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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2001/2002 was an eventful year for our Association.

The Anzac Day March was well represented and the presentation of members was well noted.

The Reserve Forces Day Parade had about the same amount attending with our Banner on display ably carried by Barney Flanagan & Jack Gwilym. Thank you both for again volunteering for this task.

In conjunction with North Sydney Council and the North Shore Historical Society, a Commemorative Plaque was installed at the site of the Old Drill Hall at Mount Street, North Sydney in December 2001.

In February, a Plaque was dedicated at the Warrane Road Willoughby, Depot site and this event was attended by Pat Reilly, Mayor of Willoughby, Col John Fairless LtCol John Wilson, Chaplain Len Thompson, plus the site developer and most members of the Committee. This was a most enjoyable function.

Thanks again to our Patron Colonel John Fairless for your support. Also to our Secretary, John Balfour, who has been running the Association for 17 years and is a great anchorman. Congratulations also to John for receiving a Divisional Commander's Commendation in November 2001.

Thank you to our previously long-standing Committee members Mike Laurence (Treasurer) and Peter McGrath for your assistance over many years. We welcome the two new Committee members, Peter Truelove (Treasurer) and James Nash.

Members – Remember the Annual Reunion this year is a LUNCH at Willoughby Legion Club on Saturday 9 November, commencing at 12 noon.

Best Wishes for the season.

Brian Heckenberg President

FROM THE COLONEL'S DUGOUT

It's great to be back to the Regiment as Commanding Officer after spending several years away on the staff of Command and Staff Wing and more recently as the Brigade Major and inaugural Chief of Staff, 8th Brigade. It is particularly pleasing to be here when so much is changing in the Reserve and when the Regiment faces significant challenges.

We have faced a difficult time in the Regiment this year, because of staff shortages in key areas including the lack of all BCs and BKs. I should add that many other units face similar staff shortages, however none as significant as ours. Every effort is being made to fix this problem but I can say that even with the best result, we will still face shortages in key areas in the near future.

Right now we also face a pivotal moment in the history of the Army Reserve. New legislation, passed by the government last year, has foreshadowed major changes in the way we recruit, train and are to be employed as a Reserve Unit.

The government's intent is clear, it requires those of us serving in the Reserve to be ready for service both in Australia and overseas on what may be, in the near future, much reduced notice to move, and at a much higher standard of both individual and collective training.

One of the direct results of this has been a review of the unit establishment, which occurred late last year and was implemented early this year.

New full time (ARA) positions have been created, however these have not been filled by ARA personnel and there is little likelihood that they will be, in the foreseeable future. We have taken the advantage of employing many reserve members of the Regiment in these positions on continuous full time service this year. The ability to do this has improved our staffing position somewhat, with the majority of clerical, Q and pay staff positions being filled in this way. We will require the ability to do this next year as well if the Regiment is to continue to be viable.

NEW TASKING

The Regiment has been tasked with providing certain capabilities in the form of "capability bricks" to the Land Commander. These are detailed in the various Directives issued to us by our higher Headquarters. The most important of these is a Gun Troop consisting of 3 x L119 Gun detachments, a Section Commander, a Command Post and a Joint Offensive Support Team (the old "FO Party"). All of the personnel in this troop must be fully qualified by rank and trade to ARA standards, be AIRN qualified and be available to serve at what will most probably be 90 days notice to move (NTM), although as yet no specified NTM has been issued. In addition we still have to provide further "bricks" at longer NTM and certain individuals at shorter NTM.

TRAINING and EXERCISES

In November last year, the Regiment took part in Exercise Paradigm Shift, a multitiered Combined Arms Training Activity coordinated by HQ 8 Brigade, which involved a large number of live firing activities involving combined arms teams in the second week of the exercise. The Regiment supported the conduct of live fire, mounted platoon attacks in conjunction with 12/16th Hunter River Lancers and 2/17 Royal New South Wales Regiment personnel and undertook an ARTEP evaluation. The results were very good and a short video was produced as an historical record of the exercise.

