

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) NO. 405 R.C.A.F. SQUADRON (P.F.F.)

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Granden Lodge, Bedfordshire.	1		<p><u>Weather:</u> Cloudy at first, clearing towards midday and becoming cloudy again at 2200 hours. Intermittent slight rain during early morning. Moderate visibility. Winds, fairly strong Southwesterly veering Northwesterly and backing again to Southwesterly during evening.</p> <p><u>Flying Training:</u> 3:30 Hours (Day).</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> BOMBING ATTACK ON "STUTTGART" BY 14 LANCASTERS III DETAIL</p> <p>Fourteen Lancaster III aircraft attacked primary, dropping 16 flares green/red, 4 T.I. green, 4 T.I. red, 8 x 4,000 H.C., 35 x 1,000 M.C., 7 x 500 M.C., and 30 x 2,000 H.C., between 0257 and 0314 hours, from 19,600 to 19,700 feet. There was 9 to 10/10 thin stratus cloud from 10 to 12,000 feet in target area. Attack opened with flares green/red at 0255 hours. Sky markers were at first in adequate supply and well concentrated, but later were in short supply and tended to scatter Southwest to Northeast. Gap in sky marking from 0308 to 0312 hours. One good concentration of fires and several scattered ones seen through gaps. Glow was seen for 100 miles on return. At 0257 hours, exceptionally large blue-green explosion. Others at 0315, 0318 and 0321 hours. Flak moderate. Little fighter activity seen. Fourteen aircraft attempted photos.</p> <p><u>Operational Hours (Night):</u> 97:02</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES:</u> Information was today received from Air Ministry, stating that CAN/J.18901 P/O J.W. Marsh, RAF/129369 P/O S.B. Hewitt and RAF/641790 SGT Dennis G.A., who were reported missing from attack on Brunswick 14/15 January, 1944, are now reclassified "Prisoner of War". ALSO, CAN/J.10313 P/L W.B.B. Cloutier, D.F.C. and CAN/J.9534 P/O E.L. Sanderson who were also reported missing from the above named attack are now reclassified "Missing Believed Killed In Action".</p> <p>Information was also received from Air Ministry stating that the following personnel of this Squadron who were reported missing from attack on Berlin, 1st/2nd January, 1944, are now reclassified as follows: RAF/180672k SGT Leslie DeW., captured, reclassified "Prisoner of War". CAN/R.65760 P/S B.C. Cameron, CAN/J.19119 P/O Gavin T.D., reclassified missing, "Believed Killed In Action".</p>		A-18
	2		<p><u>Weather:</u> Cloudy at first, clearing towards dawn to small amounts and becoming cloudless at dusk. Good visibility. Sleet showers from 0600 to 0700 hours. Winds, W. to W.N.W., 10 to 15 knots, becoming 5 knots at 2200 hours.</p> <p><u>Flying Training:</u> 9:05 Hours (DAY).</p>		
	3		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine all day except for some convection cloud and slight snow shower at 1700 hours. Slight mist from 0001 to 0900 and 1700 and 2400 hours. Winds N.W. veering N.N.W., moderating light, moderate.</p> <p><u>Flying Training:</u> 51:25 Hours (Day).</p>		
	4		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine at first, becoming cloudy by 1300 hours. Occasional slight snow from 1900 to 2200 hours, and fine by 2400 hours. Slight mist from 0000 to 0900 and 1700 to 2400 hours. Winds N.W. veering N.N.W. then backing moderate.</p> <p><u>Flying Training:</u> 51:59 Hours (Day).</p>		
