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**HEADQUARTERS  
607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 230**

2 December 1944

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS**

(period - 1 to 30 November 1944, incl)

**A. Locations at beginning of period:**

1. Task Force SUNDT (607th TD Bn less Co A, plus Co C 315th Eng Bn, 1 assault gun plat of 712th TK Bn and 1 plat Co D 712th TK Bn).
  - (a) CP at STE MARIE AUX CHENES (6773).
  - (b) Co A, 315th Eng Bn - 2 platoes committed along line coordinates (758667) to (748652); 1 plat attached to Co C, 315th Eng Bn. Co CP at ST MARIE AUX CHENES.
  - (c) Co C, 315th Eng Bn (reinforced) occupied following positions - 1st plat, at (797689); 2nd plat in reserve and operating 8cm mortars at (784676); 3rd plat at (782667); plat of Co A, 315th Eng Bn at (788672).
  - (d) 1 plat Co D, 712th TK Bn at MALANCOURT (7370).
  - (e) Assault gun plat, 712th TK Bn at STE MARIE AUX CHENES.
2. Co A, 607th TD Bn.
  - (a) Co CP at RHOMBAS (7830).
  - (b) 1st plat - 2 guns in direct fire position at MONDELANGE (8764), 2 guns covering the crossing of lateral canal at CR (859720).
  - (c) 2nd plat - In direct fire position in MAIZIERES les Metz (8569).
  - (d) 3rd plat - In indirect fire position 200 meters south of RHOMBAS.
3. Co B, 607th TD Bn.
  - (a) Co CP at (718674).
  - (b) 1st plat - In direct fire position in vicinity of HABONVILLE (7366).
  - (c) 2nd plat - In indirect fire position in vicinity of Co CP.
  - (d) 3rd plat - In direct support of Co C, 2 guns in position at (775676), crews of other 2 guns operating two 60mm mortars in vicinity of guns.
4. Co C, 607th TD Bn.
  - (a) Co CP at STE MARIE AUX CHENES.
  - (b) 1st plat - In direct fire position at ST PRIVAT (7666).
  - (c) 2nd plat - In direct fire position at RONCOURT (7668).
  - (d) 3rd plat - In indirect fire position at (742683).

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**B. Operations for period:**

**1 Nov 1944:**

1. Task Force SUNDT - The relief of 90th Div elements of Task Force SUNDT began at 1300 and was completed by 2400. Plat of Co D 712th TK Bn was relieved of its mission at 1600. Co C 315th Eng Bn was relieved by Co B 378th Inf. Co B 315th Eng Bn was relieved by Co B 320th Eng Bn. Elements of 607th TD Bn remained in place. ~~Task Force SUNDT dissolved.~~
2. Co A - 2nd plat placed 4th gun into firing position at MAIZIERES les Metz. No change in other elements. 3rd plat fired 117 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction, 2 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 41 rds on 1 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 1 target of opportunity missions.
4. Co C - 2nd plat to indirect fire position at (742683). 3rd plat to direct fire position in RONCOURT (7668). 1st plat to direct fire position at ST PRIVAT (7666). 2nd plat fired 136 rds on 2 harrassing & interdiction and 2 counter-battery missions.

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2 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change, at STE MARIE AUX CHENES.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 81 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction and 2 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 72 rds on 8 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 1 target of opportunity missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 277 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction and 4 counter-battery missions.

3 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change. *TASK FORCE SUNDT DISSOLVED.*
2. Co A - 1st plat moved to indirect fire position in MAIZIERES les Metz. 2nd plat moved from MAIZIERES les Metz to indirect fire position 200 meters South of RHOMBAS. 2nd plat fired 107 rds on 5 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions. 3rd plat moved to direct fire position at MONDELANGE and TAULANGE. 3rd plat Co B attached to Co A and in indirect fire position 200 meters South of RHOMBAS.
3. Co B - 2nd plat fired 13 rds on 1 BP mission. 3rd plat attached to Co A and in indirect fire position 200 meters South of RHOMBAS.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 19 rds on 1 target of opportunity.

4 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 66 rds on 2 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 2 targets of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 36 rds on 1 counter-battery mission.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. No fires.

