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[Vietnam]

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**Item: 26 Transport Company Royal
Australian Army Service Corps**

Monthly report

Duty Officer's log

Operations log

[25 Aug - 24 Sep 1970]

1. CHANGE OF COMMAND.

a. HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC. 1.57076 Capt L.K. CUTLER marched in on 5 Sep 70, to assume the duties of Capt A/Q. (Vice 136544 Capt. K.C. HILLS, who marched out on 19 Jun 70.)

Ø2) 3112654 2Lt M.J. KELLY marched in as Admin Offr on 31 Sep 70. (Vice 38810 Lt R.T. REGAN, who marched out on 22 Aug 70.)

b. Det 25 Sup Pl RAASC. (Ammo Point.) 215151 Sgt W.J. THORNTON replaced 36091 SSgt R.S. BAVINGTON as the ammo tech on 9 Sep 70.

2. DISTRIBUTION.

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Reference No. 707/2/1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

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Appointment Ops Offr 26 Tpt Coy RAASC
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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 26 Tpt Coy RAASC

From 25 Aug 70 To 24 Sep 70

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COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

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2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
 - a. Commanders of all formations.
 - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
 - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
 - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
 - e. Unit commanders.
 - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

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6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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ANNEXES

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

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Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of potential importance.

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13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded, monthly, unless otherwise ordered, the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

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From..... to..... (Dates)

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ANNEX A TO
26 TPT COY RAASC
R707/2/1
DATED *SEP 70*.

COMMANDERS DIARY
DUTY OFFICERS LOG
25 AUG 70 TO *24 SEP 70*.

ENCLOSURE ONE

Duty Officers Diary

Month ..AUG 70.....

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken incl Date/Time
1	261736	T	From Cpl McGoldrick - tank transporter broken down at HOA LONG	Self recovery will inform CP on RTU
2	261940	T	To Ord Offr 8 RAR verifying time of pick up 3/A/8-require them at 270530H	Passed to Cpl Chamberlain
3	291946	T	Sgt Bowtell - Pte Spencer 1 OFP failed to report for picquet	Investigated member at Le Loi.
4	262048	T	Capt Steen - re visit SVN offrs	Referred to OC
5	262245	T	Arty Tac nil mov of AD pers until cleared by Ebony CP	Checked with Sgt Bowtell not mov till 0800 27 Aug 70
6	270752	T	Arty Tac - claymores on V Coy bdy fired 0800-0830hrs.	
	270752	T	Arty Tac - granted for mov to DINH CO	
7	271825	V	ATF Sig delivered Op MASEY HARRIS delayed	Maj Kilner previously info.
8	272000	T	Cpl McGoldrick reported all trucks in compound	
9	280620	T	All 85 Tpt vehs reported back after early tasks	
10	281957	T	All 85 Tpt vehs reported in from late task	
11	290622	T	All 85 Tpt vehs reported back from early tasks	
12	292000	T	85 Tpt advised all vehicles now in compound from late jobs	
13	300620	T	All 85 Tpt vehs in compound after early tasks	
14	301652	V	Beach party NCO - Cpl Yates missed beach party convoy will return on first convoy in the morning	Sgt Moore informed
15	310710	T	GSO2Ops 500 MOGAS at H/shoe ASP	Truck organised to load 0730
16	311725	T	WO2 Miles Postal - 15 bags of mail in permission for postal staff to shower after 1830hrs	Passed to OC - to shower by 1830
17	011725	T	Maj Robb requested more info on fuel shortage at JP4	notified OC who contacted DAGMG
18	011800	T	Cpl McGoldrick reported Lcpl Bassett wounded by bullet from fire	OC notified
19	011815	T	Cpl Ryan reported all vehs back from Vung Tau	
20	011835	T	Capt White asked if Ops had any info on 5 Coy vehs from ALSG	Contacted 5 Coy duty offr who will check.
21	012000	T	5 Coy reported that vehs had not been despatched	
22	012045	T	2 RAR reported a small fire near tents	fire outside wksp tents extinguished. Informed 2IC
23	012100	T	85 Tpt P1 reported Lcpl Bassett has broken knee cap	Informed Capt White
24	012115	T	Capt White went to 8 Fd Amb to visit Lcpl Bassett	Returned 2140hrs
25	020640	T	85 Tpt P1 reported all vehsin compound.	
26	031755	T	5 Coy reported vehs had departed for Nui Dat	
27	031815	R	02 (Cpl Langman) requested 10 late meals	Contacted kitchen
28	031850	T	85 Tpt reported vehs back from Long Binh run	

Duty Officers Diary

Month ... SEP. 70 ...

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrences	Action taken incl Date/Time
29	031920	T	Lcpl Sanderson reported an AD on truck driven by Pte Passmore. Carrying troops for A/8RAR	
30	031950	T	Lcpl Sanderson reported all vehs in compound	
31	040650	T	Lcpl Sanderson reported all vehs in from early tasks with 8 RAR	
32	041950	T	Cpl Jordan reported all vehs in from late tasks	
33	050410	T	Pte Welsh a picquet at 2 AFCU reported that he felt seriously ill Cpl Moon contacted and duty veh took Pte Welsh to 8 Fd Amb	Pte Welsh admitted
34	050600	T	Cpl Mundy reported all vehs in compound from early tasks	
35	051630		Attended Conferende	
36	051930	T	85 Tpt vehs back in cpd after late task	
37	060610	T	85 Tpt vehs back from early task	
38	060715	T	All vehs from overnight task returned	
39	061455	V	Beach party returned no incidents	
40	061925	T	All vehs returned from late tasks	
41	062142	T	Maj Quinn requested issue of six boxes of hand held flares for contact near Hoa Long	Duty Offr ATF for clearance to move AP storeman informed and proceeded to AP 2153hrs
42	070703	T	All vehs back in from early tasks	
43	071925	T	Cpl Jones, 85 Tpt Pl RAASC, reported all vehs for 8 RAR left on time.	
44	072230	R	Radio check 30 mins late due to 2 RAR contact	
45	080660	T	Lcpl Windred vehicles for 8 RAR left on time.	
46	081835	T	Cpl Chamberlain reported all vehs have left.	
47	081950	T	Cpl Chamberlain reported all vehicles in.	
48	082030		Shot report heard - Ord Sgt sent to investigate.	
49	082040	T	Ord Sgt reported - no-one hurt and cannot locate source of shot	OC notified 082045 - No further action
50	082115	V	Capt White reported that Pte NEWBOLD responsible for shot. Member being taken to 8 Fd Amb.	OC discussed matter with SMO (Maj Green) at 082145 hrs. Clearance given
51	082150	T	Clearance to move vehicle with Newbold to 8 Fd Amb	
52	082245	T	Capt White reported back from 8 Fd Amb.	
53	080700	V	Capt Watson requested Duty driver to fill officers showers ASP.	Done
54	091810	V	Ord Sgt handed over trip flare (complete) found in old RAEME tent	
55	091842	T	Cpl Windred advised that all vehs left on time as tasked.	
55 56	091958	T	Cpl Windred advised all vehs in	