This year saw a large number of key personnel changes, and training began with live fire support being provided to the conduct of a Forward Air Controller (FAC) course at Singleton in March. Unfortunately, we suffered a bore-premature involving illumination ammunition, with thankfully no casualties occurring. At this same exercise, a number of safety related incidents occurred which contributed to my decision to stop live fire and manoeuvre and revert to the conduct of individual training in the short term.

Shortly after our ammunition incident, 4 Fd Regt also had a very nasty incident (borepremature) involving HE ammunition, which resulted in a total ban being imposed.

In July the Regiment conducted a period of individual training courses at Singleton. All modules of the Gun and CP streams were run, together with Sigs training and the conduct of Module One of the Regimental Officers Basic Course (ROBC). This latter being negotiated with CO/CI of the School of Artillery and COL Phil Winter LCARTY. The period culminated in the qualification of a large number of our soldiers and officers on the courses, together with soldiers from 23 Fd Regt and 16 Fd Bty. We were also able to provide support to the conduct of a short notice FAC course for the SAS Regt personnel deploying to Afghanistan. This training would not have been possible without the outstanding work done by the Adjutant, CAPT Matt Anderson and the RSM, WO1 Bob Thompson, both of whom worked tirelessly under considerable time constraints to facilitate the course Camp.

The ban on HE continues to effect our ability to train however it has provided the opportunity to concentrate on all corps soldier skills and skills associated with Protective Operations.

The Regiment plans to conduct a 9 day live firing exercise in Nov this year. This will occur even if HE is unavailable and will provide a basis from which to commence lead up training for the Regiment's commitment to Ex Crocodile 03 in September next year.

RECRUITING

My number one priority is recruiting. We must recruit; train, and most importantly retain soldiers, if the Regiment is to survive. I have introduced some new initiatives for recruiting and have posted some of our best personnel into the Recruiting Cell. I intend to concentrate our Sydney efforts in the NW Corridor and the northern beaches area. The growth region of the NW corridor provides us with an excellent opportunity to extend into what is largely an untapped area.

Renewed recruiting effort at Erina and in Newcastle has seen significant gains being made in these two areas. My thanks are extended to all personnel involved in the effort especially WO2 Scott Driscoll and WO2 Pete Linsley who head up the team.

We have also been able to produce new material in the form of posters, brochures and a unit video (available on both VHS and CDROM) to aid our recruiting effort. This has proved very successful and it is my view that we've "turned the corner" and that the Regiment's strength is on the increase.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

I am keen to increase positive interaction between serving members of the Regiment and members of the Association. This can have benefits for both organisations and I look forward to seeing more members attend the Regiment's activities in the future wherever possible and I encourage serving members to join the Association.

We face very significant challenges in the Regiment. An increased training continuum and more significant tasking, coupled with reduced ARA staffing and the ever-present shortage of resources, will force us all to do more with less and commit more of our time to the unit. Without the support of family and friends, this is not going to be achievable.

Your help in fostering esprit de corps and in reinforcing the vital role the Reserve plays in the Australian Defence Force is crucial to the continued survival of the Regiment.

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JOHN V. WILSON LTCOL CO

YANDOO 7 FD REGT RAA ASSOCIATION

TYPING, EDITORIAL, PRINTING & PHOTOGRAPHS BY WO1 JOHN BALFOUR

THE MAGINOT LINE REVISITED

BY JES HANSFORD

Seeing photographs & movies of soldiers living & operating in the dark dank depths and riding on narrow gauge trains in dimly lit tunnels in France before the Second World War when I was a boy and listening to the tales of how this magnificent line of fortifications, all linked together under the ground from Belgium to Switzerland, a distance of 800 kilometres intrigued me to see this. Researching two years, I set off on a six week tour of the European Battlefields in April 2001.

Driving south from Malmedy to Bastogne and Luxemburg I crossed the French border on the N18 and arrived at Longwy, observing along this national road, signs depicting 'OUVRAGE DE FERMONT – LIGNE MAGINOT' (Fort Fermont – Maginot Line). Further to Longuyon and the road narrows and begins winding with small hamlets until a French Flag is seen fluttering in the chill morning breeze, atop a steel observation turret that I had become accustomed to seeing all over France. These turrets weigh approximately 60 tons.

