naval machinists mates who will be here for an intensive short course training program. Therefore, all of you fellows who have any thought at all of returning for the fall term should get your room reservation fee in right away in order to be insured a place in Pendergast Hall. Also you girls who are returning should get your room reservations in, but do so right away. These are your best years regardless of what conditions prevail, and you should make the most of them. I hope we may see you here at the beginning of the fall term on Monday, October 12, and also that you may have some other representative here as well from your community.

With all best personal regards to all of you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

J. O. Christianson
Superintendent,
School of Agriculture

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Having the distinction of being the first in Minnesota to complete the filing of an application for admission to the WAAC is Catherine Talbot of Anoka, student in the School of Agriculture in 1937-38.

The School of Agriculture will open for the fall term on Monday, October 12, 1942.
Pendergast and Brewster Halls will be open on Sunday, October 11, at 2:00 p.m.

² IN THE GRAND WIND-UP THIS SPRING, SEVERAL STUDENTS WERE NAMED TO START THE BALL ROLLING IN THE FALL

March saw the close of all scheduled student activities. Many organizations took a stake in the future either by electing officers of committees to carry on at opening of School next fall.

On May 14, all the literaries joined in a last meeting and party. The award of the Literary Society cup to the Owls was made by Ed. Gensmer, Literary Society supervisor. Announcement was made of the election of the 1942-43 officers of the Literary Union: Ralph Hendricks, pres.; Joan Carey, vice pres.; and Joyce Molenaar, secretary.

At the last meeting of the Rural Theatre Players, Bob and Bill Guelker and Lois Lundgren were appointed to nominate officers and promote the reorganization of the club next fall.

Song Service speakers were Dean Clyde H. Bailey, talking on "The Standards of Scholarship" March 1; March 8, Dr. Eckstrom, on "What Is Your Objective?"; and President Walter C. Coffey on the need to find unity in the likenesses of human kind.

Rosella Anderson gave a travel talk at the Y. W. meeting on March 3. The last meeting, March 10, was a party honoring the senior girls. The officers for 1942-43 were announced. They are: Margaret Haapala, pres.; Margaret Held, vice-pres.; and Viola Oleson, sec.-treas.

At the last meeting of the F.F.A. club, President Clyde Neal named Harold E. Nelson, Carl Nelson, Vernon Miller, Edgar Hansen, and Arnold Jarvinen as members of the 1942-43 organization committee.

The last dance of the season occurred at the Gym after the operetta, Pinafore, on March 14.

Among the places which the Catholic Confraternities visited on their March 1 tour were the Catholic Youth Center and the Cathedral in St. Paul. Father Bandas was the guest speaker on March 8. The School and College Confraternities joined in sponsoring the communion breakfast on March 15. Guest speakers were Dean C. H. Bailey, Supt. J. O. Christianson, Rev. Dr. R. G. Bandas, and Rev. James L. Guinney.

On March 6, the Y.M.C.A. cabinet conducted a membership stag party. Officers for 1942-43 are Allan Heins, pres.; Merle Judes, vice-pres.; Carl Luhmann, sec.; and Victor Mussmann, treas. During the Lenten Season, the School and College Y's joined in sponsoring Lenten services each Wednesday at the Green Hall auditorium. Under the auspices, Mr. Elmer Johnson taught a Bible class each Wednesday evening during the term.

Speakers at L.S.A. have been Mr. Elmer Johnson on March 1; "Corky" Rasmussen, March 8; and

MISS FISHER'S RETIREMENT

After twenty-six years of service at the School of Agriculture, Miss Hally J. Fisher will retire this June after college classes are over. She came from a teaching position at Milwaukee Downer College in 1916. At first she had charge of the Health Service and taught nursing to students in the college as well as in the School. When the teaching work increased, she had to give up the actual nursing practice.

Miss Fisher's father was a physician and so it was natural for her to carry on in that line of work. Her hobby is travel, and unless Uncle Sam wants her to teach First Aid or Home Nursing, she will be a lady of well-earned leisure.

