

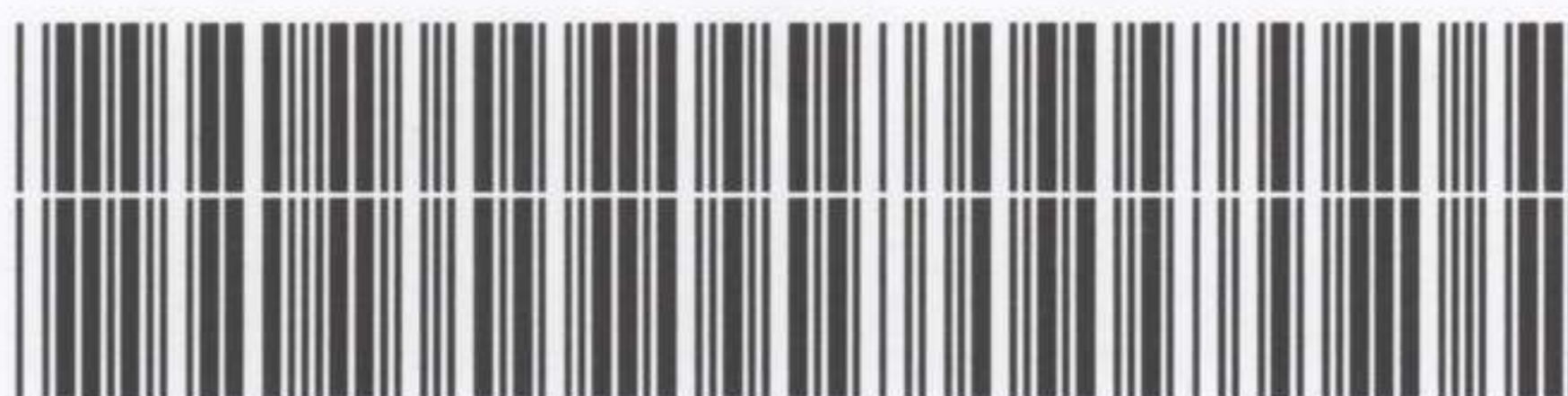
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OF

*22<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Company.*

FOR

*July* 1918.

2 <sup>ND</sup> AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTN.
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July Original

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Lamotte	July 1st	9 pm	1. O.R. was taken on strength from 28th. Inf. Bn.	1. O.R. admitted to Hospital, sick.
	2nd	"	1. O.R. left for England on leave.	1. O.R. admitted to Hospital sick.
	3rd	"	No. 2 Section took up position on VILLIERS-BRETONNEUX front for the purpose of taking part in an attack that was being made by the 2nd. Aust. Division. 2 Guns emplaced at P20.c.1.5. and 2 Guns at P20. c.1.3. under command of Lieut. J.L. Stapleton and 2/Lieut. R.N. Kershaw, remained in these positions until the morning of the 4th. inst. (until Zero hour 3.10. am.)	
	4th	"	Our general bombardment opened at Zero minus 4 mins. At Zero plus 4 mins. the barrage lifted. Our guns together with the 21st & 23rd. Battalions moved forward under cover of barrage at zero. 2/Lieut. R.N. Kershaw working in conjunction with the 23rd. Bn. and Lieut. J.L. Stapleton with the 21st. Bn. This Company's objectives were to be reached at Zero plus 30 minutes, Lieut. Stapleton's being P21.c.1.6., 2/Lieut. Kershaw's being P26.b.3.8. Our objectives were reached at the time planned. and we at once placed the guns in position, also between Lieut. Stapleton's guns, a captured German Machine Gun (Heavy) with 8 boxes of Ammunition was made use of. With each of our guns we had taken over 14 boxes of belted ammunition. As soon as our guns were in position the officer proceeded to take advantage of 4 Light German Machine Guns (which had been captured by the 21st. Bn.) making sure they were in good order for the Infantry to use in the event of any counter attack. 2/Lieut. Kershaw and some of our men were caught in the M.G. Fire from a German strong point, resulting in the officer and 6 O.R.'s being wounded and 2 O.R. killed. The formation which the Infantry maintained whilst advancing to the attack was excellent and was very commendable. Our gunners, in the opinion of the officer in charge, from taking up their positions until relieved by the 5th. A.M.G. Coy. proved themselves most efficient and the manner in which they carried out their work reflects on them the highest credit. We advanced with guns at 20 yards interval, each gun team went forward in groups of 2 and the whole in "V" shaped formation. Six tanks attached to the 6th. A.I. Bde. played a most daring part in the attack. Their positions being in rear of the infantry, until, when the Infantry were held up, they moved forward and on each occasion with wonderful ease dispersed the enemy. The part the Aeroplanes took throughout was greatly admired and appreciated, several of the "Sopwith Camels" flying at a very low altitude, probably not more than 20 feet from the ground. The R.E.8. planes carried out most helpful work in dropping boxes of ammunition by means of parachutes to both Inf. and M.G. positions, which were indicated by "Vs" of white calico stretched on the ground. Lieut. Shelley	