	5		<p><u>Weather:</u> Cloudy to 0800 hours, apart from temporary clearance at 0400 hours, with slight snow from 0000 to 0200 hours. Fair or fine rest of day. Slight mist or haze from 0000 to 1300, 1900 to 2400 hours. Winds W.N.W., gradually veering all day, finally becoming E. by light.</p> <p><u>Flying Training:</u> Nil.</p>		

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Gransden Lodge, Bedfordshire.	6		<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy to 0800 hours. Fair to 1200 hours, then cloudy again to 1900 hours. Fine at 1900 to 2400 hours. Slight mist from 0900 to 1300 and 2000 to 2400 hours. Winds light variable. <u>Flying Training:</u> 4:39 Hours (Day) 37 minutes (Night)		
	7		<u>Weather:</u> Fine with mist thickening to fog from 0500 to 0600 hours. Visibility improving - 3,000 yards. At 0900 hours, intermittent slight rain then fine rest of day. Winds N.E. to N.N.E., light, becoming moderate. <u>Flying Training:</u> 38:34 Hours (Day) 25:14 Hours (Night)		
	8		<u>Weather:</u> Fine with thick fog forming from 0500 to 0700 hours. Fog lifting and becoming low stratus, remaining cloudy rest of day. Winds N.N.E., moderate. <u>Flying Training:</u> 39:39 Hours (Day)		
	9		<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy, with slight mist and continuous slight drizzle to 1000 hours. Weather becoming fine with slight mist by 1700 hours, fog forming at 2400 hours. Winds, N.N.E., gradually backing S.W., light. <u>Flying Training:</u> Nil		
	10		<u>Weather:</u> Fog until 0900 hours with intermittent slight drizzle at 0900 hours. Remaining cloudy rest of day with moderate visibility. Winds light variable. <u>Flying Training:</u> Nil		
	11		<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy all day apart from break from 2100 to 2300 hours. Slight mist from 0000 to 0900 hours and 1400 to 2400 hours. Winds N.W.'ly, light, moderate. <u>Flying Training:</u> 41:51 Hours (Day) 26:00 Hours (Night)		
	12		<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy all day with slight drizzle from 0700 to 1100 hours. Poor to moderate visibility throughout period. Winds W.'ly, light to moderate. <u>Flying Training:</u> Nil		
	13		<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy, becoming fair by 1000 hours, with slight rain at 0500 hours and a slight shower at 1000 hours, then becoming fine by 1800 hours. Wind W. veering N.W., strong falling moderate. <u>Flying Training:</u> Nil		
	14		<u>Weather:</u> Fair or fine becoming cloudy from 0700 to 2100 hours, then fine. Visibility moderate from 1700 to 2400 hours. Winds N.W., moderate, becoming light variable. <u>Flying Training:</u> 47:18 Hours (Day) 16:57 Hours (Night)		
	15		<u>Weather:</u> Fair or fine all day. Slight mist or haze from 0000 to 1200 and 1700 to 2400 hours. Winds N.W. backing S.S.W., light. <u>Flying Training:</u> Nil <u>OPERATIONS:</u> BOMBING ATTACK ON "STUTTGART" - 16 A/C DETAINED (ONE MISSING) Fifteen Lancaster attacked primary, dropping 4 T.I. red, 12 flares green/red stars, 20 x 1,000 M.C., 45 x 2,000 H.C., and 6 x 4,000 H.C., between 19,500 and 18,500 feet from 2306 to 2340 hours. The weather varied from 6 to 10/10, mostly thin stratus cloud. Reports vary from 7 to 14,000 feet. Most of the aircraft arrived late on the target. Only one aircraft dropped green/red flares and one aircraft visually backed up the T.I. red. The raid was very		A-19 (P.T.O.)