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken incl Date/Time
57	121812		Voice box failed.	Checked out and fixed.
58	121945		Defence CP - only one radio set up and requires thorough clean	
59	130800	T	Duty Tpt NCO absent, or not answering phone, between 0720-0800 This defeats the purpose of having a member on duty at 85 Tpt P	
60	131641	T	Capt Szoeki requires 4TCV to report to H/shoe at 0900hrs to bring back C Coy 7 RAR	Advised Capt White 131645H
61	131700	V	Sgt Kennedy, Beach Party NCO, reported in no irregularities. 2 Cash Office personnel to return later	Both Cash Office reported in 1710hrs
62	131815	T	Capt Doohan, 5 Coy RAASC, Pte McIntyre 25 Sup Pl held in close arrest, drunk and found in "off limits" area	OC Det 52 Sup Pl notified
63	130740	T	Lt Reynolds, 5 Coy RAASC, rang please remind Lt Gerrard that he requires information on Pte Baldock	Lt Gerrard advised 0745hrs.
64	141810		2IC ordered 1 extra carton of beer at OR Canteen for 5 Coy drivers	Passed to Sgt Morrison - beer issued
65	141810	T	Ebony CP was asked for clearance for 5 Coy vehs to move. No move to be made until clearance obtained from ATF Duty Officer.	
66	141835	T	Sgt Harris Air Cell advised tht flying tomorrow would be at 1100hrs as aircraft is not available at 0800hrs.	Sgt Boutell, Capt Cutler advised.
67	141935	R	Aircraft at Pelican Heights could not return to base	Accomodation OK all ranks
68	142055	T	Aircell advised that aircraft berthed at Pel Hts and crew spending night at TFMA.	
69	150705	T	Clearance for 5 Coy vehs to move obtained from Duty Offr	
70	150708	T	From Cpl Mundy all vehs arrived back from early tasks.	
71	151840	T	All vehs for 8 RAR departed.	
72	151955	T	Vehicles from 8 RAR returned	
73	160455	T	Vehicles for 8 RAR have departed.	
74	160555	T	All vehs from 8 RAR task returned.	
75	160630	T	Vehicles that remained out overnight returned.	
76	161807	T	5 Coy RAASC vehicles left 8 Pet to return to Vung Tau	Passed to DO 5 Coy RAASC.
77	162000	T	Capt Szoeki - 1xTCV required for 8 RAR in morning. 8 RAR veh has broken down. Report to A Coy 8 RAR at 0515hrs	Passed to duty NCO 85 Tpt PL for action.
78	162000	R	C/s 77 could not contact OA. Message relayed through 98.	All messages to be passed through 98.
79	170600	T	Postal vehicles has flat tyre near CA	duty Veh sent with jack.
80	181810	T	All vehs left for 8 RAR tasks	
81	181945	T	3 Cav request pig pen tomorrow to facilitate cross loads to Beverly.	

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Month ... SEP 70 ...

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82	190657	T	85 Tpt P1 RAASC reported all vehicles back from 8 RAR tasks.	
83	191820	T	Cpl Jordan reported all trucks out for late tasks	
84	200710	T	All trucks returned from early tasks.	
85	201910	T	Cpl Jones 85 Tpt P1 6 vehs left for task 8 RAR	
86	201925	T	Capt Loftus 8 RAR: Vehs arrived 2 vehs may not be required	Capt White informed
87	201928	T	From Capt White two vehicles have returned from 8 RAR	
88	211810	T	Veh departed for Van Kiep with Dieso	
89	211940	T	From dvr at Van Kiep - just finished unloading - too late for RTU - accomodation arranged will RTU am 22 Sep 70	Duty NCO 85 Tpt notified
90	212100		SHOVEL NOSE approx 2 minutes after lights extinguished	
91	212115	R	HAMMER HEAD	
92	212122	T	Complaint from Duty Offr 2 RAR - 5 or 6 smoke grenades thrown towards Offrs and Sgts Messes during SHOVELNOSE	CSM info 212123
93	220008	R	Change of frequency of Defence Net	
94	221925	T	Picquet comd reported unattended L/R veh no 114-012 outside PX Blue and White Tac sign	Watchdog notified after discussion with Lt Schroeder 8 Pet Operator informed
95	222040	T	Porter for refuelling	OC advised
96	231745	V	CH-47 landed Pelican Heights to collect parts for pig pen	
97	231855	T	All tpt tasks completed and vehicles RTU	
98	241840	R	Contacted 5 Coy RAASC ref dumps - 3 remaining overnight	
99	241850	T	Lcpl Sanderson reported all vehicles returned	
100	242235	V	Pte McIntyre reported with personal problems	Contacted his OC - Lt Scoot.
101	250710	T	Lcpl Sanderson reported all vehs returned from early tasks	

ANNEX B TO
26 TPT COY RAASC
R707/2/1
DATED SEP 70

COMMANDERS DIARY

OPERATIONS LOG

25 AUG 70 TO 24 SEP 70

ENCLOSURE TWO

TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date 25 Aug 70 Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	250815	<p>From OC 85 Tpt Pl. Advised that task for 6 Coy 8 RAR was incorrectly booked in that 2xTCV were required to carry three platoons.</p> <p>4xTCV took troops out last night however it was confirmed at maint conf that only 2xTCV required.</p>		
1	260615	<p>From Cpl Langman 85 Tpt PL.</p> <p>Line 18 tpt tasking proforma. when 3xTCV reported to A Coy on completion of 6 Coy task (line 9) Cpl Langman was told that only one vehicle was required.</p> <p>Line 11. Cpl Mundy did 0445 D Coy task (line 10) was required to do the 0545 job because the picquet had not woken any of the drivers that were booked for the job. Cpl Mundy arrived at 8 RAR approx 17min late.</p> <p>CSM D/8RAR rang 0600 re whereabouts of 2xTCV's. Informed him that they had left tpt compound. He didn't sound very happy!!</p>		26 Aug 70
2	261100	From 3 Cav Op Massey Harris. O Gp 270830H Aug 70. Chm rep to attend.		
3	261545	From Capt ST. Advised daily capitration rate for Type A rats has increased by 7¢ to \$1.42.	Advised Det 52 Sup Pl	

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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date .27. Aug. 70... Sheet No .1..

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	271710	<u>From Capt ST.</u> Op Massey Harris Deferred at least 24 hrs - confirmed.		
1	281238	<u>From Capt ST.</u> 105mm HE TO XUYEN MOC 180x105mm HE by Albatross ASAP - notify Air Cell when first load ready. 6 sorties		<u>28 Aug 70</u>
	281257	<u>From Albatross 02</u> inbound to pick up internal followed by 03 04 05. Load not ready and Air Cell had not been advised. First Load 1319hrs 02 1321 03 1324 05 1327 04 1342 03 1345 05		

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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date ...29 Aug 70.. Sheet No 1....

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	290845	From O4 (Dump Sect) 7xDumps still waiting at quarry to be loaded. Loader apparently ignoring vehs whilst stockpiling blast rock.	198 Wks Sect advised.	
2	291035	From 1 Fd Sqn. Requested location of the tank tptr - required to pick up Plant Op from plant yard 0900 and then proceed to H/Shoe to return D8 dozer. To)C 85 Tpt Requested locate veh and advise ASAP. From oc 85 Tpt. Veh returned from H/Shoe he had reported direct to H/Shoe. Will report to 1 Fd Sqn ASP.	1 Fd advised.	
3	291645	To 1 ATF Hygiene. Requested advise on speculation that 1 AYP water points have been grounded by 8 Fd Amb today. Advised all ATF water points have been closed pending classification. Capt ST advised 1650hrs.	1 AYP water	

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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date ...30 Aug 70... Sheet No ...1...

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	1135	<p><u>From Capt ST.</u></p> <p>Advised 8 RAR required 6xTCV's on stand by from 1300hrs 8 RAR will phone timings direct to CP.</p> <p>Task to report to YS382628 and return troops to 1 ATF.</p>		
2	1145	<p><u>From 85 Tpt Pl</u></p> <p>Banana WP has a 'CLOSED' sign displayed.</p> <p><u>To Capt ST.</u></p> <p>Advised of above - requested 85 Tpt Pl to remove sign and give it to Capt ST.</p> <p>'Q' Br not aware of any closure of WP.</p>	85 Tpt Pl advised	

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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date ..31.Aug.70... Sheet No .1..