J. L. Stapleton



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	8.7.18.		This Company relieved the 7th. A.M.G. Coy. in right sector of Divisional front on the night 8th/9th. of July. 2 guns under 2/Lt. Foley moved forward this morning into captured trench in O36.d. (Sheet. 62D.S.W.) Lieut. C.R. Field took command of the Company to-day.	J.H.S.																														
	10.7.18.		During the night of 9th./10th. into newly formed line in P31.a. one gun moved forward into old front line in O36.c. These moves were carried out under heavy enemy shelling. During the night one of our guns fired on enemy raiding party inflicting x a sualties and dispersing the enemy-- 500 rounds S.A.A. expended. Casualties 1.O.R. killed and 3. O.R. wounded. Two guns moved from O36.d. across the Brigade front and took up positions on right flank in U5.'. Move being completed by 7.am.	J.H.S.																														
	12.7.18.		Under Lieut. Prichard, one gun moved forward to newly captured trench in O36.d.. Lieut. Foley moved one gun forward to another part of this trench in U6.b. An interchange with the 6th. Coy. of three guns took place last night bringing our rear guns into forward area.	J.H.S.																														
	13/7/18.		2/Lieut. Loone and a number of men from rear H.Q.'s came up today in relief of 2/Lieut. Cadden and personnel of No.1 Section. All available men from rear also came up in relief of personnel of Nos. 3.&.4. Sections.	J.H.S.																														
	14.7.18.		Night of 13/14th. a redistribution of sections took place. Sections guns and location are now as follows - all being in right group:-	J.C. Stanbury.																														
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			R. 11.	U5.b.85.28.	3	R. 7.	036.d.40.10.	4	<i>J.H.S.</i>
			R. 12.	U5.b.30.50.	3	R. 8.	U6.b.10.88.	4	
			R. 19.	034.c.98.05.	3	R. 9.	035.d.70.25.	4.	
			R. 20.	034.c.95.02.	3	R. 10.	035.d.70.25.	4.	
			A considerable amount of harassing fire by guns R.5.&R.6., R.9.&R.10. was carried out owing to enemy movement of troops being observed during yesterday.						
	15.7.18.		On the night 14/15th. guns R.19.&R.20. fired 1000 rounds per gun, enfilading enemy trenches in U12.b. Guns R.5.&R.6. fired 1000 rounds per gun enfilading roads and trenches in V.26.						<i>J.H.S.</i>
	18.7.18.		On the night 15/16th. guns R.11.&R.12. moved to new front line in U6.c.0.8. approx.. This move was complete at midnight.. The night programme of harassing fire was carried out as previously. Heavy enemy shelling was experienced throughout the night.						<i>J.H.S.</i>
	19.7.18.		<p><del>XXXXXXXX</del> Harassing fire on enemy targets continued through the night.</p> <p>On the night 17/18th. two guns R.9.&amp;R.20. under Lieut. Prichard advanced in co-operation with the 26th. A.I.Bn. (Right Bn.) in an attack on enemy positions east of Monument Wood, and established themselves in V1.a. the objective being gained. Heavy machine gun fire was experienced on the way over- resulting in casualties 1. O.R. killed Guns R26.&amp;R27. under 2/Lt. Loone moved up from rear positions during the evening 17th. and at Zero hour these went forward with the 25th. Inf. Bn. (Left. Bn.) in attack on enemy position east of VILLERS PRETOMIEUX-. During the advance besides experiencing much enemy M.G. fire, some of our own shells fell short and killed 1 Sgt. and 2 O.R's. Other casualties - 5 wounded (1-at duty). On arriving at the objective it was found that the trench had not been mopped up - Germans still occupying it. This situation was soon cleared up, 2/Lt. Loone and two men capturing 1. Officer at a M.G. &amp; 3 men. In conjunction with these attacks R.7.gun moved forward into original front line, taking position vacated by R.8.&amp;R.20 guns. The 6th. A.M.G. Coy., the other positions vacated by us. Five of this Company's guns fired a protective barrage during this advance.</p> <p>At 9.p.m. the enemy put down a heavy barrage and counter-attacked the position taken from him last night. During the bombardment prior to enemy counter-attack, Lt. Prichard and 3 O.R's were killed and 3 O.R's were wounded.</p>						<i>J.H.S.</i>

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Lamotte.	19.7.18.		On S.O.S. signal going up, our five barrage guns opened fire on S.O.S. lines. The enemy attack failed completely. During the night Counter Preparation barrage was put down - 4500 rounds per gun being fired.	JHS																																																						
	20.7.18.		Constant enemy shelling in locality of U6.a. was experienced during the night, 4.2" and H.E. shells falling 150 yards behind guns R.11.&.R.12.	JHS																																																						
	21.7.18.		During the night one gun (R.8.) altered its position slightly - moving closer to R.20. in V1.a.6.5. Heavy enemy shelling was experienced in U5.b.&.U5.d. in the vicinity of our guns. Night firing programme by barrage guns was continued.	JHS																																																						
	22.7.18.		This Company was relieved by the 6th. A.M.G. Coy. last night, our company taking up positions vacated by 6th. coy. This interchange was completed by 1.30.am. Harassing fire was carried out on enemy targets in U6.b.95.05. by our guns. Company's guns and location are now as follows:-	JHS																																																						
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	23.7.18.		During the night between 10.pm.&.3.am. the enemy put down a severe gas bombardment in VILLERS-BRETONNEUX are a. Our casualties amounting to 1 O.R. wounded and 2 O.R.'s gassed - a 4.2" gas shell bursting alongside the gun. One Machine Gun was blown out.	JHS																																																						
	24.7.18.		Six guns are now engaged in night firing with an expenditure of approx. 8000 rounds.	JHS																																																						
	25.7.18.		This evening some heavy enemy shells fell near Company. H.Q. (027.c.) also near Right Group H.Q.'s.	JHS																																																						