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Gransden Lodge, Bedfordshire.	15		<p>Bombing Attack on Stuttgart (Continued)</p> <p>scattered, and the built-up area which was recognized by several crews, was not reported as heavily attacked, and the crews generally report a poor raid. The flak was moderate and in barrage form from 16 to 22,000 feet and searchlights negligible. Fifteen aircraft attempted photographs.</p> <p>Operational Hours: 107:20 Hours (Night)</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES:</u> Information was received today from Air Ministry in respect of the following personnel who were reported missing from this Squadron as shown below, and are now reclassified as shown opposite their names.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Rank</th> <th>Reclassified</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>RAF/155846 P/O T.J. Bowling</td> <td>17/18-8-43</td> <td>Penzance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RAF/332973 S9F Pargeter F.A.</td> <td>17/18-8-43</td> <td>Penzance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN/R.90668 SOT Ginby W.E.</td> <td>17/18-8-43</td> <td>Penzance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN/R.53022 W/O Leeds N.</td> <td>14/15-1-44</td> <td>Brunswick</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RAF/131440 SGT Williams H.</td> <td>30/31-1-44</td> <td>Berlin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RAF/68185 P/A Shackleton H.L.</td> <td>30/31-1-44</td> <td>Berlin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN/R.97118 W/O Buchanan G.R.</td> <td>30/31-1-44</td> <td>Berlin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN/J.17678 P/O Laberge J.A.R. "MPC"</td> <td>30/31-1-44</td> <td>Berlin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN/R.43978 P/O Bondrowsky A.</td> <td>30/31-1-44</td> <td>Berlin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN/R.71560 SGT Einarsson S.</td> <td>30/31-1-44</td> <td>Berlin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN/R.13118 P/S O'Neill G.</td> <td>30/31-1-44</td> <td>Berlin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN/R.168827 P/S Peterson R.F.</td> <td>14/15-1-44</td> <td>Brunswick</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN/J.16306 P/O Drimie G.R.</td> <td>14/15-1-44</td> <td>Brunswick</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN/J.17444 P/O Gilbey J.F.</td> <td>14/15-1-44</td> <td>Brunswick</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Rank	Reclassified	RAF/155846 P/O T.J. Bowling	17/18-8-43	Penzance	RAF/332973 S9F Pargeter F.A.	17/18-8-43	Penzance	CAN/R.90668 SOT Ginby W.E.	17/18-8-43	Penzance	CAN/R.53022 W/O Leeds N.	14/15-1-44	Brunswick	RAF/131440 SGT Williams H.	30/31-1-44	Berlin	RAF/68185 P/A Shackleton H.L.	30/31-1-44	Berlin	CAN/R.97118 W/O Buchanan G.R.	30/31-1-44	Berlin	CAN/J.17678 P/O Laberge J.A.R. "MPC"	30/31-1-44	Berlin	CAN/R.43978 P/O Bondrowsky A.	30/31-1-44	Berlin	CAN/R.71560 SGT Einarsson S.	30/31-1-44	Berlin	CAN/R.13118 P/S O'Neill G.	30/31-1-44	Berlin	CAN/R.168827 P/S Peterson R.F.	14/15-1-44	Brunswick	CAN/J.16306 P/O Drimie G.R.	14/15-1-44	Brunswick	CAN/J.17444 P/O Gilbey J.F.	14/15-1-44	Brunswick		A-19
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	17		<p>Weather: Cloudy at first, becoming fine and fog forming at 0500 hours, clearing at 1100 hours. Fair or fine with moderate visibility rest of day. Winds light W.'ly.</p> <p>Flying Training: 36:25 Hours (Day).</p>																																															
	18		<p>Weather: Fine with fog from 0200 to 0400 hours, becoming and remaining cloudy by 0700 hours. Visibility poor at first becoming good during afternoon. Winds light S.W.'ly becoming N.E., moderate.</p> <p>Flying Training: 4:22 Hours (Day).</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> BOMBING ATTACK ON STUTTGART - 16 A/O DETAINED</p> <p><u>Observations:</u> Four 2000 lb. bombs were dropped. Sixteen Lancasters attacked primary dropping 10 7" hooded flares, 8 T.I. green, 16 T.I. red, 8 flares red/yellow stars, 2700 x 4 lb. incendiaries, 6 x 1,000 M.C., 7 x 4,000 H.C., 5 x 2,000 M.C., between 13,00 and 18,000 feet from 2154 to 2216 hours. Weather: very hazy to bombing height and several layers of very thin cloud up to 20,000 feet. The two blind marker illuminators dropped illuminating flares at 2155 hours and 2156 hours, on H.2.S. The visual marker bombed on H.2.S. but reported green T.I.s and red T.I.s with some concentrated bombing around them, altogether 12 aircraft bombed on H.2.S. Three bombed on T.I.s (including two visual markers up). The T.I.s were generally only visible for a few seconds for immediately above them, and all but the very early attackers, saw T.I.s and a good concentrated attack, surrounded by fairly scattered incendiaries. P.F.O.</p>		A-20																																													