Walking up to the turret I noticed that surrounding the hillside were more turrets/cupolas and large mushroom shaped steel domes flush in the ground in concrete and steel frames, covering approximately a square kilometre, surrounded by bomb & shell craters. Most of these cupolas and round tops had direct hit damage.

Over the side of the hill, which had been recently mown, was concrete walkways, steel doors (locked), machine gun ports and obvious signs of occupancy, but no way in!

Further down the road 2-3 km, a car park and signs at last. Associations formed to keep these interesting fortifications open to the public now operate these Forts. They have continued the rebuilding process after the French Government stopped in 1970 the rebuilding & maintenance programs, when France withdrew from NATO. The Allies had requested France to rebuild the Line after the War and the USA provided the money, as the Warsaw Pact armies were less than 350 km from the French Border and there were no serious obstacles to stop a modern mechanised army, so the Maginot Line was to be used as a serious obstacle in that advance, should it occur.

Visits are conducted from 1430 hrs to 1630 hrs. During that time groups of 50, in language groups, are permitted at 10 minute intervals, each paying FF30, and having a 5 minute brief on the Fort and the Maginot Line.

The Forts were constructed of reinforced concrete in the main entries, gun & observation positions. Most of the maintenance areas were constructed of brick or block, the roof over being arched and all the being carried out in open excavation and backfilled on completion or by tunnelling. On average one metre per day was completed. Cabling & piping is surface mounted, particular care being given to air purification but it seems sanitation was less than adequate in some cases soldiers had to go outside into the bushes for latrines.

As the plant is not operating and electricity is fed in from the national grid, the underground temperature is 10-12c, but as for being damp & dimly lit, a thing of the past. Well painted and lit still using the 1930's cabling in most cases the spectacle is inspiring.

A 100 metre walk and into a 5 tonne ammunition lift to descend 30 metres to the main station. Waiting is the tram – 600mm gauge track width, these trams carried the ammunition and personnel to the various areas – munitions storage, guns, mortars, control rooms, hospital, kitchen, barracks, 600 soldiers were quartered and maintained daily in most fortress complexes. Powered by electricity, 3 trams were used: 2 on and 1 standby/maintenance. Resupply of artillery ammunition was estimated at 240 tons per day but these trams could only handle 80 tons a night. The magazines held approximately 34,500 rounds artillery ammunition and over 200,000 per MG Turret. Water & diesel fuel were stored in huge tanks, as was the generator motors cooling water.

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MISSING MEMBERS

We would appreciate your help in locating any of the following ;

				BRADLEY	Leo
AGNEW	Charles	BROWN	Ed		
BENNET	Lloyd	BAGSTER	Mark	BIRCH	David
		CARROLL	Gordon	COTTLE	Victor
BARRY	Andrew				Tony
CROUCH	Robert	DAVEY	Gregor	DICK	Tony
		GODFREY	Tony	GRIFFITHS	David
DOUGHERTY				HOWARTH	Sne
HILL	Robert	HOPKINSO	N Frea		
	John	KEFT	Barry	KELLY	Wal
HORTON				McDONOUC	H Paul
MORISON	Jim	MOYSEY	Robert		
OVERTON	John	PURCELL	John	SAFTICH	Rolf
			Chris	WATKINS	Ken
SULLIVAN	Kevin	TIMBS	CHIIS	TTALIBALIO	

ANNUAL REUNION 2001

For your information, the following attended the Annual Reunion in November 2001;

John BALFOUR, Fred BASTOCK, David BLOW, Ray BRENNAN, Alex BRINCAT, Paul BROAD, Alec BURKE, David BUZACOTT, Bob CORBETT, John FAIRLESS, Max FALCONER, Kevin FLANAGAN, Gary FRY, Jack GWILYM, Neil HAWKINS, Ian HAYLEN, Brian HECKENBERG, Ian HOEY, Alan JEFFRESON, Mike LAURENCE, David LEEK, Phil MATTHYSEN (RSM), Peter MENDL, David McCLELLAND, Barry McFAYDEN, Peter McGRATH, Don McVAY, Kevin NEWMAN, Steve NOAKES, Bob OWENS, John POSENER, Phil POWER, Bruce ROBERTS, Rusty RUSSELL, Grahame SMITH, John STANORD, Danny TOPLIS, Bob WALLER, Colonel Phil WINTER.