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Lamotte.	27.7.18.		During the night 7500 rounds were expended in harassing fire on enemy trenches and roads.	JHS
	27.7.18.		Last night the following changes were made and completed by 9 pm. :- L.22.&.L.23, L.15.&.L.16. were relieved by the 7th. A.M.G.C. and took up new positions as follows:- L22.&.L23 at 027.d.20.90. L15.&.L16. at 032.a.70.40. R16.&.R17. relieved by the 6th. A.M.G.C. moved to 032.c.83.20. R19. " " " " " " U1.b.55.95. R24. " " " " " " U1.b.47.90.	JHS
	28.7.18.		One gun of the 129th. American M.G.Cov. was emplaced near R18. forming pair with same. This gun is numbered R18a. and the gun crew comes under control of O.C. 22nd. Aust. M.G.Cov. for purpose of gaining practical experience in the line. Inter company relief was carried out, 43 men being returned to Rear. About 8.30.&.9.30pm. enemy shelling vicinity of Cov. H.Q. in 027.c.	JHS
	28.7.18.		Harassing fire was carried out by our guns on enemy targets during the night, 4000 rounds being expended. The American Gun R18a. carried out a practice shoot on their S.O.S. line at 10.30 to 11.30pm and 2 to 3am. Twelve aerial bombs were dropped around gun positions R18.&.R18a. in 034a. and 033b.	JHS
	29.7.18.		Harassing fire was carried by 5 guns during the night, - 5000 rounds being expended on enemy targets. Company H.Q's in 27c. was subjected to occasional enemy shelling.	JHS
	30.7.18.		Harassing fire was again carried out by our guns during the night.	JHS
	31.7.18.		Fresh enemy targets were fired on by our guns during the night. Frequent enemy shelling by high velocity gun during yesterday and to-day of Company H.Q's and on main road in front.	JHS
			J.H. Stapleton R.	
			pr <u>O.C. 22nd. Aust. M.G. Company.</u>	



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			8.7.18. " 9. " 271 " " " " 8. " 171.	
			15.7.18. " 8. " 203. " " " " 8. " 186.	
			22.7.18. " 10. " 205. " " " " 10. " 185.	
			29.7.18. " 11. " 201. " " " " 10. " 174.	
			Casualties during month. Killed in Action. Offs. 2. O.R's. 12. Died of wounds. O.R's. 3. Wounded. Offs. 1. O.R's. 19. (3 remaining at duty). Hospital. Offs. 1. O.R's. 15. (3 discharged)	
			Reinforcements marching in during month. Offs. 3. O.R's. 34.	
			Leave to England during month. O.R's. 32.	
			Returned from leave. Offs. 1. O.R's. 10.	
			<i>J. H. ...</i>	
			<u>O.C. 22nd. Aust. M.G. Company.</u>	

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For Coy. H.Q. & Section Officers.

Appendix

22ND. MACHINE GUN COMPANY will relieve 7th. M.G. Coy. in RIGHT SECTOR on 8th. & night 8/9th. July.

All reliefs as far as possible will take place during daylight. Completion of reliefs will be reported to ADV. COY. H.Q. in Code as soon as possible.

RELIEFS.

----- NO.1 SECTION. 2/Lieut. Cadden will take two (2) guns, together with 2-N.C.Os. (1-Sgt. & 1-Cpl.), 8-Gunners & 1-Runner.

Positions to be taken over in P25d.

NO.2 SECTION. /Lieut. Bvatt will take four (4) guns, together with 4-N.C.Os. & 16-Gunners.

Positions to be taken over-

2-Guns in 032c.  
2-Guns in U3c.

NO.3 SECTION. 2/Lieut. Foley will take four (4) guns, together with 4-N.C.Os. 16-Gunners & 1-Runner.

Positions to be taken over-

3-Guns in 036b  
1-Gun in 036d.

NO.4 SECTION. Lieut. Prichard will move forward from present position with four (4) guns, 2-N.C.Os. & 16-Gunners, also 1-Runner.

8 In addition he will take two (2) guns of NO.1 SECTION, 1-N.C.O. & 7-Gunners, which he will meet at ADV. COY. H.Q. at 22.2p.m. 8/7/18.

Positions to be taken over-

2-Guns in 035d  
2-Guns in 035c  
2-Guns in 034c.