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	311050	<p><u>From AP.</u> 105mm WP (C454)</p> <p>Nil 105mm WP left in AP following issue of 72 rds to 161 Bty (NZ) today.</p> <p>Require another 6 palletts ASP</p> <p>Advised Capt ST (via Sgt Hewett) by phone.</p>		
XXXXXX 2	311205	<p><u>From 85 Tpt Pl RAASC</u> Cpl Ryan advised by 3 Cav CP that vehicle for body of Bushman Scout KIA Sat 29 Aug 70. no longer required.</p>	OC adivsed	
3	311440	<p><u>From AP.</u> Ssgt Bavington reported that 1xbox of WP Gren (complete) was handed to AP after recovery from 1 ATF rubbish tip today.</p> <p>Matter has apparently been reported to AT 1, ATF and possibly a report will follow.</p> <p>Identity of offending unit not known.</p>		

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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date ..1.Sep.70... Sheet No .1..

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	010930	<p><u>From Lt Winters 7 RAR.</u></p> <p>Request cancellation of tpt task for 1xTCV to report to NDP Brigid at 1000hrs.</p>	Advised 85 Tpt Pl RAASC	
2	010948	<p><u>From Sgt Bowtell Pelican Heights.</u></p> <p>Advised that CH47 backhaul today was 500 gal fabric tank.</p> <p><u>To 3 Cav.</u></p> <p>Requested reason for backhaul - tank apparently has dirt inside it and if possible would like another tank to replace it.</p> <p>3 Cav will task UH1H to load if necessary.</p>		
3	011645	<p><u>To Capt ST.</u></p> <p>Present JP4 stock holding is only a total of 23,000 gals. Request Class III depot be asked to fulfill stock demands ASP.</p>		
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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date ...3 Sep 70... Sheet No ...1...

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	031057 031058	<p><u>From AP.</u> Sgt Kratzmann reported that US convoy comd for todays ammo has refused to cart ammo to 107 and 161 Bty.</p> <p><u>To Capt S&T.</u> Advised him of above requested we provide tpt on this occassion matter to be checked by 1 ATF.</p>	<p>Advised 85 Tpt - 3 vehs tasked at 1100hrs.</p>	
2	031108	<p><u>From Capt S&T.</u> Reference previous message re tpt of ammo. In future US convoys will be briefed at Long Binh to tpt ammo to any designated point within 1 ATF Base.</p> <p>Offending US NCO will be dealt with at Long Binh.</p>		
3	031700	<p><u>To 5 Coy Ops</u></p> <p>6xDumps still 40-45 minutes from Vung Tau with two flat tyres.</p> <p>Will probable not be able to return to ATF tonight.</p> <p>Advised to report to 1 ATF ASP am 4 Sep 70.</p>		

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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date 6 Sep 70 Sheet No 121

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	060915	<u>From GSO2 Ops.</u> Requested if CH47 could take Size 'O' dozer to Beverly. Advised to check with Air Cell.		
	060917	<u>From GSO2 Ops.</u> Advised Ops that dozer would be in our loc in 15 min.		
	0918	<u>To Air Cell.</u> Requested current situation advised still trying to contact AAE.		
2	060945	<u>To 1 ATF GSO3 Ops.</u> G3 Ops advised Size 'O' dozer cannot be located - waiting for decision on D4 in lieu by G2. Advised D4 too heavy for CH47. Also advised that there is no time available for CH47 to wait around for decision. G3 advised a/c should proceed proceed to other priority tasks and forget dozer.	Air Cell advised	
	061012	<u>From Capt Formby.</u> Question on size 'O' dozer to Beverly. Advised now cancelled. Requested to advise when and by whom.	Reply message to us 0945 G3 Ops.	
3	061030	<u>From Sgt Hewett.</u> Question of Size 'O' dozer.	Advised.	
	061037	<u>From Sgt Hewett</u> Advised dozer task still required - advised a/c departed 25 minutes ago and unlikely to get it back.		

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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date6 Sep 70.. Sheet No ...2..

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
4	062142	<p><u>From Maj Quinn (2IC 4 Fd Regt)</u></p> <p>Requested issue of (6) boxes of hand held flares as contact had been made at Hoa Long.</p>		

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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date ..7. Sep. 70... Sheet No .1..

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	070845	<p><u>From Capt ST.</u></p> <p>Captain S&T requested extra CH-47 sortie to take gear-box to Beverly this morning. Task is OPDEM.</p> <p>Advised that availability depended on AAE via 1 ATF Air Cell. Capt S&T to ring Air Cell.</p>		After flying to Beverly Gearbox was found to be unserviceable.
	070922	<p><u>From Capt S&T.</u> Combat Essential CH-47 task for gear-box to be picked up from Pel Hts at 1100hrs</p>		
2	070920	<p><u>From 7 RAR.</u> Requested loc of 5xTCV's required at Sp Coy 7 RAR at 0900hrs.</p>		
	070932	<p><u>From 7 RAR.</u> Requested ETA of vehs at 7 RAR - advised 5 mins with apology.</p>		
	070950	<p>5xTCV's left 85 Tpt Pl for 7 RAR.</p>		
3	071500	<p><u>From 5 Coy RAASC</u></p> <p>Capt Flanagan ref TFMA SVC Dem for MOGAS 150x44 drums Unable to satisfy. If required can get an OPDEM by Wed at earliest. Alternative is to fill by hand. In future need at least one weeks notice.</p>		
	071530	<p><u>To 5 Coy RAASC</u></p> <p>Advised OC 8 Pet Pl that JP4 not MOGAS required. OC 8 Pet Pl stated only 250x44 of MOGAS and DIESO and 14x44 JP4 is held as 49 day reserve by 8 Pet Pl. Combat Essential takes 2 days through American system.</p>	Advised Capt S&T.	

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Date .8. Sep. 70.... Sheet No ..1..

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	081415	<u>From Lt Asbury.</u> 1xLCV for SAS has not reported.	LCV still in yard vehicle despatched 1425hrs	
2	081425	<u>From Air Ops.</u> Request advise on flying time required - queried by AAE. Any backloads to be notified so that they can be booked.	Advised timings as req.	
	081500	<u>To PIC 3 Cav.</u> Advised MOGAS to be sent in lieu of JP4 to Catherine tomorrow.		
3	081502	<u>To Capt Log Ops 1 ALSG.</u> Pointed out that 3xpallets Gas Btla have yet to be b/hailed from 1 OFP to 2AOD. Previously booked on 5 Sep 70.		
4	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 081548	<u>To 17 Const Ops Offr.</u> Re size 5 F/lift task for 17 Const in Baria today. ETR to unit was 1200hrs however did not actually return until 1545hrs. Ops Offr requested to ensure F/lift returned to TFMA as originally tasked in future.		
5	081615	<u>From Pelican Heights.</u> 1x500 water bladder rendered unserv as CH-47 picked up load from pad. Damage extensive and caused by steel patch on bladder hooking on to other part of load. Replacement bladder sent however nil stock now on pad.		
6	081635	<u>From OC 85 Tpt Pl RAASC.</u> 1200gals used to fill SAS swim pool today. Another 600 gals likely tomorrow.		
	081638	<u>To Capt Q 1ATF.</u> Advised of above. SAS pool not to be refilled again until so directed.		
7	081719	<u>From Air Ops.</u> Sgt Harris advised CH-47 avail for three hrs. Please advise what sorties will be a Q Br decision.	Capt S&T advised cancel last two sorties.	

