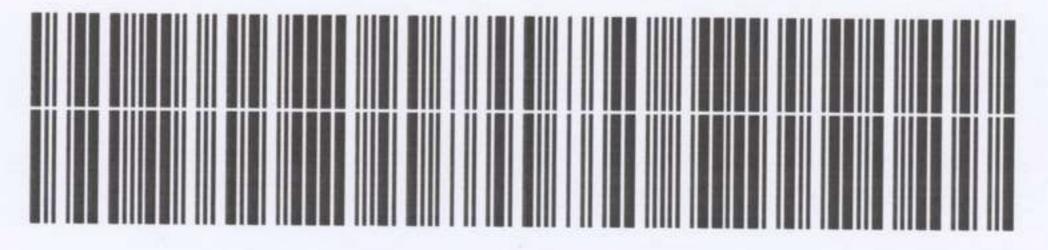
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# WAR DAIRY.

#### WELLINGTON M.R. REGIMENT.

Place	Date 1918	Hour Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Y27 a 6.0.	July. 1st	The Regiment became Divisional Reserve on being relie Garrisoning No.4. Subsector by Auckland Mounted Rifle	
		10330 9th Sqdn (Major A.S. Wilder, M.C.) stood to ar all clear and 9th Sqdn stood dawn.  Regt remained in bivouac all day and settled down At 1845 a night standing Patrol of 1 Sergt, 2 section bivouac to Report to 0/C Auckland No.16 Outpost Sqdn to 4 subsectors	rms 0410 as moved out of
	2nd	At 1905 a Working Party of 3 officers and 80 other Ra of horseholders moved out for work on the Defences of 1200 Working Party returned to Camp. Effective Strength 21 Officers 501 O/Rs Horses, 12 H. 0330 6th Sqdn (Capt Cruickshank) stood to arms. 0415	G Sector.
		and Sqdn stood down, 0430 Night Standing Patrol returned to bivouac Regt remained in bivouac during day. At 1845 A Night Standing Patrol of 1 Sergt 2 sections moved out of Camp to report to 0/C Auckland Mounted R	s, 9th Sqdn R. Outpost Sqdn.

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Place	Date 1918	Hour		Remarks and references to Appendices.
Y 27a 6.0.	July, 2nd		At 1910 the following Working Party moved out of bivouac ur Capt. W.J. Hardham V.C. for work in the Left Sector Defence 2nd Sqdn 1 officer & 40 0/Rs, exclusive of horseholders. 9th Sqdn 2 officers & 40 0/Rs.	
			1200 Working Party returned to bivouac to Divnl Mounted Corps Rest Camp Port Said. Lieut Col.J.H. Whyte D.S.O. D.C.M. & 46 O/Rs. Major A. Batchelar tempoarily assumed command during the absence of Lt-Col J. White & Major C. Deck on leave. Effective Strength 20 officers 451 O/R 536 Horses 12.H.G.	
	3rd		At 0330 9th Sqdn (Major J.S. Wilder, M.C.) stood to arms 0420 all clear and 9th Sqdn stood down. 0435 Night Standing Patrol returned to bivouac during Day Regt remained in bivouac and one officer per Squadron carried out a Recoinnassance of the Roads in the left Sector At 1845 a Night Standing Patrol of 1 Sergt 2 Sectors 2nd Smoved out of bivouac to report to 0/C AMR Outpost Sgdn.	

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# WAR DAIRY.