We hope to see you all again on Saturday 9th November - LUNCH - 12 NOON



Commanding Officer, LTCOL Paul Broad with Bdr Daniel Evans, 113 Fd Bty, Most Proficient Soldier 2001

ANNUAL REUNION – NOVEMBER 2001

Mike Laurence

John Stanford

Alex Brincat

David Buzacott





LTCOL John Wilson WO1 Phil Matthysen

LTCOL Ray Brennan



Don McVay Jes Hansford **Fred Bastock ANNUAL REUNION NOVEMBER 2001** David Leek **Bob Owens David Blow**





December 2001 - John Balfour with Margaret Park, North Sydney Council Historian and Peter Tranter, North Shore Historical Society at the unveiling of the Memorial Plaque at the site of the North Sydney Drill Hall 1921-1929.

School of Arts

The North Sydney School of Arts stood on this site from 1886 until it was closed in 1935. Sir Henry Parkes officiated at the opening ceremony.

This community facility housed a library, meeting rooms, a billiard room and was a popular concert hall.

From 1921 to 1929 it was the Training Depot of 7th Field Brigade Australian Field Artillery.

7 Field Regiment RAA Association "in memory of those who served" North Shore Historical Society North Sydney Council 2001



February 2002 – LTCOL John Wilson & WO1 John Balfour with Russell Hughes (85) and Pat Reilly, Mayor of Willoughby, at the Dedication of the Memorial Plaque at the site of the Willoughby TrainingDepot 1929 – 1996.



Formation of 2nd/6th Field Regiment AIF

Following is a letter received by members of 7th Field Brigade RAA (M) in 1940 requesting that they enlist in 2/6th Field Regiment AIF. The names of those who joined and in some cases the results of their service are shown on the next page.

> HQ 7 Fd Bde Arty Drill Hall Willoughby 28.4.40

Re Enlistment - AIF 7th Division

Lt Col R Daly has been recommended for appointment as CO of the 2nd/6th Field Regiment AIF with Major FB McAlister as 2nd I/C.

Many of the other Officers of the Brigade have also been recommended for appointment in the Regiment.

It is desired that as many as possible of the present NCOs of the 7th Brigade should enlist in the 2/6th Field Regiment, and it is requested that if you are interested you should report at Willoughby Drill Hall on Tuesday night 30 April 40 at 7.30pm for interview. It is likely that the Regiment will go into camp at Ingleburn on Monday 6th May 40. If you cannot attend you should ring the Drill Hall on Tuesday night.

> (Sgd) Lieut SD Heriot, AIC Adjutant 7 Field Brigade

FORMATION OF 2ND/6TH FIELD REGIMENT AIF

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NX16024	COWISHAW A	NX17646	PAYNEHC
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NX13791		NX14363	WOODALLE MID (WIA)
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NX34979		NX13805	WINLEY J W
17712022	LANHAM J E	NX13805	WALSH J V (WIA)
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Information obtained from "The 25 Pounders from Egypt to Borneo" by John Warby.

<u>THE BATTERIES OF 7 FIELD REGIMENT</u> <u>By R C M Toplis</u> (continued from last issue)

113 Field Battery

This Battery was raised at Newcastle.