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Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	0755	To 161 Indep Recce Flt. Requested advise if Possum Refuel equipment will operate from 250gal bladder. Will phone back with answer.		
2	091023	From B/cat 027. Advised that his higher had allocated only two sorties to Catherine. Will contact his higher and advise if he can do 3 sorties to Catherine.	Advised Air Cell.	
3	090930	From Capt Myler. 1xL/rover to take Cash Office to V/T 1000hrs 13 Sep 70. Capt Watson has approved.		
4	091520	From 3 Cav CP. Sgt Bohrenson requested additional CH-47 loads: B/haul size 'O' dozer, 1200lbs APC track, 2700lbs tank gearbox.	Spoke to DAQMG - possible some fuel may be cancelled in lieu.	
091520				
5	091520	From TFMA Ops. Requested from 5 Coy Ops time of arrival of 15x44 AVGAS tomorrow. Was advised that no AVGAS in 44's held by 5 Coy at present.		
6	091537	From Capt Szoeker. Delete number of drums of fuel in order to take gearbox to Catherine 10Sep 70.		
	091545	To 3 Cav. Requested actual holding of AVGAS at Catherine and daily average usage rate.		

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Date .10. Sep. 70. Page No .1.

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	101440	From Sgt Bohrenson 3 Cav. Ref ground station at Catherine. 3 Cav have offered a 524set for CHM 6. Require one PAX and 160lb of stores on CH-47 sortie for 11 Sep 70.		
2	101445	From Sgt Keeny 7 RAR CP. Line 2 Tpt Tasking Proforma - 1000gals water to Brigid cancelled.		

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Date 11 Sep 70 Page No 1

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	111355	<p><u>From 01 PATROL LE LOI</u></p> <p>Pl Comd requests OFP provide two replacements for the two OFP personnel who are missing from the patrol. Lcpl Fatone - servicing a vehicle at 1 ATF LAD, Pte Feverbach - R&R.</p>	<p>OFP notified 111404 Lt Walter.</p>	
2	111610	<p><u>From Lt Thorpe 1 Fd Sqn.</u></p> <p>1x500 DIESO to KYLIE is cancelled for 12 Sep/</p>		

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Date .12.Sep.70.. Page No .1..

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	120950	From Capt Doohan 44s MOGAS & DIESO will be delivered Mon 14 Sep 70.		
	121040	From Sgt Loxton. 4xS&P 1100-1130 14 Sep 70. First load to be unloaded and returned to Long Binh for second load. Total 250 Dieso and 150 Mogas		
2	121135	From CHM 2. Gate 106 Fd Bty Entrance near Pelican Heights knocked over by load carried by BLACKCAT 814.		

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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date 13 Sep 70 Page No 1

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	131630	<p><u>To 17 Const Sqn</u></p> <p>TFMA would prefer to do daily resup to JILL rather than one big resup every 3-4 days. This due to approaching shortage of sea drums.</p>		
1		<p><u>From 4 Fd Regt</u></p> <p>Ref our R617-1-8 of 8 Sep 70. Arty demo on 20 Sep is OK. 106 Fd Bty will conduct the shoot.</p>		<u>14 Sep 70</u>
2	14115	<p><u>From GSO3 Ops 1 ATF.</u></p> <p>Maj PAISLEY/Capt SEAGER who will be new G2/G3 respectively will visit TFMA between 1500-1700hrs on 15 Sep 70. Please meet and show around TFMA all aspects. Coming in own vehicle.</p>		

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Date ...15 Sep 70 Page No ...1

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks	
1	151100	<u>From W Coy 2 RAR.</u> Decoded message for 26 Tpt Coy bring out two wheels complete 1400x24. Tank Tptr at Gail.	Action ASAP.		
2	151320	<u>From Capt Doohan.</u> DRUM DELIVERY 16 Sep pm 300 to Nui Dat. 18 Sep pm 350 to Nui Dat. 19 Sep pm 350 to Vung Tau. Have already delivered 432 drums.			
3	151525	<u>From Capt Collins - Air Cell</u> Would we please ask a/c whether he fired his guns either accidentally or intentionally.			
	151530	<u>To CHM 2</u> Do you know whether a/c has fired weapons? Answer. Pax 1 <u>Atmd</u> says a/c fired pistol out of window.			
	151550	<u>To B/cat 500</u> Were weapons fired?. Answer. Yes Flight Engineer fired .45 pistol. A/c requests co-ords, timings and any particulars.			
	151610	<u>To Air Cell.</u> Location of incident was YS703635 at approx 1515hrs. No one injured.		A/c picked up line 3 at 1521hrs.	
	151625	<u>To B/cat 500.</u> Passed co-ordinates. He stated that 4rds of .45 were fired into YS7864.			
4	151730	<u>To 3 Cav Regt.</u> Op MASSEY HARRIS To Sgt Bohrenson ref flying 16 Sep 70. AD's to man CHM 6 & 6A. Cav to man CHM 6B.			

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Date ..16 Sep 70.. Page No ..1..

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	160900	<u>From Air Cell</u> If the CH-47 flying looks like going into around 1300hrs it will have to stop as Naval Gunfire is expected to 1300hrs. TFMA will advise at 1230 if this is the case.		
2	161005	<u>From Chm Con to B/cat 027</u> CHM 6B not on net or in posn. Directed to take all loads to 6A.		
	161007	<u>From CHM 6B</u> Now on the net.		
	161018	<u>From 6B to 6A</u> Still not ready to receive drums.	Sunray TFMA directs all sorties to CHM6A.	
3	161040	<u>From Capt SZOEKE</u> 3 Cav at present using G403 for track adjuster. This type is not accepting pressure. They will require XG-279 instead. A weekly usage rate of 30lb per week. Can we supply?	<u>To Capt Szoeker</u> Yes, we can supply Present stockholding is 240lb in 5lb cans.	
4	161130	<u>To Air Cell</u> In reference to Naval Gunfire in flight path. Chn Con estimate that last CH-47 will be back here at 1250. Is that acceptable for safety? Yes.		
5	161135	<u>From Sgt Loxton</u> Present holding at Pel Hts is 235 MOGAS and 100 DIESO.		
6	161145	<u>From CHM 3</u> Requires 2 Batteries for AN/PRC 25 to be dispatched on "Pie Cart" today.		
7	161600	<u>From CHM 2</u> Only 240lb of C4 explosive avail at AP. Is that all there is? Yes.	Passed to 3 Cav	

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Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	171835	<p><u>From Duty Offr HQ 1 ATF</u></p> <p>Comd 1 ATF sighted our convoy of six vehs from the air and in his opinion they were speeding. He wishes action to be taken.</p>		

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TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date 20 Sep 70 Page No 1

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	201816	<p><u>From Capt Loftus 8 RAR</u> Require 6xTCV ASAP to report to A Coy. To remain overnight at Van Kiep.</p>	<p>Capt White advised that booking would have to go through ATF CP.</p>	
	201852	<p><u>From Capt Cutler to Duty Offr ATF CP</u> Doesn't know anything about it at all.</p>	<p>DAQMG gave go ahead.</p>	
	201902	<p><u>From Cpl Jones 85 Tpt Pl RAASC</u> Vehicles ready to leave now.</p>		

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ANNEX Z TO
26 TPT COY RAASC
R707/2/1
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COMMANDERS DIARY
MONTHLY REPORT
SEPTEMBER 1970

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC
1 ATF Maintenance Area
NUI DAT RVN

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18 Sep 70

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COMPANY COMMANDERS MONTHLY REPORT
25 AUG - 24 SEP 70

General

1. The TFMA remained in the 1 ATF Base throughout the reporting period. Elements were deployed at the following locations:

- a. FSPB Gail 25 Aug - 24 Sep 70
- b. FSPB Le Loi 11 Sep - 16 Sep 70
- c. NDP Kylie 25 Aug - 14 Sep 70
- d. NDP Sharon 25 Aug - 28 Aug 70
- e. NDP Jill 28 Aug - 24 Sep 70
- f. NDPs BEVERLY, CATHERINE, HEATHER 30 Aug - 20 Sep 70
- g. NDP Garth 23 Sep - 24 Sep 70

