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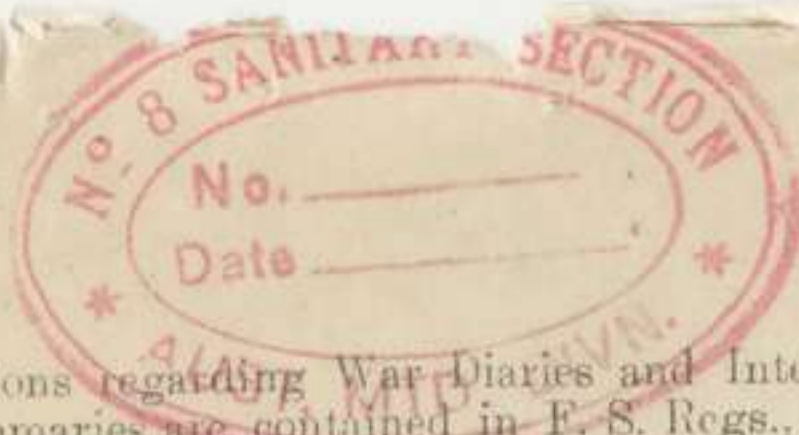
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AUST. IMP. FORCE.
WAR DIARY
OF
8TH SANITARY SECTION
FOR JUNE 1919.

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Dad M.S. An Idw.
for San. Sec.



WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Moascar	1919 June	2	Strength of unit 15 ons. One on prog. to Cairo on leave.	
		5	One on returned from Cairo leave.	
		6	Arrangements were made for the erection of a Desulf'g Plant at Moascar to deal chiefly with troops for embarkation. A copy of ASD's letter to Col M.G. Audwin, showing list of requirements & plan of proposed Desulf'g Station, is appended	No 1
		7	Tentage for above station was erected by a party of men from Aust. Base Depot. (12 ons)	
		8	Two trench desulf'g machines arrived at Ordnance were taken over & work continued to complete station. Weekly report rendered by senior NCO, copy appended.	No 2
		9	1st Sqdn. placed tarpaulins in ablution tents to draw off water into soakage pit, & also commenced a hot water plant for bathing water. Remainder of station now completed - one on to Cairo leave one on to Cairo duty & Alex leave.	
		10	Desulf'g was commenced & a record of nos. desulf'g is included in weekly reports.	



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Moascar	June 1919	12	One OR rejoined from Cairo leave	No 3
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		15	Sanitary report rendered to A.D.M.S., copy appended	
		16	Hot water plant completed & now in use. one OR to Cairo leave	No 4
			one OR in. O. to 8th Punishment Camp ^a Moascar	
			Inspector rejoined from detachment with 3rd Lt H.S. Ambrose.	
		19	One OR rejoined from Cairo leave	
		20	19 ^o Proc. 19 ^o	
		22	Sanitary report rendered to A.D.M.S., copy appended.	
		23	One OR rejoined from 8th Camp ^a some exp. to Cairo leave	No 5 ^w
		26	19 ^o 19 ^o from Cairo leave	
		28	The Disinfecting Station was inspected by D.C., 10.7.19 San See + A.D.M.S. 7.5.19 Dwn. B.E.F. Arrangements have been made to hand over to that Dwn. when work of the Dwn is completed a prior to embarkation.	
29	Sanitary report rendered to A.D.M.S.	No 5 ^w		
30	One OR proc. to Cairo on leave			

H. Humphreys Capt.
A.D.M.S. Ausdiv



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8TH SANITARY SECTION.

MONTH OF JUNE 1919

LIST OF APPENDICES :-

- 1.- Copy of letter from A. D. M. S., AUSDIV. to A. A. & Q. M. G., AUSDIV.
ref. Disinfecting Station and proposed plan there-of.
- 2.- Sanitary Report rendered to A. D. M. S., AUSDIV..
- 3.-) Do. Do. Do.
- 4.-) Do. Do. Do.
- 5.-)

A. A. & Q. M. G.,
AUST. MTD. DIVN.

DISINFECTION OF TROOPS.

In view of the prevalence of Small pox and other infectious diseases, it is considered essential that all troops coming into camp from the DELTA should be disinfected.