Place	Date H	lour Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Y27a 6 0	July. 31st	At 1910 the following party left bivouac for work on the lef Sector Defences.  2nd Sqdn. 2 Officers & 40 O/Rs (exclusive of horseholders) 6th Sqdn. 1 officer & 40 O/Rs (exclusive of horseholders) 2345 Working party returned to bivouac. Effective Strength 20 officers 450 @/Rs 536 Horses 12 H.G.	t Jericho. (B.6) 1/40,000.
	4th	O330 2nd Sqdn (Capt W.J. Hardham)V.C.) Stood to arms. 0430 S Stood down. O500 Night Standing Post supplied by 2nd Sqdn returned to bi 1845 6th Sqdn detailed to Night Standing Post of 1 Sergt & 2 to report to O/C Auckland M.R. Outpost Sqdn at WANE POST at 1845 the following Working Party left bivouac for work on defences of the left subsector. 2nd Sqdn 1 officer & 50 O/Rs (exclusive of horseholders) 9th Sqdn 2 officers 50 O/R (exclusive of horseholders). 2300 Party returned to bivouac. Marched in from N.Z. Training Regt ISMAILIA Capt C.J. Pierce, M.C., Capt.J.G. Gow N.Z.M.C. and 2 O/Rs. 11 other Ranks evacuated to Hospital with mostly malaria Effective Strength 20 officers 437 O/Rs 534 Horses 12 H.G	vouac Sectors the

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Y 27 & 6.0.	1918		Appendices.
	July.	0330 6th Sqdn. (Capt. J.B. Cruickshands) Stood to arms	Jerricho.
	5th	All clear and Sqdn stood down.	В.6.
		During the day each man in the Regt received 10 grains	1/40000.
		of quinine as a prophylackic against malaria.	
		At 1545 a Night Standing Post of 1 Sergt and 8 men moved	
		out of bivouac toreport O/C A.M.R. Outpost Sqdn at WANE POST.	
*		At 1910 the following working party moved out for work (wiring) on Defence of Left Sector.	
		2nd Sqdn 2 officers and 40 0/R's (exclusive of horseholders)	
		6th Sqdn l officer and 40 0/Rs (exclusive of horseholders)	
		2400 Working Party returned to bivouac.	
		Lieut A.G. Simpson and 1 0/R from School of Instruction	
		Zietoun. 10 O/Rs from Training Regt ISMAILIA.	
		Effective Strength 21 Officers 447 0/Rs, 534 Horses 12 H.G.	
		Capt W.H. Young N.Z.M.C. and 1 O/R attached for duty marched out to N.Z.M.F.R	
	6th	0330 9th Sqdn stood to arms. 0435 Attached and Sqdn stood down	
		1845 a Night Standing Post of 1 Sergt 8 men (6th Sqdn) moved ou	t
		to report to A.M.R. Outpost Sqdn at WANE Post.	
		1910 the following working party moved out of bivouac to wire t	he
		defences of Left Subsector. 6th Sqdn 2 officers & 50 0/Rs(exclusive of horseholders)	
		9th Sqdn 1 officer and 50 0/R	
		A. MacUntyre	
		Adjt.W.M.R. Regime	nt.

Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Y 27a 60	July. 6th		2345 Working Party returned to bivouac. Capt W.J. Hardham V.C. and 4 O/Rs to hospital with malaria Capt. C.J. Pierce M.C.) assumed temporary command of 2nd Sqdn on Capt W.J. Hardham, V.C. Marching out to hospital Effective Strength 2 Officers 445 O/Rs 534 Horses 12 H.G.	
	7th		O330 2nd Sqdn stood to arms at 0430 Sqdn stood down.  Regt remained in bivouac during day.  At 1845 A Night Standing Post of 1 Sergt and 2 Sections 6th Sqdn moved out of Camp to report to 0/C A.M.R. Outpost Sqdn wane Post at 1910 the following working party moved out to bivouac for wiring on the Defences of Left Sector.  2nd Sqdn 1 officer and 40 0/Rs (Exclusive of horseholders) 9th Squadron 2 officers & 40 0/Rs (Exclusive of horseholders 2400 Working party returned to bivouac.  2/Lieut N.R. Jamieson and 8 0/Rs to hospital (Malaria) Effective Strength 19 officers, 437 0/R 533 Horses 12 H.G.	