2. Locations of the FSPBs and NDPs were as follows:

- a. FSPB Gail YS 2572
- b. FSPB Le Loi YS 4576
- c. NDP Kylie YS 4584
- d. NDP Sharon YS 2876
- e. NDP Jill YS 2976
- f. NDP Beverly YS 8070
- g. NDP Catherine YS 8271
- h. NDP Heather YS 8375
- i. NDP Garth YS 4590
- j. NDP Brigid YS 5254
- k. NDP Isa YS 4353

Transport

3. 85 Tpt P1 RAASC (including one section of 86 Tpt P1 RAASC (Dumps))

vehicle statistics are summarized as follows:

- a. Trucks Cargo
 - (1) Availability - 92.7%
 - (2) Utilization - 55.4%
- b. Trucks Dump
 - (1) Availability - 68.4%
 - (2) Utilization - 75.5%
- c. Combined mileages 70,755
- d. Accident/Mileage ratio 4:70,755

4. A section of trucks cargo from 2 Tpt Pl RAASC were attached to 26 Tpt Coy RAASC from 3 Sep 70 to 13 Sep 70 for troop movement of 8 RAR on ambushes. The remainder of all TCVs continued to be used in night deployment of 8 RAR. Brigading of trucks has been necessary to carry out these tasks. Vehicles that have been brigaded have been under control of TFMA, on direction of 1 ATF.

5. The continued isolation of HOA LONG, DAT DO, LONG DIEN and BARIA, by 8 RAR ambush parties, has affected VC operations as they have been denied food from these villages.

6. In general terms cargo vehicles were used mainly for the following tasks:

- a. Resupply of:
 - (1) FSPB Gail
 - (2) FSPB Le Loi
 - (3) NDP Brigid
 - (4) NDP Isa
 - (5) NDP Garth
 - (6) NDP Kylie
 - (7) FSPB Horseshoe
- b. Lodgement of NDP Garth on 23 Sep 70.
- c. Carriage of bricks from Baria Brick Market to CA Housing projects every Mon, Wed, Thu and Sat.

7. Dump trucks continued to be utilized in support of engineer road works on Routes 2, 15, 23 and 44. It is envisaged that dump trucks may have to be used in night deployment of troops due to the shortage of TCVs within 1 ATF.

8. Water distribution by 85 Tpt Pl RAASC amounted to the following:

- a. Within 1 ATF Base
 - (1) Daily average 17,060 gals
 - (2) Total for period 542,100 gals
- b. Resupply 156,000 gals
- c. The amount of water delivered in this reporting period is the highest ever delivered.

9. The transport statistics are shown at Annex 'A'.

10. During the period four vehicle accidents occurred. Details of the accidents were as follows:

- a. (1) Driver: 21767 Pte J.A. Spinks
- (2) Vehicle: 171-823 (dump)
- (3) Location: Route 44
- (4) Circumstances: The vehicle was proceeding east along Route 44, on 20 Sep 70, when the vehicle collided with a Vietnamese riding a pushbike in the opposite direction, at Grid Reference YS420578. The Vietnamese sustained a broken leg as a result of the accident. Investigation is still pending reports from Provost.
- b. (1) Driver: 313277 Pte B.L. Thorpe
- (2) Vehicle: 171-572 (cargo)
- (3) Location/Date: Van Kiep Compound - 20 Sep 70
- (4) Circumstances: It appears the accident occurred when the the vehicle was parked overnight in the Van Kiep compound. Damage to the Army vehicle was a bent cabin brace. Investigation is not yet completed.
- c. (1) Driver: 313286 Pte J.B. Sporle
- (2) Vehicle: 171-826 (dump)
- (3) Location/Date: Route 2, outside the Ngai Giao Military Post (YS462782) on the 15 Sep 70.
- (4) Circumstances: The vehicle failed to stop after swerving to avoid an oncoming vehicle and collided with the rear of the preceding vehicle, which was an Army vehicle. Investigation is still pending from Provost.
- d. (1) Driver: 3796520 Pte R.J. De La Rue
- (2) Vehicle: 171-889 (dump)
- (3) Location/Date: Route 15 (YS280645) on 23 Sep 70.
- (4) Circumstances: Vehicle pulled out to pass an American vehicle and collided with it resulting in damage to the left hand front mudguard. Investigation is pending report from Provost.

11. With the introduction of the mobile servicing det, Det 5 Coy RAASC Wksp RAEME has assumed responsibility of the servicing bay.
12. The deployment of the TFMA Patrol Platoon at FSPB Le Loi during the period 11 - 16 Sep 70 resulted in only 41 drivers being available. Also on the 20 Sep 70 a new patrol course commenced with 18 members from 85 Tpt P1 RAASC attending.
13. With the return of 2 Tpt P1 RAASC to Australia, road transport availability will have to be maintained as high as possible. It is therefore apparent that TFMA will be unable to deploy the TFMA Patrol Platoon as well as maintain its full capacity for road transport. It has been recommended that the TFMA should be limited to providing Section strength patrols within 1 ATF Base AO.

Supplies

14. Receipts and issues of fresh fruit and vegetables for the period are as follows:

- a. Fresh fruit:
 - (1) Receipts - 66,555 lbs
 - (2) Issues - 66,555 lbs (1808 lbs condemned)
- b. Vegetables:
 - (1) Receipts - 47,400 lbs
 - (2) Issues - 47,400 lbs (940 lbs condemned)

15. The quality of fresh rations has dropped during the reporting period. This was probably due to a breakdown in refrigeration at 25 Sup P1 RAASC.
16. A total of 7741 hot box meals were issued during the reporting period.
17. The shortage of hexamine and trioxane has been overcome and hexamine is now being issued with all Australian Combat Rations.
18. The issue restriction of Aerosol spray (12 oz) is 5 cans per 100 men, due to the shortage of this item. As soon as more stock becomes available the issue will be increased.
19. Supplies statistics are attached as Annex 'B'.

POL

20. Operation "MASSEY HARRIS" brought about a heavy drain of drum stocks of MOGAS, DIESO and JP 4. The logistic problems this operation caused are discussed later in this report.
21. Issues of drum stocks for Operation "MASSEY HARRIS" were as follows:
 - a. DIESO 595 x 44 gals
 - b. MOGAS 378 x 44 gals
 - c. JP 4 70 x 44 gals

22. POL statistics are shown at Annex 'C'.
23. HQ 26 Tpt Coy has received a self-contained bulk coverage system for fuels, is nominated as trials unit for this equipment. The equipment is to be tested in both mobile and static roles. The trial will not commence until the issue of an additional Trucks Cargo 5 ton GS has been made.
24. The equipment consists of:
- a. Two aluminium tanks, each of 600 (US) gallon capacity.
 - b. A dispense unit incorporating:
 - (1) A 50 (US) GPM Pump Set.
 - (2) A Filter/Water Separator
 - (3) Two flow meters
 - (4) Two 40 ft dispensing hoses mounted on reels.
 - c. Accessories to enable stripping of sealdrums, 44 gal drums, etc.

Ammunition

25. Ammunition statistics are shown at Annex 'D'.

Air Dispatch

26. Air Dispatch statistics are shown at Annex 'E'.
27. Operation "MASSEY HARRIS" necessitated a heavy commitment of ADE in the transportation of drummed fuel to the NDPs and then re-rigging for Iriquois lifts to the gardens. Three AD personnel were deployed forward to assist in this operation.
28. With the grounding of all CH 47C helicopters the availability of medium lift helicopters has been reduced.

Det 5 Coy RAASC Wksp RAEME

29. The ASM of the Workshop has now been located at NUI DAT to command the workshop element.
30. Some delay in repairs is being experienced as a result of the low level of spares held by Det 5 Coy RAASC Wksp RAEME at NUI DAT. However, the detachment has been fully committed and has shown an increase in work output. The monthly statistics are shown at Annex 'F'.

