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Alternate colour interpretations have been put forward for the tactical number "102". A yellow shade is ruled out by virtue of some shots' photographic properties, but colours such as AII Blue and non-zinc industrial primer (as shown) are possible. Be that as it may, the author suggests that white is the more likely answer.