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7 A 6 0	July. 5th		0330 6th Sqdn stood to arms and at 0445 Stood down 0515 Night Standing Patrol returned to bivouac Regt remained in bivouac during the day. At 1545 A Night Standing Post of 1 Sergt and 2 Sections (9th Squadn) moved out to bivouac to report to 0/C A.M.R. at WANE POST. At 1910 the following Working Party left camp for work on Left Sector Defences. 2nd Sqdn. 2 officers & 40 0/Rs (exclusive of Horseholders) 6th Squadn 1 officer and 40 0/Rs (exclusive of Horseholders)	JERICHO B.6. 1/40000
	9 th		2400 Working Party returned to bivouac. 7 O/Rs evacuated to hospital with mostly malaria Effective Strength 19 officers, 430 O/Rs 534 Horses 12 H.G. 0330 9th Sqdn Stood to arms and at 0430 Stood down. 0510 Night Standing Post returned to bivouac During the day every officer and man in the Regt received 10 grains of quinine as a preventative for malaria. At 1545 A Night Standing post of 1 Sergt and 2 Sections 9th Sqdn) moved out of bivouac to report to O/C A.M.R. Sqdn at WANE POST.	
	9th		0330 9th Sqdn Stood to arms and at 0430 Stood down. 0510 Night Standing Post returned to bivouac During the day every officer and man in the Regt received 10 grains of quinine as a preventative for malaria. At 1545 A Night Standing post of 1 Sergt and 2 Sections 9th Sqdn) moved out of bivouac to report to 0/C A.M.R.	

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			WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES REGT	
Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references
Y27 A 6	.O. July 9th		2345 Working Party returned to Camp.  Major C. Deck marching in from leave, assumes temporary command of the Regt.  Major A.F. Batchelar relinquishes temporary emmand and is appointed temporary 2 i/c of the Regt.  6 0/Rs evacuated to hospital (malaria)  Effective Strength 19 officers, 426 0/R's, 534 Horses 12.H.G.	JERICHO. (B.6.) 1/40000
	lOth		0330 2nd Squadron stood to arms and at 0445 Stood down. 0515 Night Standing Post returned to Camp. Regt remained in bivouac during day. At 1845 a Night Standing Post of 1 Sergt and 2 Sections (6th Sqdn) moved out from bivouac to report to 0/C A.M.R. Sqdn at WANE POST. At 1910 the following Working Party moved out from bivouac for work on the Left Sector Defences.  2nd Sqdn 1 officer and 40 0/Rs (exclusive of horseholder 9th Sqdn 2 Officers & 40 0/Rs (exclusive of horseholder 2400 Working party returned to bivouac Lieut S.M. James and 2nd/Lieut L.H. Lodge and 2 0/Rs marched in fro DESCORPS School Richon to Zion. 13 0/Rs Reinforcements marched from Training Regt ISMAILIA 2/Lt.W.McKay and 13 0/Rs evacuated to hospital (mostly malaria) Effective Strength 20 officers 430 0/Rs 542 Horses.17 H.G.	rs)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information Remai	1 1
	1915		refer	rks and ence to idices.
Z 27A 6 (	July		0330, 6th Sqdn stood to arms and at 0445 Stood down. 0500 Night Standing Post returned to bivouac 1845 Night Standing Post of 1 Sergt and 2 Sections (9th Sqdn) moved out from bivouac to report 0/C A.M.R. Sqdn at WANE Post 1910 Working party as follows moved out from bivouac for work on Left Sector Defences. 2nd Sqdn 2 Officers & 40 O/Rs exclusive of horseholders 6th Sqdn and 1 officer and 40 O/Rs exclusive of horseholders. About 2330 Working Party returned to bivouac 11 O/Rs admitted to Hospital Sick.  Affective Strength 20 officers 416 O/Rs 541 Horses	JERICHO (B.6.
	12th		12 H.G. 0330 9th Sqdn Stood to arms and stood down about 0440. About 0445 Night Standing Post returned to bivouac. At 1400 enemy light gun fired 8 H.E. Shells into bivouac area Casualties 1 of Rank wounded. 1845 Night Standing Post of 1 Sergt & 2 Sectors (2nd Sqdn) moved out of bivouav to report to 0/C A.M.R. Sqdn at WANE POST. 1910 the following Working Party moved out of bivouac for work on the Left Sector. 8th Sqdn 2 officer s & 40 0/Rs (exclusive of horseholders) About 2400 Working Party returned to bivouac.	