1 Dec 1855	Newcastle Volunteer Artillery Company
1869	Newcastle Battery, Volunteer Artillery
1869	No 3 Battery, Volunteer Artillery, Newcastle
1878	No 5 Garrison Battery, Newcastle
1893	N0 5 Company, 2 nd Garrison Division
1 Jan 1902	No 5 Company, NSW Garrison Artillery
27 July 1903	NSW Company, Australian Garrison Artillery (AGA)
4 Feb 1911	No 3 Company AGA
1 July 1912	3 rd Garrison Artillery
1 Jul 1914	3 rd Australian Garrison Artillery
15 Dec 1921	13th Battery, 1st Coast Artillery Brigade AGA at Fort
	Scratchley, Newcastle
1 Dec 1925	13th Coast Artillery, AGA
1 July 1927	13 th Heavy Battery, AGA
31 Jan 1936	13 th Heavy Battery, 5 th Heavy Brigade RAA(M)
1 Jan 39 - 41	13 th Heavy Battery, 5 th Heavy Brigade RAA (M)
1941-45	Absorbed by Heavy Artillery, Newcastle Fixed Defences,
	ceasing to maintain a senarate identity
May 1952	Reformed at Fort Scratchley as 13 th Medium Coast Battery,
	25th Coast Regiment RAA, on introduction of National
	Service
31 May 1955	113 th Medium Coast Battery RAA
1 July 1960	113 th Coast Battery RAA
26 Oct 1962	113 th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery RAA
9 Dec 1972	Relocated to Adamstown
1 Nov 1973	Attached to 7 Field Regiment RAA
1 July 1975	Redesignated 113 th Field Battery RAA
10 Aug 1976	Became a Field Battery of 7 Field Regiment RAA
1976	On movement of 28 Field Battery to Dee Why, a 113th Field
2210	Battery was formed at Willoughby
1 Oct 1979	With the moving of 1 st Field Ambulance RAAMC into the
1 000 10 10	Willoughby Depot, the 113 Field Battery Detachment was
	disbanded and personnel transferred to 28 Field Battery at
	Dee Why.

THE BATTERIES OF 7 FIELD REGIMENT (Continued)

28 Field Battery

1 Nov 1973	Formed Willoughby from the disbanded 26 th & 27 ⁻
	Field Batteries
1976	Absorbed 5 Field Battery and moved to De Why

5 Field Battery

1 April 1948	Formed as 1 HAA Regt RAA
	Changed to 9 HAA Regt RAA
1955	Converted to 9 LAA Regt RAA
1962	Btys of 9 LAA Regt numbered
1965	5 Anti-Aircraft Bty
	6 Anti-Aircraft Bty
	20 Anti-Aircraft Bty
1 31 1072	9 LAA disbanded and 5 Fd Bty formed at Dee Why
1 Nov 1973	as part of 7 Ed Regt RAA
1050	Disbanded and absorbed into 28 Field Battery
1976	

Appendix B

On the re-raising of the CMF in 1948 the Field batteries were given alphabetical instead of numerical identification which did not replace the letters until 1965. Therefore every Regiment had, if it had 3 Batteries, P, Q & R Batteries. The lineages of the Batteries of 7 Field Regiment RAA are;

P Battery

1 April 1948	Raised Willoughby
24 Oct 1965	Became 26 Field Battery

Q Battery

1 April 1948 6 May 1960 6 May 1960	Raised Willoughby Absorbed into P Battery On 14 Field Regiment RAA being absorbed into 7 Field Regiment RAA, Q Battery was re-raised at Marrickville
24 Oct 1965	Became 27 Field Battery
R Battery	

1950	Raised Willoughby With introduction of National Service moved to Hornsby
Dec 1951	Became nucleus of 21 Field Regiment RAA
11 March 1952	
1955	Reformed Willoughby
June 1960	Disbanded on running down of National Service

DECEASED MEMBERS

ARTHUR VICTOR HAMMOND ED – 14 September 2001 – Aged 83

Arthur, on joining the Association, stated that the Units he had served in were too numerous to list. On enquiry it was found that he had served in 9th Field Brigade RAA (Militia) and that in March 1941 he was a Sergeant in 18th Field Battery, 2/9th Army Field Regiment AIF.

On 21 May 1943 he obtained his commission and was on the list of reinforcements until his posting to 2/12th Field Regiment (Jungle Division) AIF on 4 December 1943.

Arthur was placed on the Permanent Supernumerary List of Officers on 5 May 1945 and was discharged from the AIF on 5 July 1945, being placed on the Reserve of Officers (RAA) (2 Military District) on 6 July 1945.

On 23 March 1950, he transferred from RO to 7 Field Regiment and was promoted to Captain on 28 April 1954. Arthur was promoted to Major on 23 April 1958, becoming Battery Commander, Q Battery and later P Battery.