5 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - 3rd plat attached to 1st Bn of 377th Inf. 2nd plat of Co A and 3rd plat of Co B fired 240 rds on 1 harrassing & interdiction, 2 BP, and 7 targets of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - 1st and 2nd plats went into assembly position in vicinity of Co CP.
4. Co C - 1st plat relieved from attachment to 378th Inf, moved 1 gun to RONCOURT, (7668). 2nd plat moved to indirect fire position at coordinates (766698). 3rd plat moved from RONCOURT to new position - 2 guns at (751642), 2 guns in vicinity of HABONVILLE (7364).

6 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat Co A and 3rd plat Co B fired 210 rds on 1 BP and 6 counter-battery missions.
3. Co B - Co Cp moved to GORZE (7352). 1st plat - 2 guns at (723577), 2 guns at (723565). 2nd plat - 2 guns 500 yds North of NOVEANT (7648), 2 guns covering north and east approaches to GORZE.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 120 rds on 11 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

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7 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat Co A and 3rd plat Co B, attached, fired 28 rds on 2 targets of opportunity.
3. Co B - No change in disposition.
4. Co C - 2 guns of 3rd plat which were at (751642) moved to (737629). 2nd plat fired 100 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction missions.

8 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - 3rd plat moved to new position, 2 guns at (853775), 2 guns at (839786), completed occupation at 0900; at 1600 1 gun from position at (839786) moved to UCKANGE (8579) and fired direct fire at 2 houses and 1 pill-box on the east side of the MOSELLE. After dark the gun returned to its former position. 2nd plat Co A and 3rd plat Co B, attached, fired 616 rds on 55 harrassing & interdiction missions, and 1 BP mission.
3. Co B - No change in disposition.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 55 rds on 2 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

9 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - 2nd plat moved 2 guns from indirect to direct fire position in the vicinity of RICHEMONT (8677). 2nd plat and 3rd plat Co B, attached, fired 304 rds on harrassing & interdiction and 9 preparations.
3. Co B - No change in disposition.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 78 rds on 2 targets of opportunity.

10 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat and 3rd plat Co B, attached, fired 216 rds on 14 harrassing & interdiction, 2 BP missions. 3rd plat fired 252 rds on miscellaneous concentrations.
3. Co B - No change in dispositions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 82 rds on 3 harrassing & interdiction, 2 TOT missions.

11 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat and 3rd plat of Co B, attached, fired 70 rds on 5 harrassing & interdiction, 2 BP and 1 target of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 286 rds on 22 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

12 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Co A - 2nd plat moved out of the line to assembly position at rear echelon (708672). Converted to self-propelled, drawing M-36 TD's, and began short training period with the new weapons. 3rd plat of Co B, attached, fired 14 rds on 7 harrassing

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& interdiction missions. No change in other elements.

3. Co B - No change in disposition.

4. Co C - 2nd plat converted as per Co A's 2nd plat above. No change in other elements.

13 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - 2nd plat moved out of conversion area after being converted to 90mm SP. Took up temporary indirect fire position at (706672). Fired 67 rds on 90mm in test firing. 2nd plat of Co C completed conversion to 90mm SP and attached to Co A as of 1500, moving to temporary indirect fire position 200 meters south of RHOMBAS and fired 50 rds of 90mm in test firing. 3rd plat of Co B, still attached to Co A, fired 52 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction and 1 Bp missions.

3. Co B - CP moved to BIONVILLE (6956). 1st plat moved 2 guns from vicinity of REZONVILLE (7256) to vicinity of GRAVELOTTE (7558). 2nd plat moved to indirect fire position in vicinity of BIONVILLE. 3rd plat of Co B still attached to Co A. No change in other elements.

4. Co C - 2nd plat attached to Co A. No change in other elements.

14 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - 2nd plat moved from (7067) to assembly position in vicinity of RHOMBAS. 3rd plat of Co B released from attachment to Co A and moved to rear echelon for conversion to SP. No change in other elements. 3rd plat fired 18 rds on 2 harrassing & interdiction and 1 target of opportunity missions.

3. Co B - 3rd plat released from attachment to Co A and moved to conversion area. 2nd plat fired 468 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat, still attached to Co A, sent four bazooka teams across the MOSELLE river by boat to assist 1st Bn of 377th Inf.