It is therefore proposed that a Disinfecting Station be set up, and the site selected is that between the Main camp road and the Railway line, on the area recently occupied by B. W. I. troops.

The following are the requirements:-

<u>From Ordnance</u>	-	Thresh disinfectors	2	
		Tent, E. P. I. P.	1	
		Tents C. D. L.	8	
		nails galv.	12	
<u>From Fld. Engrs.</u>	-	Tank 400 galls.	1	
		Tarpaulin, large (for marquee bathing tent)	1	
		Do. small (for circ- ular bathing tent)	1	
		Grease trap	1	
		Hose pipe feet	8	
<u>From A. A. S. C.</u>	-	Coal - 1 ton)		
(approximately)		Wood - 5 cwt.)	per week	

No. 8 SANITARY SECTION will take charge of the equipment. A fatigue party will be required to assist in the erection of tents, etc..

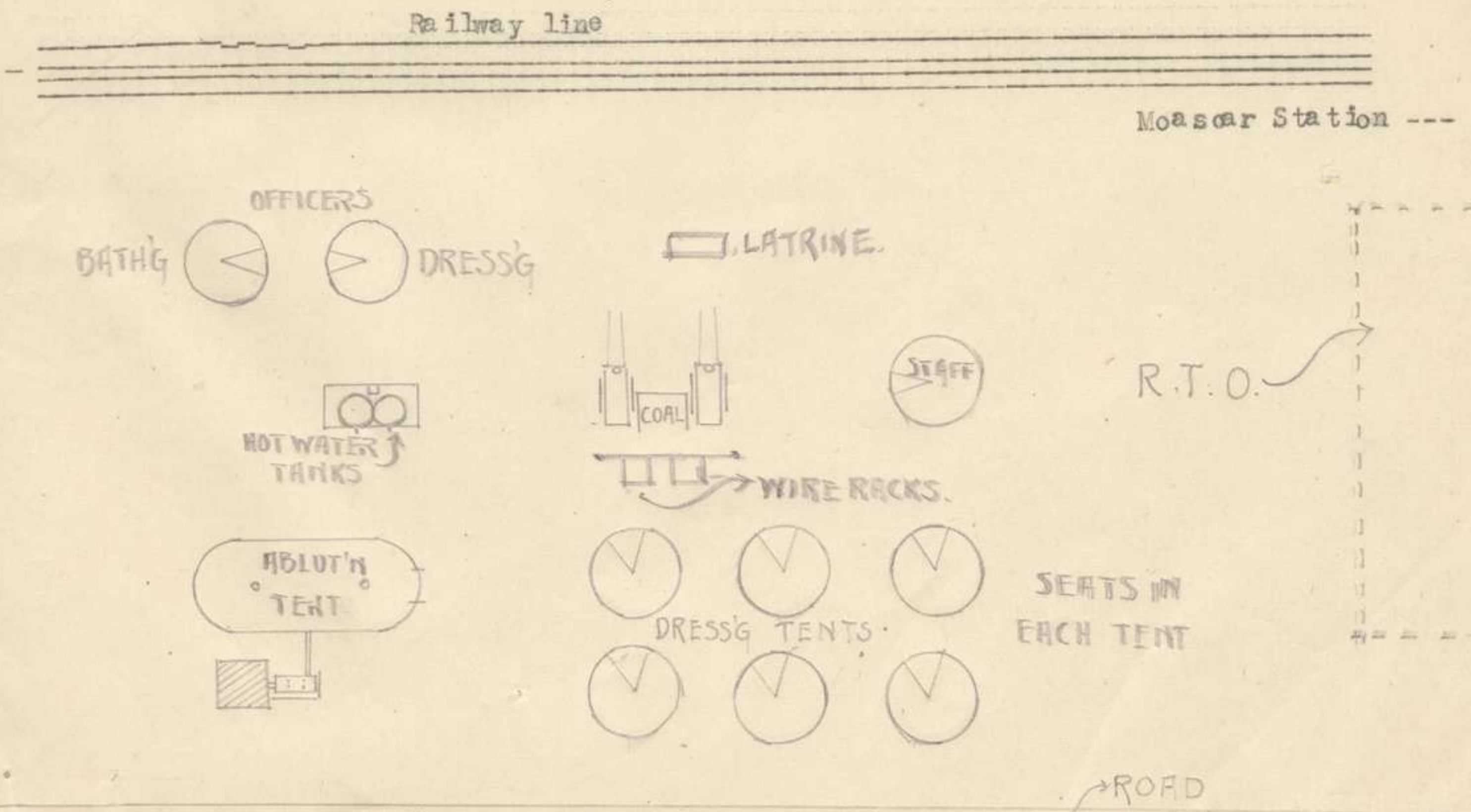
With the above equipment it should be possible for 350 men to have a hot bath and have their kit disinfected per day.