On 1 July 1960 he was transferred to Command and Staff Group Eastern Command until 12 March 1961.

On returning to 7 Field Regiment, Arthur became Second-in Command, retiring in 1967 with the Honorary Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

WILLIAM ROSS DAVIDSON ED – 3 January 2002 – Aged 83

Ross enlisted in 18th Field Regiment RAA (Militia) on 1 October 1941 and was commissioned on 13 March 1942.

On the disbanding of the then 18th Australian Field Regiment AIF on 24 March 1944, he was transferred to RAA (Field) Reinforcements on 22 April 1944, before being transferred to 2/12th Australian Field Regiment AIF on 6 June 1944.

He was placed on the Reserve of Officers (RAA) (2 Military District) on 5 April 1946, serving in the AIF from 15 July 1942 to 4 April 1946.

On the reforming of the CMF, he joined 7 Field Regiment RAA on 1 May 1948, being promoted to Captain on 16 January 1953 and Major on 26 February 1957.

Ross served with 7 Field Regiment from 1 May 1948 to 9 August 1962 with final postings being Battery Commander P Battery and Second-in Command of the Regiment. He transferred to 23 Field Regiment RAA on 10 August 1962 as 2IC before taking discharge on 31 May 1964.

LOXTON GLYN VARLEY STARK ED – 15 December 2001 – Aged 84

Glyn enlisted in 7th Field Brigade RAA (Militia) in August 1936 and was commissioned on 24 November 1939.

On 1 May 1940 he transferred to the AIF with 17 Officers including the CO LTCOL Ralph Daly and 63 Other Ranks to form 2/6th Field Regiment AIF.

Glyn was promoted to Captain on 29 January 1943. On 21 February at Kumisi River, New Guinea he was seriously wounded in a leg while on a patrol.

On 10 June 1944 he was seconded, as a spotter, to 1 Australian Naval Bombardment Group. On 12 November 1945, his AIF service finished and he was placed on the Reserve of Officers RAA (2MD) on 13 November 1945.

The reforming of the CMF found Glyn on 1 May 1948 the Commanding Officer of 1 Combined Operations Bombardment Regiment RAA. He was promoted to Major on 27 November 1952, becoming the Commanding Officer of 1 Amphibious Observation Regiment RAA, which became 130 Coastal Bombardment Staff Troop RAA until 1955 when he was transferred to the Reserve of Officers.

ALLAN KEITH JEFFRESON - 30 MAY 2002 - Aged 75

Allan was the youngest of four brothers, three of whom joined 7 Field Brigade/Regiment RAA.

He enlisted in P Battery in 1948 and took his discharge as a Bombardier in 1951.

Brothers Edward (Ted) and Norman survive him.

LEST WE FORGET

The President and members extend sincere condolences to their families, relatives and friends

7 FD REGT RAA ASSOCIATION 2002/03 COMMITTEE

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7th Field Regiment RAA Key Postings - 2002

ANNUAL REUNION

Saturday 9 November 2002 - Willoughby Legion Club

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7 FD REGT RAA ASSOCIATION Members as at 1 October 2002

AGNEW	Charles
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BROWN	Ed
BRYANT	Kevin
BURNETT	Jerry
BURKE	Alec
BUZACOTT	David
CARLSSON	Jim
CARMENT	David
CARRODUS	Michael
CARSTENS	John
CARROLL	Gordon
CASHMORE	John
CHAD	Allan
CHASELING	Brian
CHETWYND	Rodney
CHRISTIE	Carl
CLARK	Neville
CLIFF	Kevin Alfred
CLIFTON COASTER-GAI	
	John
COCHRANE	Mick
COLE	Don
COLLINS	Schon
COOTE	Glen
COPPARD	Doug
COTTLE	Victor
COX	Josephine
CROUCH	Robert
CUNNEEN	Stephen
DAVEY	Gregor
DAVIDSON	Duncan
DAVIDSON	Ross
DOHERTY	Carl
DICK	Anthony
DOUGHERTY	Robert
EAGLETON	Harold
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