Miss Fisher is constantly reminded by her former students, that hers was the most valuable course they had taken in school.

In recognition of the high caliber of her work and her devotion to it she was retired by the University Board of Regents with the title, Instructor Emeritus.

1942 AGRARIAN STOPPED ALL ACADEMIC WHEELS WHEN IT APPEARED ON CAMPUS

The Agrarian of 1942? Yes, it stopped the works on Thursday afternoon, March 13, when students took their places in line before the ticket booth in the Administration Building and from then on autographing Agrarians was a major activity until School closed.

The Agrarian Board built the book around the theme of traditions of the School and crowded its pages with illustrations of the many activities that cluster about those traditions.

Members of the Board were: June Molenaar, chief editor; Doris Hofstad, asst. editor; Arthur Mork, business manager; Earl Sandager, asst. business manager; Everett Nelson, faculty; Alf Lindorff and Gertrude Lieske, classes; Warren Bernard and Alice Barthelemy, student life; Lester Paschke, Maxine Halland, athletics; Oscar Eggler, Rosella Anderson, organizations; Edna Talbert, music; Mr. Elmer Johnson, faculty financial adviser; Miss Laura Matson, faculty adviser.

Captain Joseph J. Preston, student in 1933-34, was reported in dispatches from Java as one of the bomber pilots who destroyed an enemy transport off Bali in March.

Counsellor Omar Otterness, March 15. March 8 was senior recognition night. Omar Thorkelson was auctioneer at the basket social which followed. The State L.S.A. conference will meet at University Farm next fall.

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EXTRACTS FROM AGGIE SOLDIER LETTERS

"The training we officer candidates are exposed to is thorough, intensive education in infantry practices. Actually every minute of our time is prearranged for us from 5:45 a.m. on Monday until 12 noon on Saturday. I have enjoyed the training so far and from all indications, I shall enjoy the remaining 9 weeks of our candidate's training."

Everell Smith

"My work here wasn't peeling the traditional spuds but serving them. I enjoyed the work very much, because here you have such an excellent opportunity to meet all the fellows individually. I enjoy just standing behind the counter trying to figure out what kind of fellows they are by the way they dress, look, and act. On an average, they are a pretty nice bunch of fellows. In 30 days most of us will be sent onto the high seas for further training."

Florian Otto '42

"This is a small ship, a sub-chaser... There is never a dull moment in this life for we are constantly moving and coming into different ports. I am very fortunate on getting aboard this ship for we have a small crew and as a whole, a very regular bunch of fellows."

Randall Clarke '41

"Here I am in school again - quite a contrast to civilian life - They have decided to make an M. P. out of me."

Harold Poppe '41

"I am working for the Douglas Aircraft Company in our new blackout plant near Long Beach. Am position leader on the final assembly line with 14 men under me. We build the C-47 cargo transports for carrying supplies, jeep cars, and field guns."

Verne Parsons '41

"My work is with the survey detail which is interesting as well as educational. Our old outfit was split up... and we of the 2nd Battalion were made into the 194th F.A. We are stationed at Fort Bragg for an indefinite time."

James House '39

"I sure like the army. It surely builds men and morale. I'm a long ways from home but I don't get homesick. I have a job to do here and under the present circumstances I never want to catch myself asleep on the job. I might be what is called a cog in a wheel of a great machine, but one cog could raise _____ if I may put it that way."

Maynard Smith

"Have been working in the kitchen since first part of February. Hours are long but I like that kind of work."

A. Bertel Jensen '36

"Have been getting along wonderfully well with the course here. We have finished all our exams in ground school and have only the actual Wing test in flying to pass. Have no idea of my designation from here and won't know until shortly before the Wings parade on July 2nd or 3rd. Hope to be home for the 4th of July and sample some of mother's spring chicken and strawberries."

David E. Potter '32

"Things go about the same here at Oahu. There may be restrictions but after adjusting to them it seems quite naturally like ordinary times."