Operation "MASSEY HARRIS"

31. This operation was conducted in the BINH TUY Province which adjoins the eastern border of PHOUC TUY Province. Comd 1 ATF was given an AO in this area to destroy illegal gardens which had been revealed by VR.
32. It was originally intended that TLCs (XM 548) would be attached to carry defoliants which would be sprayed from the TLCs. These were not subsequently available.

33. On the 29 Aug 70 NDP Beverly was established by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt (Tp +) supported by other elements.

34. Original estimates of fuel required to defoliate the illegal gardens was 150x44 gal drums of DIESO/MOGAS in a 50/50 ratio. This ratio was later changed to 70/30 : DIESO/MOGAS in order to get a better spread of defoliation. As more gardens were found than anticipated the requirement for fuel jumped rapidly and without enough warning to procure the fuel immediately. Actual figures of fly-in for the operation are listed in paragraph 21 of this report.

35. Bulk JP 4, AVGAS and DIESO points were established at the NDPs for the operation.

36. 34 sling loads were dropped on inaccessible small gardens by 9 Sqn RAAF UH-1H helicopters. The fuel was slung in A22 slings and on impact were ignited by side gunners using tracer ammunition. The ADE utilized had previously been written off by Board of Survey, as unsafe for further logistic supply. These slings however were safe enough for a one time drop. All swivels and clevises were recovered and re-used.

37. The technique of dropping was developed by "Massey Harris" Force engineers to destroy larger gardens. The Engineer technique required drums of DIESO/MOGAS dispersed across gardens with C4 explosive placed at each end of the drums. Normally one DIESO drum was joined end to end with a MOGAS drum. The C4 explosive was connected by a ring main. On one occasion 160 drums were detonated as a single blast, although expensive this system effectively destroyed the gardens with follow-up teams souring the ground with an agent provided by the 1 ATF Hygiene Section. Recommendations have been made to HQ 1 ATF that further projects of this nature should be better planned and the appropriate equipment to defoliate the gardens be provided beforehand.

Pig Pens

38. TFMA continues to utilize Pig Pens (large and mini) for resupply purposes. As a result of the success achieved by TFMA in the utilization of this equipment, 12 Combat Aviation Group (who control all US helicopter support in MR III) has undertaken a study of the equipment. It has been stated that a production of 200 such Pig Pens shall be undertaken shortly.

Communications

39. The furthest NDP during Operation "MASSEY HARRIS" was 45,000 metres from NUI DAT (NDP HEATHER). It was found necessary to use AN/VRC -46 (AN/GRC - 524) radio to maintain communications. This unit has been using such equipment with considerable success for several months. It has been found that AN/PRC - 25 sets are inadequate to control Air Dispatch and Transport operations. Consideration should be given to the provision of this equipment for all transport companies who need to control their vehicles when operating over considerable distances.

40. The AN/PRC - 25 is used by US forces in SVN for patrols and Coy internal nets as a pack set. All Battalion and units in installations, including their S&T Battalions use the AN/VRC - 46 in base and on their vehicles. A considerable number of Australian units are also using this equipment for the same purpose.

41. It is not always practicable nor necessary for the Land Rover (FWR) to accompany task trucks. Communication between packets of vehicles is often lost due to inadequate radios. The AN/PRC - 25 set is not suitable for use within a truck for the following reasons:

- a. There is no provision for a mounting bracket within the vehicle.
 - b. There is no provision for an outside aerial mount.
 - c. There are no speakers provided with the set. A speaker is most essential in a vehicle mounted set.
42. It is recommended that DST review this problem to update communications for transport companies.

Patrolling

43. The TFMA Patrolling Platoon was deployed at FSPB Le Loi from 11 -16 Sep 70 and placed under operational control of 8 RAR with the following tasks:

- a. Command and defence of FSPB Le Loi.
 - b. Ambushing/Patrolling the western end of the Gallia Rubber Plantation at BINH BA.
 - c. Daily liaison with the District Chief of DUC THANH district.
 - d. Supervision of a Vietnamese National Police Road Block on Route 2.
44. One ambush was employed each night as well as perimeter defence of FSPB Le Loi.
45. No incidents were reported.

46. As mentioned in paragraph 13 of this report it will now become extremely difficult to deploy the TFMA Patrolling Platoon without a resultant decrease in availability of transport. This is due to the majority of the Platoon being drawn from 85 Tpt P1 RAASC, as this is the largest sub-unit in the TFMA.

47. It is still apparent that members posted to TFMA are not adequately trained or familiar with all types of Infantry weapons before their arrival in country. In-country training of the member when he arrives in theatre creates some problems as he is immediately required to perform his normal posting. This training should be carried out in Australia and efforts should be made by units providing replacements (with some assistance by DST) to provide Infantry weapons for RAASC units.

PART 2 - ADMINISTRATION

Administration

48. The unit is still deficient a Lt, Admin Offr HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC. This position has been filled by Lt Gerrard (on loan from 5 Coy RAASC up until 24 Sep 70) and is currently being held by 2Lt Asbury. The replacement Admin Offr is due on 1 Oct 70.

49. The annual 100% stocktake commenced on 16 Sep 70 and will also act as the handover/takeover stocktake from Maj L.E. Kilner to Maj J.D. Harverson.

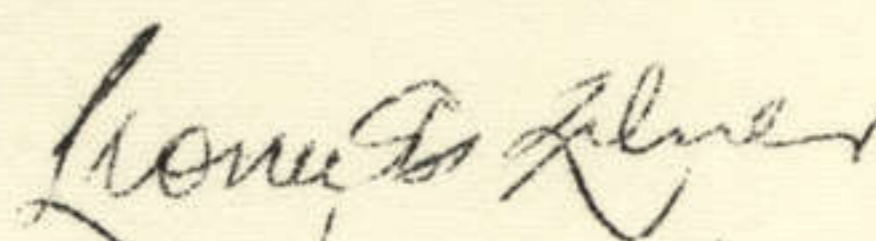
50. Major J.D. Harverson will arrive in country on 1 Oct 70.

Medical

51. Four cases of VD were reported during the reporting period.
52. A total of 29 ENT illness were reported.
53. A total of 59 skin illnesses were reported, of these 16 were caused by heat.