Section Officers will take over from 7th. A.M.G. Coy. Tripods (complete), belt-boxes & belted ammunition, & all trench stores, & obtain triplicate receipts which will be forwarded to ADV. COMPANY H.Q. within 24 hours after completion of relief.

RATIONS.

----- Rations for 24-hours will taken with Section limbers.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Telephonic communication will be taken over by Sig. Williams.

PETROL-TINS & SAND-BAGS.

It is imperative that sand-bags & petrol-tins be returned to REAR COY. H.Q. for re-filling.

*L. Kelly*

-----Lieut.

O/c 22nd. A.M.G. Coy.



Operation Order No W/2.

7.20 pm

10/7/18.

1. On the night 10th & 11th the 7th A.I. Bde. is advancing its line to objectives as shown on attached sketch.
2. The operation will be carried out by 27th Bn commencing at about 9.30 P.M.
3. To assist in consolidation after objectives has been taken guns C1 & C9 will move forward to positions approx as follows:-  
 C1 will move to approx V.1.6.1.9 to fire in N.E. direction  
 C9 will move to approx P.31.6.6.3 to fire in an almost southerly direction
4. The above positions are only approximate and need not be absolutely adhered to if better positions are at hand
5. On the capturing of the objective Gun No. C7 at present firing down the railway cutting will move to approx O 36.d.4.0 to fire across the front in about a South westerly direction.
6. Section Officers whose guns are moving forward are to keep in close touch with the Infantry as to their progress so as to be able to move forward immediately objectives are held.
7. Section Officers will report by wire to Coy. H.Q. as soon as guns are in position, exact locations etc may be forwarded later
8. Acknowledge.

A. B. Palmer, M. P. I. O.  
 HQ. 22nd A.M.G. Coy



Operation Order No. W/4.

12. 7. 18.

1. The following reliefs + rearrangements of Sections will take place on the night of 12th/13th July:-

2. Distribution of Sections

No. 1. Section - positions - C9 + C10, C15 + C16.

No. 2. " - positions - C1 + C3, C13 + C14

No. 3. " - positions - C4 + C8, C11 + C12.

No. 4. " - positions - C2 + C7, C5 + C6.

Crews will consist in each case of 1 H.C.O. + 3 men.

3. Reliefs No. 1 Sect., 2/H. Cadden + team of C9 + C10 will be relieved by 2/H. Roome + 2 team (including 1 runner).

Relieved team will move back to C15 + C16 position.

No. 2 Sect. team from C15 + C16 will relieve team of No. 3 Sect. at C1 + C3 position. The relieved team will then move to C11 + C12 position.

No. 3 Section men from Rear Coy/H.Q. will relieve team of C4 + C8 gun.

Team of C8 will move to C5 + C6 position.

No. 4 Section. Pl. No. 4 Sect. will arrange to relieve internally throughout his Section with the following exception:-

C2 gun team (No. 2 Sect.) is to be relieved + will move according to 2/H. Foley's instructions.

4. Handing Over All guns + gear with the of spare parts will be handed over. One H.C.O. per gun team will report to gun position which his team is relieving during the morning of 13th July. to take over all gear + stores.



Receipts will be obtained & copies forwarded to Coy H.Q.

5. Where possible reliefs will be completed during daylight. Completion of relief will be wired to Coy H.Q. by sending the word - "HUM"

6. Men proceeding to Rear H.Q. will report to Coy H.Q. adv. where transport will be available. All men in excess of 1 M.C.O. + 3 men per gun team + Sect H.Q. personnel will proceed to Rear H.Q.

7. Rations Rations for the 14th unit will be on the scale of 4 per gun + Section H.Q. the usual numbers. These will be collected at Ration Point & handed over to Relieving Crews.

8. Guides Teams of C9 + C10 with 2/H. Cadden will report to Coy H.Q. ~~where~~ when relieved, where a guide will take them to C15 + C16.

2/H. Foley will arrange to guide relieved crew of C1 + C3 to C11 + C12 positions.

Further arrangements re guides will be notified to Sect. Commanders concerned.

9. Acknowledge by wire

Distribution -  
Section Officers  
Groups H.Q.  
Rear Coy H.Q.  
File.

Robert Hunt  
OC 22nd Aust. Tn Coy



Operation Order No. W/5

13. 7. 18.

1. Guns of Right Group have been numbered as follows.

Old No.		New No.	Old No.		New No.
C1	becomes	R4	C9	becomes	R1
C2	-	R8	C10	"	R2
C3	-	R3	C11	"	R19
C4	-	R12	C12	-	R20
C5	-	R9	C13	-	R5
C6	-	R10	C14	-	R6
C7	-	R7	C15	-	R26
C8	-	R11	C16	-	R27.

2. Section Guns are as indicated below: -

Section No.	Gun No.	Location	Section No.	Gun No.	Location
Section No. 1	R1	P31 b 18.55	Section No. 3	R11	U5 b 85.28
	R2	P31 b 05.45		R12	U5 b 30.50
	R26	O32 C 80.20		R19	O34 C 98.05
	R27	O32 C 80.15		R20	O34 C 95.02
Section No. 2	R3	P31 a 10.00	Section No. 4	R7	O36 d 40.10
	R4	O36 d 48.30		R8	U6 b 10.88
	R5	O36 a 70.40		R9	O35 d 70.25
	R6	O36 a 70.40		R10	O35 d 70.25

3. Section Officers will ensure that Gun Teams know the new numbers of their positions. All guns will in future be referred to by their new numbers.