Lloyd Miley (At. '39)

"I'm in a coast artillery unit at present. Had my basic training at Camp Callan, California... One day when I was there I ran across one of my old school pals, Orville Kuhman. He was up at the barracks to visit a fellow he knew there... Boy, my days at the Aggie School have helped me a lot in the army."

Russ Stiehl '40

"I am now a member of the Armed Forces and find military life rather interesting at times. Harold Poppe and I get together frequently and talk about our days at the School of Agriculture... Our Military Police Training is devoted to preparing us for maintaining military order in conquered areas as well as interior guard. I am happy to say that the customs observed at the Aggie School are a grand background in adjusting oneself to army life. There are so many traditions which form a part of our military training that have a deep meaning. The Hand Salute, Manual of Arms, Retreat and Inspection are all interesting to participate in... We are fortunate in having two chapels nearby so Harold and I attend services every Sunday morning."

Einar Burtness '41

"I am well along in my course here now. I expect to graduate August 8th and I hope my appointment to cadet training will be back from Washington by that time so I can continue right on with the training... It is customary here at the school to give 3rd class machinist mate ratings to the highest ranking 25% of each class upon graduating so at present I am quite sure I have one of them in the bag. I play the sousaphone in the band here. We have a band of close to 100 pieces and an orchestra of 18 in which I am the bass player also."

A.W. Holland '34

"Our Service Club and library here continues to be the place of greatest activity. I spend a lot of time here and at our chapel which is very nice and Chaplain Hurt is a real "Pal" to us fellows. You would be surprised at the increase in attendance since war broke out. I have asked many times since, 'Must we have a war to bring people back to God?'"

James Spidahl '39

EXTRACTS - Continued

"I'm attached to the medical detachment of base and my duties are as an assistant to the station veterinarian. I am the only enlisted man in the veterinary corps on this post and have a 1st Lt. veterinarian over me. Our duties are to inspect foods, meats, milk, dairy farms, and to make reports on these inspections...So far I've enjoyed army life. Have met some pretty good fellows and made many friends. The army feeds and clothes us very good...Extend my greetings to the students of the Ag School, both old and new, and tell them to put the best of efforts to their training, because the training they are receiving far exceeds any training ever offered."

Reuel Bretlbarth, (At. '39-'41)

"Saturday the troops were reviewed by General Mallon and General Baylis. With the band playing and our company standards flying, it is certainly a stirring sight and it gives a person a feeling that nothing that we Americans stand for can ever be beaten."

Robert Olson '41

"I'm up here at Fort Crook for 8 weeks of schooling. There are 10 men out of 1500 that got the chance, so I'm thanking the old Alma Mater right now for giving me this great opportunity to further my education in the mechanical line. Yes, S.A.U.M. put me no. 2 on the list; a fellow from Georgia Tech. was no. 1. So you may tell your students that S.A.U.M. ranks high for mechanical ability."

Maynard Bolland '38

"From experience I know that the Ag School has meant a lot to me already in my experiences here in the Army. The biggest thing being to learn to live with other people. If only the boys in the army of today could have gone to that school for but three months, we certainly would have a different bunch of boys to live with."

Edward Johnson '41

"I have found out that the success and the backbone of the Marine Corps is the ability and character of the men in it to go ahead and dominate in whatever their job may be, and all this is achieved by discipline. I can now see, Mr. Christianson, why your school turns out such well-trained people. Guess in a few days you shall be saying goodbye to many whom you may never see again, but will never forget. And I know they shall all carry with them a priceless possession - 'personality'. As they say here, 'Personality is that light by which ability makes its way'. And how true that is."

Bill Knuppel (At. '39)

"All total together we have it very much like the home camp. Although we never sat on the ground to eat, nor had ants crawling into our

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dessert and coffee or tea. I guess we'll live through it though, we'd better, anyway...Coming across I had a nice time of it and we had a pleasant trip."