(sgd) C. LOWTHER CLARKE LIEUT. COL.,

A. D. M. S. AUST. MTD. DIVN..

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PLAN OF PROPOSED DISINFECTION STATION.



H. A. D. M. S.,
AUSDIV..

I hereby submit the following report on the sanitation of AUSTRALIAN units in MOASCAR, for week ending 8th June 1919.

- 5th BRIGADE - This unit was inspected by the D. A. D. M. S. early in the week and the Staff Officer spoken to re defects. Very little improvement is noticeable to date. Incinerator, grease traps and latrines still require more attention to be satisfactory.
- AUST. BASE DEPT. - This unit was also inspected and the sanitary sergeant spoken to. The urinal troughs in the box latrines have not yet been attended to and the cleaning of grease traps is not at all regular. The area in the vicinity of the incinerator is very satisfactory. The sanitary sgt. reports the prevalence of rats around cookhouses.
- C. T. D. - still using latrines and incinerator of AUST. BASE DEPOT with the exception of an officers' latrine which is reported satisfactory.
- 4TH L. H. AMBCE. - Old latrines have been replaced by more serviceable ones on this area. Camp site satisfactory.
- A. A. S. C. - Improvement shown during the week in the sanitation of this unit. All latrine troughs have been cleaned out and the area around the incinerator is reported more satisfactory.
- SIGNALS - Soakage pit near this unit was cleaned out and disinfected by the Section. As this ablution area was not looked after by any unit, it was temporarily closed.
- D. H. Q. - Urinal tube was erected for the use of the men in the transport lines. The Orderly Sgt. was spoken to re a new soakage pit required at the mensablution area.
- NATIVE LABOUR - Some local labourers attending to sanitary duties of various AUST. Details Camps at MOASCAR, were under the control of the 107TH SAN. SEC.. These have now been taken over by this Section, and labour is now supplied to all AUST. camps except the REMOUNTS.
- SCAVENGING - of all unoccupied areas has been carried out during the week.
- SPRAYING - has also been carried out during the week, D. H. Q., PROVOST CORPS and SIGNALS alternately.

All arrangements have been made to have the Disinfecting Station ready for use next week.

8th June 1919

(sgd.) E. A. PALMER S/sgt.,
8TH SAN. SEC..

A. D. M. S.,

AUST. MTD. DIVN.,

I hereby submit the following report on the sanitation of AUST. units in MOASCAR during week ending 15th June 1919.

5TH BRIGADE

- The sanitation of this camp still requires more attention. Grease trays are not being treated properly and the ablation area was attended to by this Section.

4TH L. H. REGT.

- Soakage pit required at the ablation area, otherwise camp site satisfactory.

D. H. Q.

- The sanitary detail was spoken to re cleaning of urine troughs in box latrines, sanitation otherwise satisfactory.

A. A. S. C.

- have shown considerable improvement recently, camp site now in decent condition.

Sanitation is satisfactory in all other units.

SPRAYING

- No spraying has been done during the week owing to shortage of formaldehyde.

DISINFECTION

- Disinfecting commenced early in the week, soakage pits were constructed by the Section. No hot baths were available on account of work in hand by the A. Engineers not being completed. The following numbers of kits, consisting chiefly of blankets, were disinfected during the week:-

10th June	- 4th L. H. Regt.	- 334 o. r. s
11th Do.	- A. S. S. C.	- 140
	R.A.S.C.-75th Divn.	- 11
12th Do.	- Aust. Base Depot	- 105
	4th L. H. Regt.	- 55
13th Do.	- 5th L. H. F. Ambce.	- 40
	Total	- 685.