15 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - 1st plat moved from MAIZIERES les Metz to indirect fire position 200 meters south of RHOMBAS. 2nd plat moved to assembly position at (842900) and from there followed the attack of 2nd Bn 377th Inf going into ready position at (848642). 4 guns of the 1st plat, 2 guns of the 3rd plat fired 250 rds on 18 harrassing & interdiction, 2 BP and 2 targets of opportunity missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 60 rds of 90mm test firing (schedule). 2nd plat fired 460 rds on 18 harrassing & interdiction missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. Bazooka teams returned at 0025, still attached to Co A.

16 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - CP moved to MAIZIERES les Metz (8569). 1st plat moved to new indirect fire position on south side of MAIZIERES les Metz (851688). 3rd plat moved to rear echelon for conversion to 90mm SP. 2nd plat Co C moved in support of 3rd Bn 377th Inf to vicinity of LAMAXE (8764), in ready position. From this position they moved forward approximately 200 yds and fired 168 rds APC and 110 rds HE direct fire on FORT GAMBETTA (862625).

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3. Co B - CP moved to temporary location at ST MARCEL (7059). From there they moved to URGOURT (6860). 1st plat moved to rear echelon for conversion to 90mm SP. 2nd plat moved to new indirect fire position at (694612). 3rd plat moved from conversion area to ready position at MALMAISON (7459). 2nd plat fired 350 rds on 6 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition.

17 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - 2nd plat Co C, attached, moved to assembly at MAIZIERES les Metz, (8569). 1st plat fired 272 rds on 10 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

3. Co B - 3rd plat reconnoitered and moved to direct fire position at (769611). Fired 33 rds HE at FORT DE GUISE. 2nd plat fired 480 rds on 5 harrasing & interdiction missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition.

18 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - 2nd plat moved to new ready position (858607). Took up firing position along MOSELLE river and placed effective fire on 2 enemy strong points with 50 cal machine gun and 90mm HE fire. 3rd plat left conversion area and moved to assembly position at MAIZIERES les Metz (8569). 1st plat fired 343 rds on 9 harrasing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

3. Co B - 1st plat moved from conversion area to assembly position at URGOURT (6860), then to ready position at MALMAISON (7459). 2nd plat moved to conversion area. 2nd plat, prior to moving to conversion area, fired 219 rds on 5 harrasing & interdiction missions.

4. Co C - 1st plat moved from ST PRIVAT to conversion area to be converted. 2nd plat relieved from attachment to Co A and with 1 section of rcn attached moved to east side of MOSELLE River in support of Task Force BACON at MALROY (8965). 3rd plat moved to assembly position at SAULNY (812635), prepared to give direct fire in support of 378th Inf.

19 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 45 rds on 1 BP mission, captured 13 PW's.

3. Co B - CP moved to (808579). No change in other elements. 3rd plat captured 11 PW's.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 20 rds of 90mm in direct support of Inf.

20 Nov 1944:

1. Bn relieved from attachment to 95th Div and attached to 90th Div. No change in Bn CP.

2. Co A - CP moved to WOIPPY (625842).

3. Co C - No change, captured 97 PW's.

4. Provisional Rcn Co was formed. With Bn CP group attached, Rcn Co is referred to as HQ Co. Hq Co, less Bn CP group, is referred to as Service Co. Hq Rcn plat took

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21 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP moved to MONNEREN (0483).
2. Co A - Moved to assembly position at KEMPLICH (0282).
3. Co B - Moved to MONNEREN.
4. Co C - Moved to assembly position at MENSKIRCH (0482).
5. Service Co - No change, at STE MARIE AUX CHENES.

22 Nov 1944:

1. Bn is relieved from attachment to 90th Inf Div and attached to the 95th Inf Div.
2. No change in disposition of Bn CP or companies.

23 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - Moved from MONNEREN area to southeast METZ area and assembled with Hq Co at (9356).
2. Co A - Assembled at LAQUENEXY (9654).
3. Co B - Assembled at VILLERS LAQUENEXY (9754).
4. Co C - Assembled at COURCELLES (9653).
5. Service Co - Assembled in southwest METZ (8658).

24 Nov 1944:

1. Bn placed in general anti-tank support of 95th Inf Div by FO #3, 95th Inf Div, dtd 24 Nov 44.
2. Bn CP - No change.
3. Rcn elements reconnoitered to NE.
4. No change in other elements.