Civic Action

54. No civic action projects took place in the reporting period.



(L.E. KILNER)
Major
Officer Commanding

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- A. Transport Statistics
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ANNEX 'A' TO
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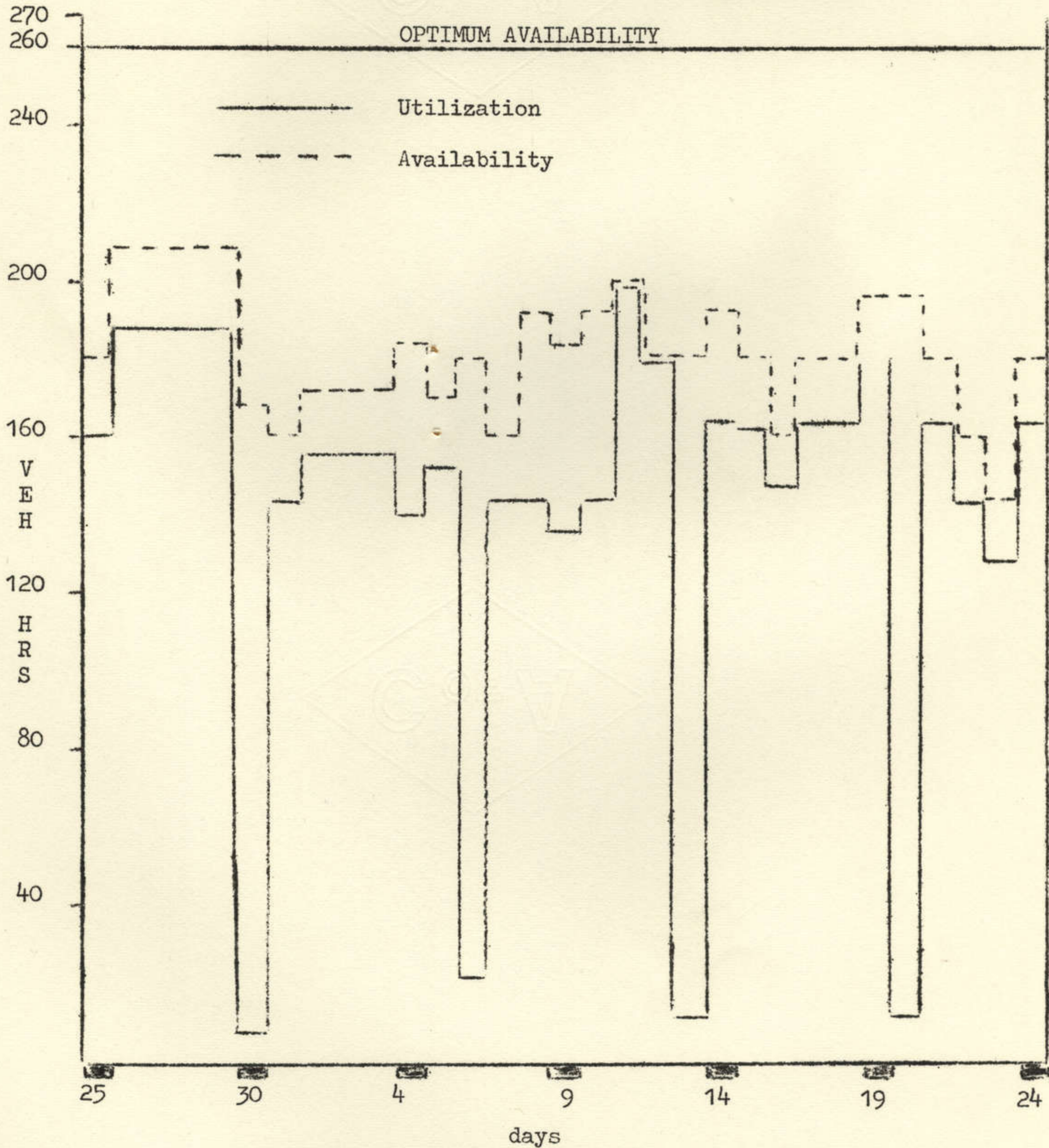
TRANSPORT STATISTICS

1. Detailed transport statistics are appended to this Annex by vehicle type.

- Appendix:
1. Serviceability/Availability/Utilization Rates - Dump.
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AVAILABILITY/UTILIZATION RATES DUMP 5 TON GS
25 AUG - 24 SEP 70

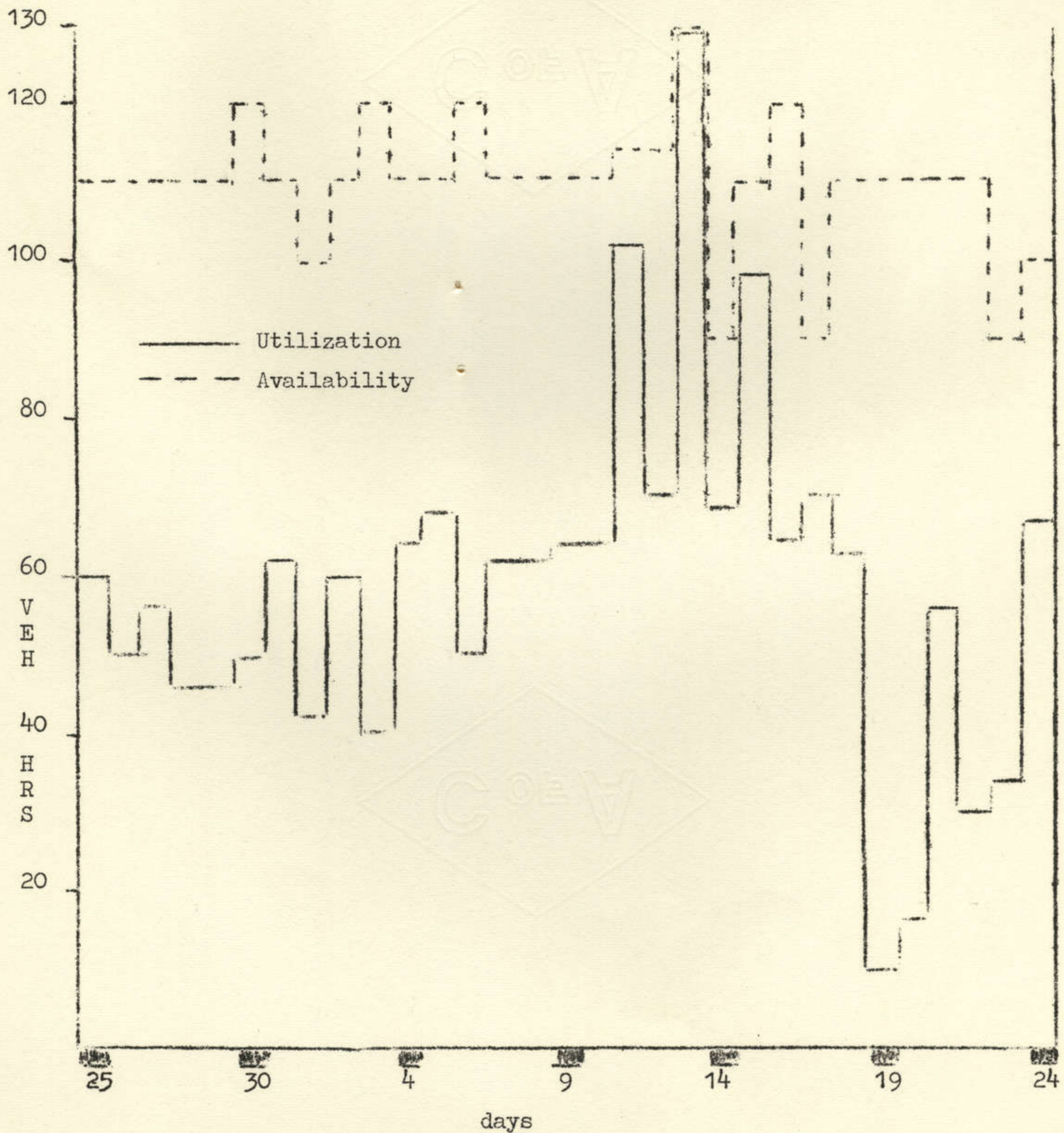
VEHICLE HOLDINGS	27
OPTIMUM SERVICEABILITY	26
OPTIMUM AVAILABILITY	8000 VEH HRS
ACTUAL AVAILABILITY	5470 VEH HRS
ACTUAL UTILIZATION	4130 VEH HRS



APPENDIX 2 TO
 ANNEX 'A' TO
 26 TPT COY RAASC
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AVAILABILITY/UTILIZATION RATES TRUCKS CARGO 5 TON GS
25 AUG - 24 SEP 70

VEHICLE HOLDINGS	13
OPTIMUM SERVICEABILITY	12
AOPTIMUM AVAILABILITY	3720 VEH HRS
ACTUAL AVAILABILITY	3450 VEH HRS
ACTUAL UTILIZATION	1910 VEH HRS