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Place Date Hour  1918	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Y 27 a 6.0. July. 12th	8 O/Rs admitted to Hospital Sick Effective Strength 20 Offices 409 O/Rs 541 Horses 12 H.G.	JERICHO.
23rd		L/40000

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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Y27 a. 6. 0.	July 14th		0230 Enemy opened a heavy bombardment on Sector 0330 6th Sqdn stood to arms . 0345 Orders were received from Bde for the whole Regt to Stand to as the enemy were attacking No. 3. subsector. 0510 5 enemy planes came over, Besides machine gunning 5 bombs were dropped on the Regt. Casualties 1 O/R killed and 1 O/R Wounded. 0530 The Regt came under the orders of the B.G.6. 1st I.H. Bd /C Regiment was summoned to 1st I.H. Bde for orders. At 0730 under orders received from 1st Bde, the 9th Sqdn (Ma; with ane subsection M.G. Sqdn moved from bivouac dismounted along the WADI AUJA to operate outside the wire WEST of ZEISS against the enemy pressing on VIEW Post which has been cut of 0850 9th Sqdn held position Y 15 c 33 - Y14c - 10.0. and continued pressing on enemy NORTHWARDS. At 1000 orders were received from 1st Bde that enemy were occ position on the left of 9th Sqdn, and at 1015 M.G. Sqdn and t position on the left on 9th Sqdn. At the same time Regt H/Qrs moved out to ZEISS Post where Reg were established and 2nd Sqdn moved to vicinity of ZEISS in s	jor Wilder, MC)  B POST  ff.  cupying a cook up  ct. H/Gre

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Adjt W.M.R. Regiment.

Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Y 27a6.0.	July		At 1030 the right of the 9th Sqdn pushed forward to ridge in Y 14 central from which heavy fire was brought to bear on enemy forcing him to loosen pressure on VIEW Point.  At 1245 the Regt: held the following line Y 15 c central - Y14 c central- Y 19d.  At 1300, 9th Sqdn sent in party of 61 prisoners including 4 bffic who were captured in Y 14.c. The Prisoners who were suffering to the point of collapse for want of water were sent to 1st Bde-H/Ors Regt came under the orders of the N.Z.M.R. Bde and Regt Headyrs moved to Y.21.d 6.O. for better observation purposes at this time small parties of the enemy were observed moving toware this time small parties of the enemy were observed moving toware TELL EL TRUNY evidently to obtain water for which they were badly in need as about 530 one Squadron Canterbury M.Rs. moved up and took up a position from the left of 6th Sqn.to deny the WADI AUJAN to the enemy.  At 1525 orders were received from the Bde.that to clear up the situation 2 remaining Sqdns of C.M.R.would sweep the area from ZEISS to VIEW Posts on the WEST on a frontage of 1500 yds.W.M.R. to cooperate.At 1700 l Sqd,C.M.R.moved mounted from the WANE post to vicinity of N.14.c.& l Sqdn to Y.21.d.  About 1830 situation reported all clear and orders were issued to Regt.to withdraw to bivousc.At 2030 withdrawal completed. 2100-2120 Enemy Battery of 77 mm guns shelled the vicinity of the water troughs in Y.22.a. Casualties:- l O/R killed & 7 O/Rs wounded by Aeroplane bombs.l O/R wounded by rifle fire. Captures 67 prisoners including 2 Officers,l M.Gum and l BERGMANN Automatic Rifle.  Effective Strength:- Officers O/Ranks Horses H.Guns	rds

A.MacIntyre Captain Adjutant W.M.R Regiment.

# WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT

Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to
Y.272.6.0	JULY 15	0330 6th Sqdn.stood to arms.At 0500 Sqdn.stood down.Regiment remained in vivouac all day. Regt.detail one Officer(Lieut James)& 4 0/Rs to proceed to JERUSALEM as escort to prisoners. 4 0/Ranks to hospital sick.  Effective Strength:- 19 Officers 389 0/Ranks 530 Horses 12.H.Guns.	JERICHO (B.6) 1/40,000
	16	The Regt.remained in bivouac, At 0330 9th Sqdn stood to arms and at0445 stood down. At 1915 the following Working Party left bivouac for work on the Defences of No 4 Sector. 6th Sqdn. 1 Officer & 25 O/Ranks  2nd Sqdn. 4 O/Ranks  9 O/Ranks to hospital sick. Effective Strength: -19 Off. 379 O/Rs. 527 Horses 12. H. Guns	
	2300	O330 6th Sqdn stood to arms.At 0445 Sqdn.stood down.  Regiment remained in bivouac all day.  At 1930 the following Working Party left bivouac for work on the defences of the Left Sector. 2nd Sqdn-1 Officer & 35 O/Ranks(Exclusive of Horseholders) 9th Sqdn 2 officers 35 O/Rs (exclusive of horseholders).  Working Party returned tombivouac.  2/Lieut B.J. Hooper and 6 O/Rs to Hospital.	
		Effective Strength 18 Officers 374 O/Rs, 530 Horses 12 H.G.	

A. MacIntyre, Adjt. W.M.R. Regt. Captain.

	Date Hour 918		Remarks and references to Appendices.
Y 27 A 6.0.	July 18th	At 0330 6th Sqdn stood to arms and at 0445 stood down Regiment remained in bivouac during day. At 1930 the following working parties left bivouac for work on Defences on No.4. subsector. 2 Sqdn l officer 20 0/R 6th " l " 30 ". 9th " l " 20 "	JERRICHO (B6) 1/40000
		5 Other Ranks to Hospital Sick.	
		Effective Strength - 19 officers 373 O/R 530 Horses 12 H.G.	
	19 th	At 0330 9th Sqdn stood to arms and at 0445 stood down 1930 the Regiment was relieved by 5th Cavalry Brigade and moved to new bivouac Area in vicinity of TALAT ED DUMM,	N
	20th 0180	5 O.R to Hospital sick.  Effective Strength 19 officers 370 O/Rs 527 Horses 12 H.G.  Regiment arrived at new Bivouac site and proceeded to settle down LIEUT EVANS reached in from Training Regt.  3 O/Ranks to Hospital sick.  Effective Strength 19 Officers 367 O.R. 526 Horses 12 H.G.	Sheet. 18 1,63360.

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	Date 918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
13 .18 a 23	July 21st		The Regiment remained in Bivouac 2nd Sqdn & 9th Sqdn supplied water guards of 3 N.C.Os and 16 men Training under Squadron Arrangements was recommended CAPT. GOW N.Z.M.C. proceeded on Special ambulance duty to Alexandra.  30/Ranks to Hospital Effective Strength 20 officers 367 O/Rs 520 Horses	Palestine Sheet 18 1,63360.
	22nd		12 H.G. The Regiment remained in bivouac	
		1530	Water Guards were relieved by A.M.R.  Capt MacIntyre proceeded on Records duty to CAIRO.  Capt ISDALE, N.Z.M.C. Marched in from M.F.A.	
			2/0/Ranks to Hospital sick.	
	23rd	1040	Effective strength 20 officers 364 O/Rs 519 Horses 12 H.G. Regiment remained in Bivouac The B.G.C. N.Z.R.Bde inspected the Regiment. 5 O/Ranks to Hospital sick and LIEUT JAGO. Effective Strength 20 officers 360 O/Rs 519 Horses 12 H.G.	

W.M.R. Regiment.