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Graunden Lodge, Bedfordshire.	18		<u>Bombing Attack on "Frankfurt" (Continued)</u> The general view is, that it may have been a good attack. Flak was very light. Sixteen aircraft attempted photographs. Searchlights, numerous, waving and ineffective in haze. <u>Operational Hours:</u> 77:12 Hours (Night). <u>CASUALTIES:</u> Information was today received from Air Ministry stating that RAF/160,728 SGT Cole P.S. who was reported missing from attack on Berlin 30/31st January, 1944, is now reclassified "Captured" "Prisoner of War".		A-20
	19		<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy to 1100 hours with occasional slight rain. Fair or fine rest of day. Wind W.S.W. veering N.N.W. then backing W.N.W. moderate. <u>Flying Training:</u> Nil.		
	20		<u>Weather:</u> Fine becoming cloudy by 0700 hours. Slight rain commencing 1200 to 1800 hours. Cloudy, slight mist rest of day. Winds N.W.'ly moderate. <u>Flying Training:</u> 26 minutes (Day). <u>CASUALTIES:</u> Information was today received from Air Ministry stating that CAN/R. 92505 P/S Gates J.S., CAN/R. 161231 SGT Flak J.H., CAN/R. 142358 SGT Cassidy L.P., RAF/1136259 SGT O'Toole T., who were reported missing from attack on Berlin 23/24th August, 1943, and later reclassified "Interned in Sweden" are now reported "Safe, back in United Kingdom".		
	21		<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy at first, then fine from 0200 to 0600 hours. Intermittent slight rain or drizzle from 0600 to 0800 hours and between 1200 and 1700 hours, then cloudy. Winds N.W.'ly moderate, becoming light. <u>Flying Training:</u> 1405 Hours (Day)		
	22		<u>Weather:</u> Fair or fine until 1200 hours. Cloudy rest of day. Winds N.N.W. veering E.N.E. light. <u>Flying Training:</u> 243 hours (Day) 3:55 Hours (Night). <u>OPERATIONS: BOMBING ATTACK ON "FRANKFURT" - 11 A/C DETAIL</u> Thirteen attacked primary dropping 4 clusters hooded flares, 4 T.L. green, 7 x 4,000 H.C., 10 x 1,000 H.C., 8 x 500 H.C., 1 flare red/yellow, 1080 x 4 lb. incendiaries, 4 T.L. red, 36 x 2,000 H.C., between 2144 and 2201 hours, from 19,500 to 17,000 feet. Thin stratus cloud, varying from 5 to 10/10 but generally 4 to 8/10 from 8 to 10,000 feet. Visibility good. Attack opened with T.L. green at 2144 hours, and thereafter marking was generally considered well concentrated and at 2201 hours, there was a solid mass of fires with numerous T.L. reds in the centre. Our most reliable report gives visual marker T.L. red and T.L. green at 2147 hours on South bank of river, south of old town with T.L. green on North bank slightly to West and East. Several crews saw the river and built-up area, and the main weight of the attack was probably on the centre of the town North of the river, with a slight spread to North and West and some marking and bombing South of the river. Flak was plentiful but scarce, and decreased considerably towards the end. Searchlights were very numerous and active, all round target and in belts to West and South. Thirteen aircraft attempted photos. One aircraft dropped 6 x 2,000 H.C. at position 50:04 N. 06:30 E. at 2216 hours from 23,000 feet, in 10/10 cloud. Glow of fires followed. Photo attempted. <u>Operational Hours:</u> 72:58 (Night). <u>CASUALTIES:</u> Information was today received from Air Ministry stating that RAF/576571 SGT Cooke H.W. who was reported missing from attack on Peenemunde 17/18th August, 1943, is now reclassified missing "Believed Killed in Action". Also RAF/116797 E/O Jarvis R.B., RAF/1077103 SGT Waddell J.J., RAF/1570461 P/S Smith D.F. who were reported missing from attack on Brunswick 14, 15th January, 1944, are now reclassified missing "Believed Killed in Action".		A-21

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Grimsden Lodge, Bedfordshire.	23v		<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy to 0800 hours; variable cloud rest of day, becoming cloudy again by 2300 hours. Slight mist all day. Winds light N.E. 'ly first, becoming mainly S.W. 'ly. <u>Flying Training:</u> 17:40 Hours (Day).		