Maynard Bolland '38 (from Australia)

"I'm getting along swell here. Just now we are in the outgoing unit waiting for our school to open. I'm going to hospital corps school sometime in July. In the meantime they put us on mess cooking, 30 of us men feed and wash dishes for 800 men three times a day. It sure is a lot of food and dishes but with the equipment they have here, it is fairly easy. We can serve 300 men and wash all the dishes in an hour....I was really lucky to get to school. Only 60 out of 124 went. So I owe the School something anyway because without School, I'd never have made it."

Henry Schmidt '42

"Here they come from every walk of life, and all live in the same kind of quarters and eat the same food. For some of them it is a step down from what they have been accustomed to and others a step up, but to me it is about the same as what I have been accustomed to in Ag School. About the only difference is the fellows don't get a second chance. They either obey their orders or else...One of the things I regretted when I left on June 8 was that I could not attend the reunion. But I am like the rest of the Aggies in the service, looking forward to that reunion when this is all over."

Florian Otto '42

"Ray Stalock and I have been seeing each other a lot out here, especially while we were at the Rifle Range. I don't know where he was transferred to after we finished 'Boot' Camp, but I am in kind of a casual platoon waiting for a class to fill. I took an examination and passed for the electrical engineering course which is given at the University of Utah at Logan, Utah...I was really surprised but this organization has more traditions than the Ag School. When you look at anything long enough, the whole thing seems to revolve around tradition."

Marlin Gratz (At. '30-'31)

"I have an unusual Aggie story to tell. I was inducted into the Army March 7th. The 10th of March I was sent to Vancouver, Washington. Six new soldiers assigned to a pyramidal tent. It was practically dark and we started making up our bunks. The new recruit to my right made the statement that making up bunks that way was easy for him because he made up his bed that way when he was away to school. I immediately asked him where he went to school. He replied, 'School of Agriculture, winter term in 1935.' We immediately introduced ourselves and here was Edwin Streeter, an old teammate on the second basketball team. We bunked together for eight weeks. The most pleasant period so far in the army."

Lloyd K. Drewes '35

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EXTRACTS - Continued

"We have a very nice USO club here at Camp Wolters, plenty of good reading material. I was up there the other night looking them over, and saw a few books written by Dr. Petersen from the campus."

Cliff Peterson (campus barber)

"Many, many times I think of dear S.A.U.M. and especially now. In many ways this school is much the same. Our instructors are all of the highest calibre and even though our training is for the purpose of going out to battle, still the old principles of good fellowship, honesty, courage, and in a few words, just common well-doing, is much the same as taught at the School of Agriculture...During my time in the service, I have met two Aggies - James Spidahl and Jim Sackett, both by accident. What fun it was to talk over the old days again. I owe both of these boys a letter, and I should write them this afternoon."

Lloyd Oye (At. '40)

"I am in Fresno, California, stationed at an air base. I am still in the signal corps, but not flying...I started to school on the 11th. I called it our basic training over again, only going in deeper - electricity, field telephone, and message center."

Palmer Walker (At. '40)

"Although I was present at most of the excitement here December 7, it would be hard to describe it if I were permitted to do so. Naturally since that time we have been working hard every day, long hours...Since I have left the States, I have appreciated the services of the Y, which most of you are a part of. The Y is what most of us call home here. It is our only available bank, has a restaurant, barber shop and almost every possible form of recreation."

Lloyd Miley (At. '39) - Honolulu

"I was drafted into the army September 30 at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and stayed there for 13 days, after which time I was sent on a troop train to San Diego, California to the Coastal Artillery Replacement Center for my 13 weeks of training...The coastal artillery covers a large field. We lay mines, have searchlight batteries, machine guns, all types of guns along the coast, also anti-aircraft guns...My previous days in the Aggie School has helped me a lot. It has made it easy to acquaint myself to different things. The barracks life has been much the same as dormitory life was. Everyone has a chance to make good if he wants to."

Russell Stiehl '40

"Instead of being inducted into the infantry, I thought the air corps would be interesting and helpful. The duties of the Interceptor Control Sqdn. is to detect enemy planes and plans."