Place	Date		Hour Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
113 7.18 A 2	2.3. July 24th	1800	The Regiment remained in Bivouac 6th Sqdn supplied a water Guard of 1 N.C.O. 8 men at K17. 3 O/Ranks to Hospital. Effective Strength 19 officers 358 O/Rs 518 Horses 12 H.G.	PALESTINE Sheet.
	25th		Regiment remained in bivouac	1,63360.
		1840	The Regiment formed up dismounted with the Brigade and was Inspected by Corps Commander Lieut HOLLAND proceeded to JERUSALEM to take charge of piquets 2nd & 9th Squadrons supplied working party of 2N.V.Os 20 men .  Supply Dumps.	
			52 O/Lieut from Regt ISMAILIA. 3 O/Ranks to Hospital sick. Effective Strength 19 officers 403 O/Ranks 519 Horses	
		2200	12 H.G. Regt remained in Bivouac. Lieut BELLINGHAM and 2 0/R matched out to School of Instruction Ambulance party of 14 0/C and a Guard 0/2 N.C.O. and 12 men mov under Lieut EASTER to new Bivouac Area at Solomons Pools.	ET. ARTSH.

O.H. Lodge, 2/Lt. A/Adjt. W.M.R. Regiment.

			WAR DIARY W.M.R.Regin	nen t.
Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
113 F18.a 23.	July 26		4 O/Ranks to Hospital.  Effective Strength 18 Officers 400 O/Rs 520 Horses 12 H.G.  Regiment remained in Bivouac until 1730 when with the remainder of Brigade it moved to New Camp at Solomons Pools.  3 O/Ranks to Hospital sick.	PALESTINE. Sheet. 18 1,63360. Sheet. 17
100 G11.b. 42	28th	1530	Effective strength 18 officers 395 O/Rs Horses 12 H.G. Regiment arrived at New Camp, and proceeded to settle down Guard was relieved by A.M.R.  11 Fed horses were sent to D.H.Q. to enemy Brigade band to A.M.R. lines.  CAPT WILLIAMS to CAIRO on Divisional Duty.	1,63360
	29th	1500	4 O/Rs to Hospital.  Effective Strength 18 Officers 393 O/rs 522 Horses 12 H.G.  The Regiment remained in Bivouac and supplied the following duties  JERUSALEM PICQUET 1 officer 26 O/R on duty 3 days.  Water Guard 1 N.C.O. 6 time of duty 24 hours.	S

O.H. LODGE, 2 Lt. A. Adjt. W.M.R. Regiment.

Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
100 3.11.b.	July 42 29th 30th		Lieut CHAMBERS took over duty of Brigade Watering officer Lieut JAGO and 2/Lieut SCHOLES and 58 O/Ranks marched in 3 O/Ranks to Hospital sick. Effective strength 20 officers 450 O/Rs 522 Horses 12 H.G. The Regiment remained in Bivouac and carried out the following duties	PALESTINE. Sheet. 17 1,63360.
		0800	Working party to Supply Dumps of 1 N.C.O. 20 men for 2 hours worl	K.
		1230	Guard at WADI ARRUB 1 N.C.O. 12 men for 24 hours duty.  Road Guard, BETHLEHEM - SOLOMONS POOLS ROAD 1 N.C.O. 6 men 24 hours duty.	
		1800	Supply Dumps Guard, SOLOMONS POOLS, 2 N.C.O. 12 men 24 hours dut; 20 remount and 2 mules marched in	y
	31st	1330+	1 0/Rank to Hospital sick.  Effective strength 20 officers 441 0/Ranks 504 horses 12 H.G.  Guard on Drinking Water & Horse Troughs 1 N.C.O. 6 men 24 hours	luty
		1445	BETHLEHEM, Picquet of 1 officer & 20 0/R 24 Hours duty.	
		1445	Inspector of Picquets, MAJOR BATCHELAR. Lieut HOLLAND was relieved and rejoined the Regiment.	
			2 O/R to hospital sick. Effective strength 20 officers 437 O.R. Horses 12 H.G.	

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