	24		<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy to 1400 hours. Fine rest of day. Poor to moderate visibility all day. Wind light variable. <u>Flying Training:</u> 147 minutes (Day). <u>OPERATIONS:</u> BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" * 15 AIRCRAFT DETAILED Fifteen aircraft attacked primary, dropping 24 hooded flares white, 12 T.I. green, 8 T.I. red, 10 flares red/yellow, 2557 x 4 lb. incendiaries, 143 x 4 lb. 'X' incendiaries, 6 x 500 M.C., 38 x 1,000 M.C., 14 x 4,000 M.C., from 2222 hours to 2242 hours, between 23,000 and 18,500 feet. From 6 to 10/10 thin stratus cloud at 5 to 8,000 feet, breaking to South and Southwest of target. First T.I. green and flares red/yellow at 2225 hours. Early marking accurate - concentration improved later. Gaps reported from 2235 to 2240 hours and again at 2246 hours. It would appear that a pronounced overshoot developed with incendiaries burning to first turning point after target. At 2226 hours, visual marker mixed red/green T.I., reported 2 to 3 miles Southwest of main concentration. Another report at about the same time, gives it 1 to 2 miles Southwest. One report, time not specified, gives v/a red/green T.I. 15 miles South of target area. Glow on clouds suggested large and widespread fires in South part of target area. Incendiaries seen burning in built up area but no pinpoints obtained. Slight heavy flak and light flak with considerable but generally ineffective searchlight activity. Most crews remarked on very large belt of searchlight running E.S.E. from Magdeburg. Fifteen aircraft attempted photos. <u>Operational Hours:</u> 101:47 (Night). <u>CASUALTIES:</u> Information was today received from Air Ministry stating that CAN/J.7418 P/O McIntyre H.S., CAN/R.114914 P/S Haugen K.M., who were reported missing from attack on Peenemunde, 17/18th August, 1943, are now reclassified missing "Believed Killed In Action".		A-22
	25		<u>Weather:</u> Fine becoming cloudy from 1200 to 2000 hours, then fine again. Poor to moderate visibility. Wind light S.S.W. 'ly. <u>Training Flying:</u> 142 minutes (Day).		
