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Following the publication of my article in *Sheetlines* 133, I have learned of three more copies of the London SW sheet carrying the IDWO number 1543(c): one in Cambridge University Library at Maps c.19.G.1832, and two in private collections. The reason for this apparent abundance in the number of copies is not hard to explain: I regret that I misinterpreted the entry 1290 in Bartholomew's Jobs Register, which refers to a half inch map of London District, when it meant (without specifically saying so) the SW sheet alone. The copy in the Bartholomew Print Record is from Job No. 1290 in a print run of 7,220 copies.¹ They carry the IDWO number 1543(c). In Bartholomew's correspondence to the War Office I have found no more than an oblique reference about this printing: on 6 September 1901 they wrote to say '...we will shortly be sending off the London Dist. Maps'. My guess is that it was required as an Aldershot district map, and was superseded in 1902.

Among revisions and corrections to other maps in my original table, IDWO 1543(c) is more accurately listed as follows:

<i>Map Title</i>	<i>No. of Sheets</i>	<i>Job No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>IDWO</i>	<i>No. of Copies</i>	<i>Cost</i>
London NW	1 of 4	1008	30.07.1900	none	8,400	£1,833 6s 8d
London NE	1 of 4	1008	30.07.1900	none	8,400	part of above
London SW	1 of 4	1008	30.07.1900	none	11,600	part of above
London SE	1 of 4	1008	30.07.1900	none	11,600	part of above
London	4	-	-	1543(a-d)	100 x 4	£19 1s 8d
London [SW]	1	1290	03-09.06.1901	1543(c)	7,220	£335 8s 4d
London NE	1 of 2	1421	15-24.11.1901	-	3,526	not completed
London SE	1 of 2	1421	15-24.11.1901	-	4,174	not completed
Salisbury Plain	1	1110	10.01.1901	1511	1,008	£65 2s 0d
Salisbury Plain	1	1289	03-09.06.1901	1511	2,000	£116 13s 4d
Aldershot	1	1454	03.01.1902	1587	10,000	£479 3s 4d

I paid another visit to the National Library of Scotland in August, and thanks to Chris Fleet was able to examine other source materials pertaining to these maps, specifically Bartholomew's Order Cost Book, which provides full details of the entire printing processes, and the Day Books, which provide a summary of what was done and the costs involved, the dates given (which I have copied into the following table, laid out chronologically) probably being those at completion. The numbers of copies listed here are taken from the Day Books, presumably the final totals paid for and sent to the War Office.

¹ Acc. 10222/PR/32b folio 178b.

lines requested: the eastern limit was changed from 5 miles west² to 5 miles north of Harwich.³ The number of copies ordered proved to be an over-estimate: the accompanying illustration is evidence of how the War Office dealt with the surplus stock.

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I am again grateful to Chris Fleet, of the National Library of Scotland, who continued to provide me with all the documents I asked to see.

Additional Bartholomew Archive papers, held by the National Library of Scotland:

Acc. 10222/BR/302: Day Book 3 1897-1902

Acc. 10222/BR/303: Day Book 4 1902-1907

Acc. 10222/BR/316: Order Cost Book 1897-1903

Acc. 10222/PR/32a folio 25a: London SE (no IDWO number); print run 12,180 (10.11.1900)

Acc. 10222/PR/32a folio 25b: London NW (no IDWO number); print run 8,970 (10.11.1900)

Acc. 10222/PR/32a folio 26a: London NE (no IDWO number); print run 8,970 (10.11.1900)

Acc. 10222/PR/32a folio 26b: London SW (no IDWO number); print run 12,100 (10.11.1900)

Acc. 10222/PR/32b folio 187: sheet of five IDWO 1543(c) covers, prior to separation

² Bartholomew's to War Office, 1 June 1900 in Acc.10222/BR/765: Letter book 13, March 1900 to May 1901.

³ Job No. 1008 in Acc. 10222/BR/316 Order Cost Book 1897-1903.

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