The hot baths are now available and the Disinfecting Station is in perfect order for the disinfection of coming troops.

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(sgd) E. A. PALMER S/sgt.,

8TH SAN. SEC.

A. D. M. S.,

AUST. MTD. DIVN.

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I hereby submit the following report on the sanitation of AUST. units in MOASCAR for the week ending 21st June 1919.

4TH BRIGADE H. Q.

- Ablation pit was condemned early in the week and no effort was made to construct another one until the sanitary inspector commenced to rectify matters several days after. The new pit has been completed since. They were also notified to remove manure from the horse lines daily.

A. A. S. C.

- The ablation pit on this unit's area was condemned and a new one made to replace it. Camp site satisfactory.

8TH L. H. REGT.

- For several days this unit were burying refuse from the incinerator. When the fault was discovered the sanitary sgt. was spoken to and the practice has now ceased. Otherwise satisfactory.

4TH BGDEN. BAND

- Ablation pit at this area was condemned and replaced by the Section.

5TH B. H. Q.

- Grease trays still not receiving sufficient attention. Ablation pit was condemned and the Staff Capt. notified of defects.

4TH L. H. REGT.

- This unit moved out early in the week and left the incinerator area in a filthy condition, also the grease trays. All empty tents were sprayed with formaldehyde cresol and the grease tray condemned, taken out, and the area treated. All refuse and excreta was thoroughly burned off and latrines attended to.

AUST. BASE DEPOT.

- Grease trays at this camp need more attention, camp site otherwise satisfactory.

SCAVENGING

- All unoccupied areas in the vicinity of AUST. units were scavenged during the week and the irrigation pools rear of AUSDIV. channelised.

DISINFECT ION

- The following units were disinfected during the week:

- 4th and 5th L. H. F. Ambces.
- A. A. S. C. embarking.
- 8th and 12th Regts.
- Signal Squadron.

22nd June 1919

(sgd) E. A. PALMER S/sgt.,

8TH SAN. SEC.

A. D. M. S. AUST. MTD. DIVN.

I hereby submit the following report on the sanitation of Australian units in MOASCAR camp for week ending 29th June 1919 :-

- 5TH BRIGADE - Greasetraps and ablation area are still in an unsatisfactory condition. Much improvement is noticeable in the vicinity of the incinerator.
- 5TH L. H. F. AMBCE - Fly breeding was detected around a greasetrap in this area. Sanitary detail was spoken to and the area was successfully treated. Camp site otherwise satisfactory.
- 4TH L. H. F. AMBCE - Area around the men's mess hut was reported very dirty. This was remedied by the sanitary detail when spoken to. Area otherwise very satisfactory.
- 4TH BGDE. BAND - Fly breeding was found under some unoccupied latrines in the vicinity of this unit. The area was dealt with by the ~~pt~~ Section.
- PUBLIC LATRINES - near Railway Station have been neglected lately. The 107th San. Sec. were notified, this Section being responsible for them.
- STRAYING - with Formaldehyde has been carried out during the week, by this Section.
- CINEMA AREA - New greasetraps have been constructed and latrine seats repaired by this Section.
- SCAVENGING - All unoccupied areas were scavenged as previously.
- DISINFECTION - The following were disinfected during the week :-
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|----------------|--------------|---|-------------|
| <u>23:6:19</u> | D. H. Q. | - | 17 |
| | 4TH B. H. Q. | - | 30 |
| | 5TH DO. | - | 26 |
| | 10TH VETS. | - | 16 |
| <u>24:6:19</u> | DIVNL. TRAIN | - | 45 |
| | F. S. ENGRS. | - | 78 |
| | Total | - | <u>212.</u> |

A quantity of Hospital blankets and mattresses, etc. were also disinfected for the 4TH L. H. F. AMBCE..

(sgd) E. A. PALMER S/sgt.,

8TH SANITARY SECTION.

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