4. Acknowledges.

A. B. Palmer. Lieut.  
for O.C. 22<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M.G. Coy



Operation Order No W/6. 15. 7. 18.

1. The 26<sup>th</sup> A.I. Battalion has now established a line running approximately U5 d 75.70 along **SARIA TRENCH** to U6 c 5.9 to U6 b 2.1 to U6 b 5.5 to U6 b 70.65 to U6 b 9.9.
2. Guns R.11 + R.12 (No. 3 Section) will move forward + take up positions at approx. U6 c 0.8 1 Gun firing approx 90° Grid + the other about 240° Grid.
3. Gun R.8. will now fire on Grid 115° approx. between front posts.
4. Moves to be complete by 2 AM 16/7/18. Completion to be wired Coy. HQ. by the word "DUBLIN"
5. Acknowledge.

Crosfield. Lieut  
 CC. 22<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. Coy

Distribution

Copy 1 No 3 Sect  
 - 2 No 4 -  
 File

Issued thro' Signals 3.15 pm



H/1

STANDING ORDER

15.7.18.

EMERGENCY RESERVE RATIONS.

1. Dumps of the above are to be kept at all M.G. Strong Posts. Each dump consists of 40 Rations.

i.e. 30 Lbs Beef  
1 Lb Biscuits  
40 Grocery Rations  
6 Lbs Water.

2. These rations are to be nailed or wired up and stored in a dry place in M.G. Dumps. On no account are these rations to be touched except on orders from Coy. H.Q. They will be labelled

"2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Bn. EMERGENCY RESERVE RATIONS"

3. On relief rations will be handed over in detail, and separate receipts obtained

4. Acknowledge.

Robert  
O.C. 22<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. G. Coy. Rint.



Operation Order No. W/17

17. 7. 18.

1. On a date ~~to~~ ~~be~~ notified later 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde will advance ~~to~~ its line in order to straighten & shorten our front.
  2. The objectives are U6C 55.80 through U6 Central to Railway Bridge V1B 5.6 (both Bridge & ground inclusive) to 5<sup>1/2</sup> A.I. Bde flank at road (exclusive) near P. 32 Central.
  3. The advance will be made by 25<sup>th</sup> + 26<sup>th</sup> Bns. Inter-Battalion boundary being the Railway line which with the bridge is inclusive to 25<sup>th</sup> Bn. Ground at V1B 25.60 is inclusive to 26<sup>th</sup> Bn.
  4. Guns R 26 + R 27 (No. 1 Sect.) having been relieved by 7<sup>th</sup> Am. Coy. will move to the vicinity of R. 4 Gun under command of Lieut. Bone. Gun No. R 20 having been relieved by 6<sup>th</sup> Coy. will move up to R 7 position, taking over this Gun's tasks. R 7 Gun of No. 4 Sect then becomes R 20.
  5. The following Guns will move forward to positions stated to assist in consolidation.
    - Guns R 8 + R 20 (No. 4 Sect.) with Right Bn. to approx U 6 B 9.4
    - Guns R 26 + R 27 (No. 1 Sect.) with Left Bn. to approx P 31 d 7.6.
- If these positions are found unsuitable Sector Officers, who will work in close cooperation with Inf. Coy. Commanders, will use their own discretion.



6. Gun P4 will be moved <sup>2</sup> so as to make a pair with P3 Gun

7. Time of advance. Section Officers will move their Guns to a position in front of our line with the Infantry.

Guns will not be taken to their final position until the Infantry Coy. Commander reports that the objective has been taken.

8. Instructions as to Gun teams, rationed re. have been given verbally to Sect. Officers concerned.

9. Zero time will be notified later watches will be synchronised at 6pm at Sect. H.Q.

10. Report Centre. Coy. H.Q. will be at No 4 Section H.Q. at 025d 05.90. All reports and dispositions will be sent to this H.Q. as soon as possible.

11. Acknowledge.

Distribution

Right Group M.G.  
Sections Nos. 2, 3 & 4  
File

Ross Seed  
Lieut  
of 22nd Am. Bn.



Operation Order No. W/2 17. 7. 10

1. The following alteration & additional P.O.S. will come into force at zero.

2. Targets

Gun P5.	V 2. a. 60.70	15	V 2. a. 80.22
" P6.	V 2. a. 80.22	15	V 2. b. 00.02
" P9.	V 1. d. 70.80	15	V 1. d. 63.65
" P10	V 1. d. 63.65	15	V 1. d. 55.40
" P19	U 6. d. 44.21	15	U 6. d. 61.19
" P20	U 6. d. 61.19	15	U 6. d. 81.17

3. Herewith are calculations for above which please check before using

4. Acknowledg.

A. G. Galmers Lieut.  
for OC. 22<sup>nd</sup> Aust MG Coy

Distribution

OC. No. 1 Sect

" No. 3 "

" No. 4 "

File

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Operative Order No W/9

17/7/18

1. A Zero hour all guns will open on 8.0.8 lines at rate of 60 rounds per gun per minute.

<u>Gun Line</u>	<u>Name of Barrage</u>
R 19 + R 20 (R 24)	'A' Barrage.
R 9 + R 10	'D' "
R 5 + R 6.	'E' "

Owing to the possibility of pushing further forward 'D' Barrage will lift to Cross Road Y 20 10.10 which will be termed 'D1' Barrage.