	26		<u>Weather:</u> Fine to 1200 hours, cloudy to 1500 hours, then fine again. Poor to moderate visibility. Wind light, S.W. veering N.E. 'ly. <u>Flying Training:</u> 10:43 Hours (Day) 1:27 hours (Night). <u>OPERATIONS:</u> BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" * 9 A/C DETAILED (ONE WITHDRAWN - Mag. trouble). Eight Lancasters attacked primary, dropping 8 x 4,000 M.C. (Minol), 45 x 1,000 M.C., 2 x 500 M.C., 3,605 x 4 lb. incendiaries, 175 x 4 lb. 'X' incendiaries, from 2159 to 2210 hours between 20,000 and 17,500 feet. 10/10 thick haze or cloud with diffused tops to 12,000 feet. Visibility good above. T.I. were cascading just above cloud and when burping on ground could be identified. All aircraft bombed the glow of red or green T.I. The spoof wanguard flares attracted flak, and also bombs, by one report. One large explosion (12 seconds) at 2201 hours and one exceptionally large explosion at 2207 hours. Glow of fires seen up to 120 miles on return. Intense heavy flak barrage in layers from 12,000 to 22,000 feet seen after zero, decreasing later to moderate and slight. Eight aircraft attempted photos. <u>Operational Hours:</u> 37:25 (Night).		A-23

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Gransden Lodge, Bedfordshire.	27		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine with fog forming by 0300 hours, clearing at 1100 hours, remaining fair or fine rest of day. Winds light N.W.ly becoming calm then light S.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>Flying Training:</u> 23:15 Hours (Day).</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES:</u> Information was today received from Air Ministry stating that <u>CAN/J.16300 P/O Spayer L.B., CAN/R.161244. SGT Morrison B.B.</u> who were reported missing from attack on Magdeburg, 21/22nd January, 1944, are now reclassified missing, "Delayed Killed In Action".</p>																										
	28		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine with fog forming by 0400 hours, clearing by 0900 hours, but low stratus persisting at 1200 hours, then fine rest of day with fog reforming by 2200 hours. Winds S.W.ly light, becoming moderate falling light N.W.ly.</p> <p><u>Flying Training:</u> 34:30 Hours (Day).</p>																										
	29	m	<p><u>Weather:</u> Fog, thick at first, to 0700 hours. Low stratus persisting rest of day with intermittent slight drizzle to 0900 hours. Slight rain commencing from 1600 to 2400 hours. Wind light mainly N.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>Flying Training:</u> Nil</p>																										
	30		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fair to 0900 hours, then variable convection cloud to 1700 hours with slight shower at 1900 hours. Cloudy at 1900 to 2400 hours. Wind Light N.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>Flying Training:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS: BOMBING ATTACK ON "NURNBERG" BY AIRCRAFT DETAIL</u></p> <p>Fourteen aircraft attacked primary, dropping 10 x T.I. green, 14 x flares red/yellow, 13 x 500 M.C., 26 x 1,000 M.C., 20 x 2000 M.C., 10 x 4,000 H.C., from 0101 to 0116 hours, between 20,000 and 16,000 feet. Thickish cloud at 10,000 feet with thin layers above to 20,000 feet, 10/10. First flares red/yellow at 0102 hours. Illuminator flares at 0103 hours. All aircraft bombed on H.2.S. or flares red/yellow. Concentration and continuity generally considered fair to good apart from a gap from 0112 to 0115 hours. Flares red/yellow appeared to be drifting rapidly Eastward and to string out in lines West to East. That fact combined with several good H.2.S. reports suggests the attack may have moved Eastwards. Moderate glow of fires seen from 100 miles on homeward run. Slight to moderate heavy flak. No searchlights. Considerable fighter activity South of Rhur outward. Fourteen aircraft attempted photos.</p> <p><u>Operational Hours:</u> 93:05 (Night)</p>		A-24																								
	31		<p><u>Weather:</u> Fair, becoming cloudy by 0400 hours. Slight snow with fog from 0600 to 0800 hours. Variable convection cloud to 1900 hours with slight shower at 1600 hours. Fine by 2400 hours. Winds light N.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>Flying Training:</u> 23:18 Hours (Day).</p>																										
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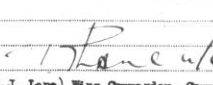
The general health of the Squadron has been generally good during the last period.

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of (Unit or Formation) NO. 405 R.C.A.F. SQUADRON (P.F.F.)

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