Joseph H. Patchin '38

Norman Holm '35 is studying veterinary science

"It's school days again for me. Our class started last Monday (May, 1941) to train for Aviation Machinists Mate Rating...It seems that we chose the time to arrive when they were in need of mess cooks. Mess cooking was nothing new for me, though. In addition to working in the Ag School Dining Hall while in School and College, I put in two weeks mess duty at the Training Station at Great Lakes."

Charles Bonnerup '37

"I am at the Camp Robinson Medical Replacement Training Center. When our 11 weeks of basic training are over here, we may be sent out to act as anything from a litter bearer to a surgeon's assistant."

Raymond From '35

"We just got back to Fort Bragg after ten days on maneuvers. I had three nice swims in the ocean while we were out. We were wet all the time so can say I had a ten day swim."

Willis Penn, (At. '40-'41)

"The Observation Battalion is used for land observing by means of sound and flash ranging. I am a private first class with a 4th class specialist rating."

Clinton Armstrong '40

"We have been doing our share of drilling and preparing ourselves to be the best fit to do the job which lies ahead of us. I have been trying to put in practice a bit of our "Home Problems for Boys" class. The last week or so I have been student cook."

Alfred Hoglund '40

"I'm assigned to expendable supplies. I'm responsible and accountable to the captain for all expendable supplies requisitioned to the 28th Gen. Hosp. and on two evenings I have charge of the boxing classes so I'm kept quite busy... The 28th consists of 500 enlisted men, 200 doctors and nurses. We will be capable of handling 2000 patients at one time."

Al Westra '37

"I am now here at Scott Field at a radio school, training for the radio division for the Army Air Corps. To learn what we have to in 17 weeks is really cramming."

S. Archie Mosman '39

"I left home June 12, 1941 to go into the Air Corps at McChord Field. Now we have been sent down to Elser Field, La. for practice."

Walton Bjorklund, (At. '35)

"This training in the Candidate's Class is for a 10 week period, after which we are commissioned and put through 10 weeks of Reserve Officers Training. The first 10 weeks are devoted to intensive and thorough training in infantry practice. We are given careful training in marksmanship on the range. Some of us may get specialized work but the most of us will be on the battle front in 6-9 months."

Everell A. Smith (former dormitory counsellor and project supervisor.

at Texas A.M. and A. at College Station, Texas.

"I am now stationed at Camp Carson, Colo. which is located near Colorado Springs at the base of the mountains. Pikes Peak is located directly in the background of our camp site. We came here from Fort Leonard Wood on a training cadre...I was promoted to Staff Sergeant and will have charge of one platoon consisting of approximately fifty men and also assist in the instruction."

Everette Jacobson '39

"Just a card to say hello to you and the School, and to tell you there is another Aggie in the Service."

Theodore Kuhnau '29

"It's been almost 7 months since I started my training at Minneapolis. I spent two months here, one in New Orleans, and the rest of it here (Panacola, Fla.). I've finished primary and instrument training in flying. Am now in the formation squadron and I plan to finish with the scouting squadron about Aug. 15 at which time I will receive my "wings".

Richard Behrends '38

Aggies are constantly being inducted into the armed forces of the Nation. Many of their names and addresses are on file in the office of the Superintendent of the School of Agriculture, and letters and cards go out to them.

But, there are many other Aggies in the several services whose names and addresses are not on file. The Agreview will appreciate receiving from You those names and addresses.

Send them in NOW!

NET WANAMINGO PICNIC WAS NO WASHOUT

Aggie spirit brought over 100 alumni and students through Sunday's downpour to the Tri-county reunion in the clubhouse at Wanamingo on June 22. Peter Langemo presided over the program. On it appeared Alumni President Wm. Dankers, Alumni Secretary Truman Nodland, Esther Von Helms with her accordion, the Male Quartet headed by Orlando Gresseth, and little George Langemo singing "Don't Leave the Farm". Community singing of the good old-fashioned songs, and visiting were attacked with vigor. Rudolph Emerson '04 had the reunion arrangements in charge.