3. Guns firing 'A' + 'E' Barrage will fire from zero till zero + 75 mins. Guns on 'D' Barrage

from zero + 6 min, then lift to 'D1' Barrage & fire till zero + 75 mins.

4. 'D1' Barrage will then be 8.0.8 lines for R 9 + R 10. Guns till further orders.

5. Lieut Foley will supervise R 9 + R 10 guns & Sgt Walls supervise R 19 + R 20 (R 24)

backwards

Distribution

OC 23 + 4 Sect  
Sill

Chas Field Lieut  
OC 22nd Aust MG Coy



# GUN CHART.

Army Form W.3768.

No. R.19 Gun. ..... Battery. Gun Commander Sgt. Wells .....

Grid Bearing of Zero Line 90 ..... N.C.O. i/c. ....

TASK	CLOCK TIME		ZERO TIME		ANGLE OF DEVIATION FROM ZERO TIME	NORMAL Q.E.	CORRECTED Q.E.	TRAVERSE	RATE OF FIRE R.P.M.
	FROM	TO	FROM	TO					
<del>Dec 5</del>					Swamp				
					40	St. Byatt			
					40	Richard			
					40	Lobley			
					50	H.P.			

## CHART OF CONCENTRATION POINTS.

NO. OF POINT	ANGLE OF DEVIATION FROM ZERO LINE	NORMAL Q.E.	CORRECTED Q.E.	TRAVERSE	REMARKS

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Signature.....  
Battery Commander.

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Operation Order No. W/10. 18/7/18

1. Counter Preparation Scheme in cooperation with Artillery will be carried out at the following times on night of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> July, viz:--  
10 pm to 10.30 pm, 12.30 AM to 1 AM, 2.30 to 3.30 AM
2. Tactics Guns ~~from~~ P19 + P20 (P24) will fire on S.O.S. line, traversing to right about 5° + searching forward 100°.  
Guns P9 + P10 will fire on S.O.S. line (D1) traversing 15° Right + Searching 1°.  
Guns P5 + P6 will fire on S.O.S. line, traversing 5° Right, Searching 2°
3. During Counter preparation scheme S.O.S. is required. Guns will immediately switch back on to their S.O.S. lines
4. ~~Rate of Fire~~ Rate of Fire  
50 rounds per gun per minute for Counter preparation scheme.  
S.O.S. Rate remains as before
5. Acknowledge.

A. Woodfield Lieut.

for C.O. 22<sup>nd</sup> Aust. M. Coy.

Distribution

C.O. No. 2 Sub

" No 3 "

File



Operation Order No. W/11.

20/7/18.

1. The Coy. will be relieved in Right Sector by the 6<sup>th</sup> Am. G. Coy. on 21<sup>st</sup> night 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July. On relief 22<sup>nd</sup> Coy. takes over dispositions & tasks of 6<sup>th</sup> Coy. in Centre Sector.
2. Details of relief are shown on table herewith. Each Gun when relieved will be guided to the position vacated by the relieving crew of 6<sup>th</sup> Coy. One guide provided by 6<sup>th</sup> Coy. will go up with each relieving crew for this purpose.
3. Guns, Spare Parts, A.P. Amm. will be brought out of the line. All other stores & gear, including Emergency Reserve Stations will be handed over when relieved.
4. Section Commanders will take over Headquarters & Positions of Guns as follows: -
  - Lieut. Cadden U 3 c. 80.70. Guns R 22, 23, 21, 24 & 19.
  - Lieut. Stapleton O 34. b. 65.70 Guns R 16, 17 & 18.
  - Lieut. Byatt O 29. b. 1.6 Guns L 15, 16. L 22, 23.
  - Lieut. Williams O 28. b 5.2 Guns L 19, 21. R 14, 15.
 Coy. HQ. will be situated at O 27 a. 3.4 (old HQ.)
5. Completion of relief will be notified to Coy. HQ. by sending the word "GREEN"

6. Acknowledge.

Relief Table over.

Distribution: -

Sections  
6<sup>th</sup> Am. G. Coy.  
Right Group  
File.

A. G. Stalmer Lieut.  
C. 22<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Trenchline G. Coy.



RELIEF TABLE.