25 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co, less 2 rcn plats moved to COURCELLES-CHAUSSY (0357). Established temporary CP, then moved to VARIZE (0957).
2. Co A, with 2nd rcn plat attached - Moved to initial assembly area in vicinity of CONDE-NORTHEN (0462). Prepared for crossing bridge over NIED River. 1st and 3rd plat crossed river and moved to ready position in BOULAY-MOSELLE (0965). 2nd plat and Co CP moved to VOLMERANGE (0664).
3. Co B - Moved to initial assembly area at GLATIGNY (9761), from there proceeded to assembly position at HELSTROF (0862).
4. Co C - Co moved to initial assembly area at VILLERS-STANCOURT (0351). From there to ready positions. Co CP and 1st rcn plat at MACKER (0863).
  - (a) 1st plat - At (133598).
  - (b) 2nd plat - At HALLING (1062). From this position they moved to firing position in MONERSTROFF (1263). From this firing position they destroyed 1 elevated observation post and 1 75mm anti-tank gun.
  - (c) 3rd plat - At ZONDRANGE (1157).
5. Service Co - No change, still at ~~STE MARIE AUX CHENES~~. METZ.

26 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co - No change.

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2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat attached, moved to BOULAY (0965).
  - (a) 1st plat joined Co CP group at BOULAY.
  - (b) 2nd plat - No change.
  - (c) 3rd plat - Moved to position 2000 meters NE of BOULAY. Gave supporting fire to Inf knocking out 1 pill-box and firing into enemy strong point at (118670). Fired 20 rds HE, 16 rds APC.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. Conducted reconnaissance of routes and position areas.
4. Co G, 1st Rcn plat attached.
  - (a) Co CP - No change.
  - (b) 1st plat - Moved to NEIDERVISSE, then to assembly position at (172657). While moving to this position lead vehicle was fired upon by enemy 75mm AT gun. The AT gun fired 1 rd knocking off track. Immediate action by our gun crew destroyed the AT gun and 14 PW's were taken. In direct support of Inf the 1st plat destroyed 4 20mm anti-aircraft guns at (165674) and 2 light vehicles at (162676).
  - (c) 2nd plat - Moved to firing position (118649), fired on and neutralized 3 pill-boxes; fired on small enemy column destroying 3 enemy ammunition carts and 1 light machine gun; then moved to DENTING (1286) and fired into several houses which were being used as enemy strong points. In support of Inf destroyed 2 20mm anti-aircraft guns.
  - (d) 3rd plat - Moved to NIEDERVISSE (1468).
  - (e) Co fired 56 rds HE, 6 rds APC and 3 rds T105 fuzed HE.

27 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP and Hq Co moved to RR station in TETERCHEN (152703).
2. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat attached.
  - (a) Co CP moved to TETERCHEN (1470), then moved to BREITNACH (1473).
  - (b) 1st plat - In reserve, accompanies Co CP on all its moves.
  - (c) 2nd plat - Supporting Inf on left flank moved through EELANGE (0970), to BETTANGE (0972), then to HALLING (0974) and then to BOUZONVILLE (1277).
  - (d) 3rd plat - Moved in support of Inf through TETERCHEN, TROBORN (1673), then to VILLING (1976).
3. Co B - Moved to new assembly area, at COUME (1567).
4. Co C with 1st Rcn plat attached.
  - (a) Co CP moved to DELEM (1871).
  - (b) 1st plat - Moved to vicinity of FALK (1970). In support of Inf, fired at houses suspected of being occupied by the enemy. Captured 8 PW's.
  - (c) 2nd plat - Moved to DELEM, captured 1 PW.
  - (d) 3rd plat - Moved to GUERTING (1866). This plat is in reserve and covering right flank, took 1 PW.
  - (e) 1st Rcn plat, working in advance of Co in its zone, picked up 3 PW's.

28 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co less 1st and 2nd Rcn plats.
  - (a) 3rd Rcn plat sent in support of 1st plat of Co C. On completion of mission returned to Co control.