Orville Hanson, Comfrey, underwent an appendectomy in April.

Mr. Verner (Wiener) '29 is manager of the Federal Land Bank branch at North Branch.

It was with deep regret that we packed our belongings and left for home on March 24, 1942. It was not easy to leave friends and associates that we had had ever since we came to school.

We hope these friendships can be renewed at frequent intervals at summer reunions, homecomings, and alumni meetings. Due to the rationing of tires, these friendships will not be able to be renewed by good old-fashioned visiting as often as before. But there is no rationing of stationery as yet, so we should make good use of it frequently. Many of us will soon be entering the armed services of our country. Letters from old Aggie friends will be greatly appreciated, then.

There are many events during the past three years that stand out in our minds as being significant in our development. To mention a few! our first class meeting when we first met and planned for the future, our first class party when we broke the ice a bit more and became better acquainted one with another. Winning the Field Meet last year was the highlight of our class achievements that far. But the memories we all cherish the most are those of winning the Field Meet again this year, producing the operetta, Pinafore, and publishing the 1942 Agrarian. These are by far the greatest achievements made by the class as a whole.

The future of a class that has distinguished itself as this one has should be very interesting. Its members may be handicapped somewhat because of the national emergency, but you may be sure they will acquit themselves well wherever they are.

Florian Otto

Senior Class President

Agreview Editor Margaret Held is working for the U.S. Air Conditioning Corporation at the Northwest Terminal in Minneapolis, this summer.

The engagement of Marcus Pond '36 of Shakopee to his remote cousin Maria Pond has been announced. They will be married next spring.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Worthley, nee Minnie Anderson, of Sherburn, Marlys Joan, on April 12.

Born, to the Wilbur Hartburg's of Heron Lake, a son, Jule Wilbur, on April 8.

**COUNTY-WIDE MEETINGS
ARE BEING HELD**

These are meetings sponsored in the counties by the School of Agriculture in cooperation with the 4-H clubs and Rural Youth groups and county extension office. Their purpose is to introduce to prospective students the program of the School of Agriculture at University Farm. Five of these meetings have been held already. They were in Sibley, Goodhue, Faribault, Cottonwood, Blue Earth, and Wabasha Counties.

Anoka County - Sunday, August 2, Martin Lake 4-H Park at 1:30 p.m.

Watonwan County - Sunday, August 9, Fair Grounds, St. James at 2:00 p.m.

Houston County - Held in connection with Dist. No. 1 Aggie Reunion on Sunday, August 9, at Houston County Fair Grounds.

Brown County - Thursday, August 13, Sleepy Eye State Park, at 8:00 p.m.

Martin County - Sunday, August 16, Fox Lake Park, at 2:00 p.m.

Aggies in all of the above counties are urged to attend these county-wide meetings and bring prospective students.

Miss Janet Bissell, who worked in the School of Agriculture office during the fall and winter

terms, was married on April 12 at her home near Mapleton to James Nullin of Bertha, Minnesota.

Miss Ruth Bremer '41 of Lake City and Don Baker of Randolph, a student in 1939-40 were married at Lake City on April 4. The couple are making their home on the groom's farm near Randolph.

Miss Katherine Curtis '36, formerly of Sibley and Theodore A. Arvig were married on Nov. 2, 1941 at Pasadena. They are living at 1317 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, California.

Miss Iris Madden (At. '40) of Marshall and Mr. Munns (At. '30-41) of Wayzata were married at Marshall on June 21.

Miss Opal Tjaden (At. '38-39) and Elden Jones '39, both of Winnebago, were married on May 21 at the bride's home. They are making their home at the Jones farm near Winnebago.

Miss Ruth Eldora LaPlante '40 of Elk River and Donald Grant, '40, of Wyoming, were married at the Methodist Church in Elk River on Thursday, April 30. Mr. and Mrs. Grant are living at Linwood Lake near Wyoming.

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