GUNS RELIEVED	GUNS RELIEVING	GUIDES:
R 1 + 2.	L 22 + 23	1 man to report 6 <sup>th</sup> Coy. H.Q. 8.30 P.M.
R 26 + 27.	R 22 + 23	1 man - - 6 <sup>th</sup> Coy. H.Q. 8.30 P.M.
R 3 + 4	L 15 + 16	1 man to report 6 <sup>th</sup> Coy. H.Q. 3 P.M.
R 5 + 6.	R 24 + 21	1 man - - 6 <sup>th</sup> Coy. H.Q. 3 P.M.
R 8	<del>R</del> L 19	1 man to report Bridge over Railway in O 28 d. 8.30 P.M.
R 20	R 18	1 man - - - - -
R 9 + 10	R 16 + 17.	1 man - - 6 <sup>th</sup> Coy. H.Q. 3 P.M.
R 11 + 12	R 14 + 15	1 man to report Bridge over Railway in O 28 d at 8.30 P.M.
R 7.	R 21	1 man - - 6 <sup>th</sup> Coy. H.Q. 3 P.M.
R 19	not relieved forms a pair with R 5 (moving to R 24)	

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Operation Order No. W/12.

22.7.18.

1. The following rearrangements with the object of properly organizing Sections will be made on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> July to be complete by 12 noon.

2. Lieut Cadogan's Group.

Gun R19 (No.3 Sect.) moves to L19.  
 " R24 (No.2 " ) " " L22  
 " R21 (No.3. " ) " " L21

Lieut Byatt's Group.

Gun L22 (No.1 Sect.) moves to R19  
 " L23 (No.1 Sect) " " R24

Lieut Williams Group.

Gun L19 (No.4 Section) " " R21  
 " L21 (No.2 " ) " " L23.

3. Section Groups will on completion of this change be composed as follows:-

No.1 Section (Lieut Cadogan).

R19 + R24  
 R22 + R23  
 R21 (Gun + Crew of No.4 Section)

No.2 Section (Lieut Byatt)

L15 + L16  
 L22 + L23

No.3 Section (Lieut Williams)

L19 + L21  
 R14 + R15

No.4 Section (Lieut Stapleton)

R16 + R17  
 R18.

4. All gear with the exception of spare parts will be handed over by Gun Commanders to the Officer Commanding



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the Section Group, who will hand stores over to the relieving Gun Commanders.

5. Guides etc. Gun Commanders of moving guns will visit their new gun positions this evening, 22nd inst., in order to acquaint themselves of their new tasks. No men will be left behind to hand over the gun positions.

1. Completion of relief will be reported to Coy. H.Q. by sending the word "NOMADIC"

8. Acknowledge.

Distribution:-

Co. C. Sections  
Right Group, H.Q.

C. R. Field Lieut.  
for C.C. 22nd Aust. M.G. Coy



Operation Order No. W/13: 26/7/18.

1. American M. G. Coys No 123 + 129 are being attached to 2nd Aust M. G. Bn. on the night 26th/27th July, for a period of training in the line.
2. One gun of 129th American M. G. Coy. will be emplaced near R18 forming a pair. This gun will be numbered R18a.
3. The following moves will take place: -

	GUNS.	RELIEVED BY	MOVED TO	IN RELIEF OF	NEW No.
No 1 Sect Group.	R19 + R24	6th Coy.	R18 + R21	No 4 Sect.	R18 - R21
No 2 Sect Group.	L 22 - L 23	7th Coy.	O 27 d 10.90	-	L 22 - L 23
	L 15 - L 16		CLOCK FACE	-	L 15 - L 16
No 4 Sect Group.	R16 - R17	6th Coy	R30 - R31	5th Coy.	R16 - R17
	R18 - R21	No. 1 Sect	R28 - R29		R19 - R24
No 3 Sect Group		No moves.			

4. Emergency Reserve Rations, Trench Stores, Tripods, Bell Boxes etc. will be handed over in positions vacated & receipts forwarded to Coy. H.Q.
  - 4 Tripods } will be obtained from Coy. H.Q. for
  - 56 Bell-Boxes } Guns L 15, L 16, L 22, L 23.
  - 4 Tripods } will be obtained from Coy. H.Q. for
  - 56 Bell-Boxes } Guns R 16, R 17, R 18, R 21.
5. All information, tasks + orders will be most carefully handed over in each case.
6. Limber arrangements & other minor details to be communicated to Officers concerned.
7. Completion of relief will be notified to Coy. H.Q. by phone or runner - Code word - "SAM".

8. Acknowledge.

Distribution: -  
 AC Sections  
 Right Group  
 File

Chas Field  
 for C.O. 22nd Aust M G Coy



Operation Order No W/14.

26/7/18

1. Reference Operation Order No W/13.  
On moves being completed Sections will be grouped as under: -

	<u>Gun No.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>		<u>Gun No.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
No 1 Section Group (HQ at R 21)	R 21	Wapah 0 34 c 40.10	No 2 Sect. Group (HQ at L 23)	R 18 (M. 1500) <sup>Wapah</sup>	0 34 a 55.30
	R 22	Wapah U 3 C 95.75		R 18a (American)	0 34 a 50.30
	R 23	U 3 C 90.70		L 22	Tard 0 27 d 20.85
				L 23	+ 0 27 d 20.95
No 3 Sect. Group (HQ at R 14)	R 14	0 28 d 35.30	No 4 Sect. Group (HQ at R 24)	R 16	Brain } 0 32 c 83.20
	R 15	Wapah 0 28 d 46.36		R 17	
	L 19	Wapah 0 28 b 47.10		R 19	Paterson U 1 b 55.95
	L 21	0 28 b 50.20		R 24	U 1 b 47.90
			L 15	} 0 32 a 70.40	
			L 16		} 0 32 a 77.35

2. Telephone arrangements will be notified later.

3. acknowledge.