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3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat attached.
  - (a) Co CP moved to SCHRECKLING (1978).
  - (b) 1st plat moved to VOELFLING (1877), still in reserve.
  - (c) 2nd plat in support of Inf to IHN (1781).
  - (d) 3rd plat in support of 3rd Bn 377th Inf, with 1 section at ITTERS DORF, (2178); 1 section at BEDERS DORF (790205).
4. Co B -
  - (a) Co, less 1st plat at COUME (1567).
  - (b) 1st plat - Moved to GUERTING (1866), from there to HAM (2065), then to HARGARTEN (1870) in support of 3rd Bn of 378th Inf.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat attached.
  - (a) Co CP - No change.
  - (b) 1st plat - This plat was relieved from support of 1st Bn of 378th Inf and was to move to reserve position at DALEM (1871), but due to pressure of an enemy counter-attack was unable to leave FALK (1970) and held the town against the attack until relieved by elements of the 378th Inf, when it moved to HARGARTEN (1870).
  - (c) 2nd plat - Moved to vicinity of BERVERVILLER (2075).
  - (d) 3rd plat - Moved from reserve position to relieve the 1st plat in FALK, (1970). Plat was given the mission of supporting the 1st Bn. The plat leader was given the mission to proceed according to a time schedule up the main road from FALK to MERTEN (7322) and to meet an Inf officer on the edge of MERTEN. It was understood that the Inf was to take the town by flanking attacks from the North and the South, prior to the plat's entrance into the town. The plat proceeded according to schedule, in column, towards the town. Artillery fire was falling to the left of the road. The leading destroyer reached the West end of MERTEN, where it was stopped by an anti-tank barrier. It fired several rounds into the town, which was still occupied by the enemy. In an effort to by-pass the barrier, the destroyer became bogged in the mud and was fired upon and destroyed by enemy anti-tank guns, believed to be in the vicinity of BIBLING (2272). The second destroyer followed the first to the barrier but when the first was hit the second managed to turn and make it back to the vicinity of FALK. The third destroyer received a hit from an AT gun while proceeding up the road and, losing a track it swerved off the road and into the ditch, where it was set afire by the AT gun. The fourth destroyer was given the mission of covering the advance of the leading three. This destroyer observed the flashes of the AT gun, but when it attempted to return the fire its gun failed to fire. As the AT gun was firing at them, its crew attempted to turn the destroyer around and became hopelessly bogged in the mud. This destroyer was later recovered. The remnants of the plat assembled in the vicinity of FALK and later moved to the vicinity of the Co CP.
6. Service Co - No change.

29 Nov 1944:

1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less 1st and 2nd Rcn plats - No change.
3. Co A, with 2nd Rcn plat attached, continued to support the 377th Inf.
4. Co B -
  - (a) Co CP, 2nd and 3rd plats in reserve, no change.
  - (b) 1st plat - Moved in support of 3rd Bn of 378th Inf to the vicinity of BERVERVILLER (2075) and attached to Co G.
5. Co C, with 1st Rcn plat and 1st plat of Co B attached - No change in disposition.
6. Service Co - No change.

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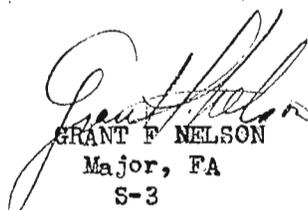
1. Bn CP - No change.
2. Hq Co, less 1st and 2nd Ren plats - No change.
3. Co A, with 2nd Ren plat attached.
  - (a) Co CP and 1st plat moved to KERLINGEN (8021).
  - (b) 2nd plat moved 2 guns to ST BARBARA (8223), 2 guns to GUISSINGEN (820215).
  - (c) 3rd plat moved into FELSBURG (776230).
4. Co B, less 1st plat - No change. Co to support of 379th Inf in crossing of SAAR River. They established liaison with the Regiment and conducted a preliminary reconnaissance.
5. Co C - No change.
6. Service Co - No change.

G. Results of Operations for Month of November:

1. Indirect action: - 5593 rds were fired on 322 missions (253 harrassing & interdiction, 36 BP registrations, 13 counter-battery and 20 targets of opportunity). 177 rds of 90mm were fired in test firing of 90mm guns, targets were picked in enemy territory.

2. Direct action: - Enemy equipment destroyed as listed below.

3 Anti-tank guns.	3 ammunition carts
6 anti-aircraft guns.	2 light vehicles
3 Machine guns	Several enemy strong points and OP's.
4 pill-boxes	206 PW's

  
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