Robert Lewis  
for OC. 22<sup>nd</sup> Aust M G Coy

Distribution  
OC. Sections  
All Groups In C.  
File.



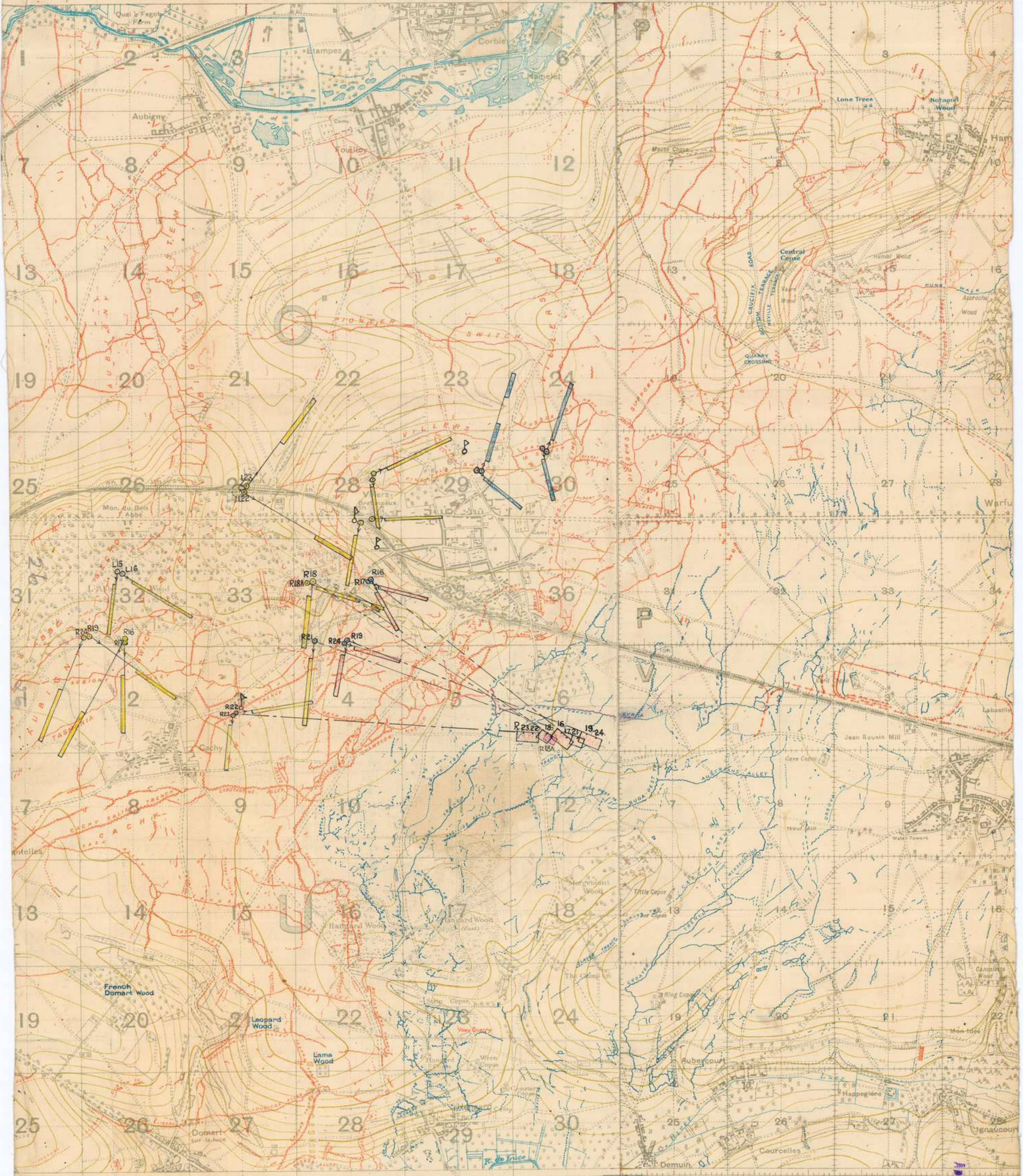
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EDITION 3. B. (Local)

SHEET 62<sup>D</sup> S.W.

1:20,000

NOTE CHANGE OF COLOUR.  
Enemy Trenches in Blue.  
British Trenches in Red.



FIELD SURVEY BY R.E. (3941) 9-7-18.

G.S.O.S. 3742

REFERENCE

- Any trench apparently organ- ised for fire
- Enemy Trenches (Important ones are shown by thick line. Old or disused by dotted line)
- British Trenches
- Wire Entanglement or Other Obstacle
- Enemy's Tracks
- Buried Pipeline
- Airline
- Supply Dump
- Ammunition
- Earthworks
- Dug-outs
- Huts
- Works reinforc-

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