APPENDIX 3 TO
ANNEX 'A' TO
26 TPT COY RAASC
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ACCIDENT/MILEAGE RATIO

Serial	Item	Vehicle Type				Total
		Dump	Cargo	Other	L/rover	
1	Mileage	43,056	16,233	6,707	4,759	70,755
2	Accidents	1	2	-	-	3

Accident/Mileage ratio: 3:70,755



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SUPPLIES STATISTICS

Serial	Item	UCI	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	Aust Comb One Man Type A	Rat	1,280	1,390	2,670
2	Aust Comb One Man Type B	Rat	1,280	1,380	2,660
3	Aust Comb One Man Type C	Rat	1,280	1,370	2,650
4	Aust Comb One Man Type D	Rat	1,280	1,380	2,660
5	Aust Comb One Man Type E	Rat	1,280	1,370	2,650
6	Aust Lightweight Type A	Rat	2,400	2,400	4,800
7	Aust Lightweight Type B	Rat	2,400	2,390	4,790
8	Hexamine	Pkt	9,000	3,330	12,330
9	Rum 26 oz	Btl	144	74	218
10	Rum 40 oz	Btl	156	36	192
11	US 'C' Meals	MLs	53,760	56,904	110,664
12	Long Range Patrol Packs	MLs	3,456	3,312	6,768
13	Sundry Packs	Nos	320	309	629
14	Bev Sup Packs	Nos	240	110	350
15	Trioxane	Bar	127,200	139,200	266,400
16	Rat Packs Indigenous			3,791	3,791

PERISHABLES AND NON-PERISHABLES

1. US 'A' Rations, Perishables - Total issues/receipts 139,170
2. US 'A' Rations, Non-Perishables - Total issues/receipts 139,215
3. Fruit
 - a. Total number of Issues/Receipts 16
 - b. Total poundage 66,555lbs
4. Vegetables
 - a. Total number of Issues/Receipts 16
 - b. Total poundage 47,400lbs

EXPENSE ITEMS

Serial	Item	UOI	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	Insecticide Aerosol 12oz	Nos	1,632	1,036	2,668
2	Insecticide Lindane 2oz	Tin		324	324
3	Chlordane	Gal	30	50	80
4	Malathion	Gal	120	175	295
5	Insecticide DDT Powder	Lb		40	40
6	Diazinon	Gal	200	329	429
7	Diazinon Powder	Lb	100	175	275
8	Toilet Paper	Roll	2,000	4,410	6,410
9	Chloride of Lime	Lb	60	220	280
10	Rodenticide 1lb	Tin		12	12
11	Rodenticide 1/2lb	Blk		17	17
12	Germicide	Gal	125	3	128
13	Germicide 1oz	Pkt	200	264	464
14	Dog Food-Burgers	Lb	1,350	1,215	2,565
15	Dog Food-Horsemeat	Lb	144	144	288
16	Dieldrin	Gal	30		30
17	Clacium Hypochlrite	Jar	180	240	420
18	Disinfectant Chlor Food Service	Pkt	192	288	480
19	Paludrine	Tin	56	92	148
20	Water Steril Outfits Aust	Nos		1,800	1,800
21	Rat Bait	Lb		15	15
22	Creosote Oil	Gal	50	50	100
23	Slaked Lime	Lb	350	640	990
24	Foot Powder Aust	Tin	2,400	5,000	7,400
25	Insect Repel 3oz	Btl		7,488	7,488
26	Anti Mite Fluid 3oz	Btl		1,056	1,056
27	Disinfectant Chlorine	Pkt		400	400
28	Asorbic Acid Tablets	Btl		25	25

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BOL STATISTICS

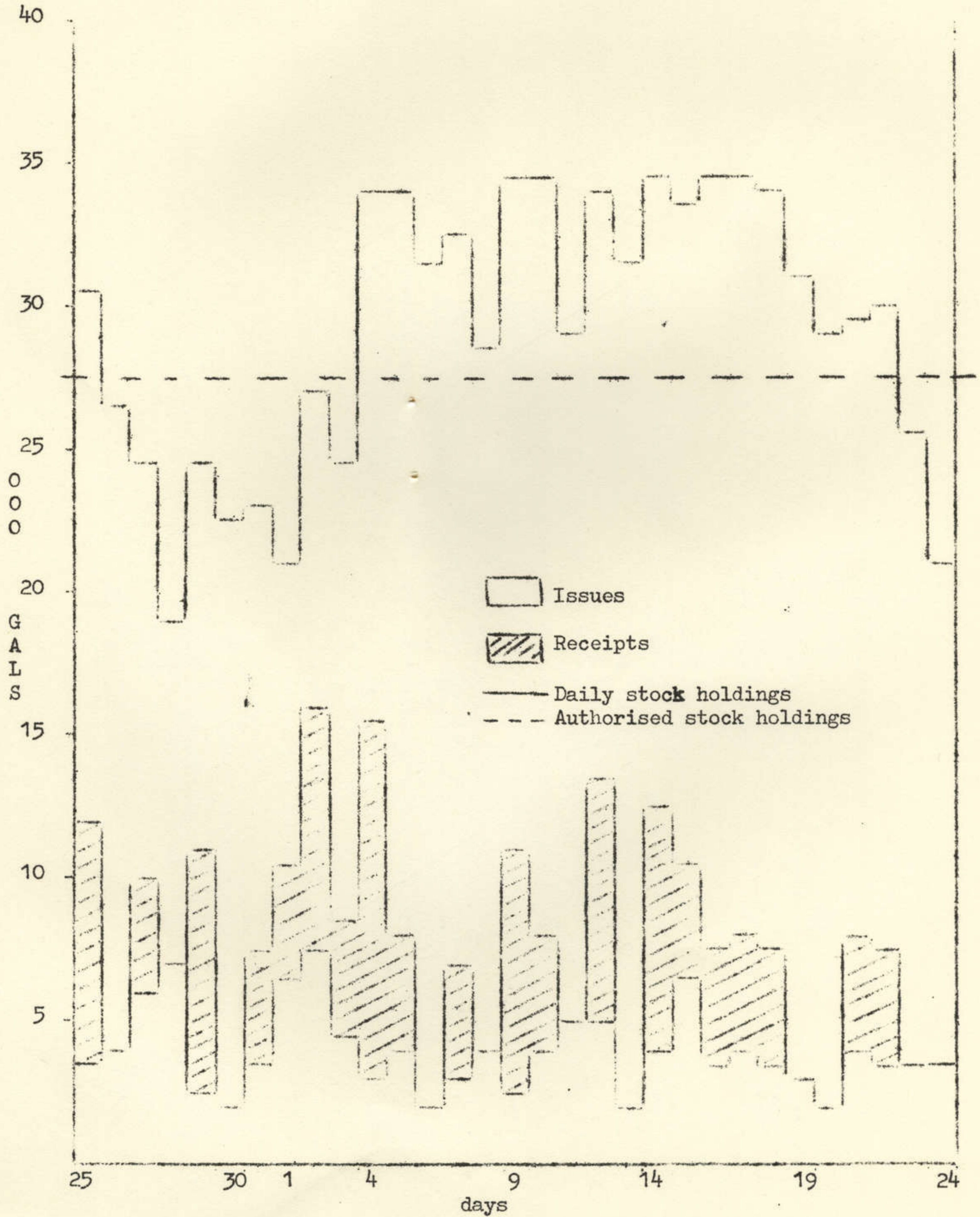
1. The statistics appended to this annex are both graphic and tabulated.
2. The daily throughput and stocklevel of bulk fuels have been graphed, whilst the issues and receipts of all packed products have been tabulated.

- Appendix:
1. Daily Throughput/Holdings MOGAS
 2. Daily Throughput/Holdings DIESO
 3. Daily Throughput/Holdings JP 4
 4. Daily Throughput/Holdings AVGAS
 5. Summary - Issues POL.

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MOGAS

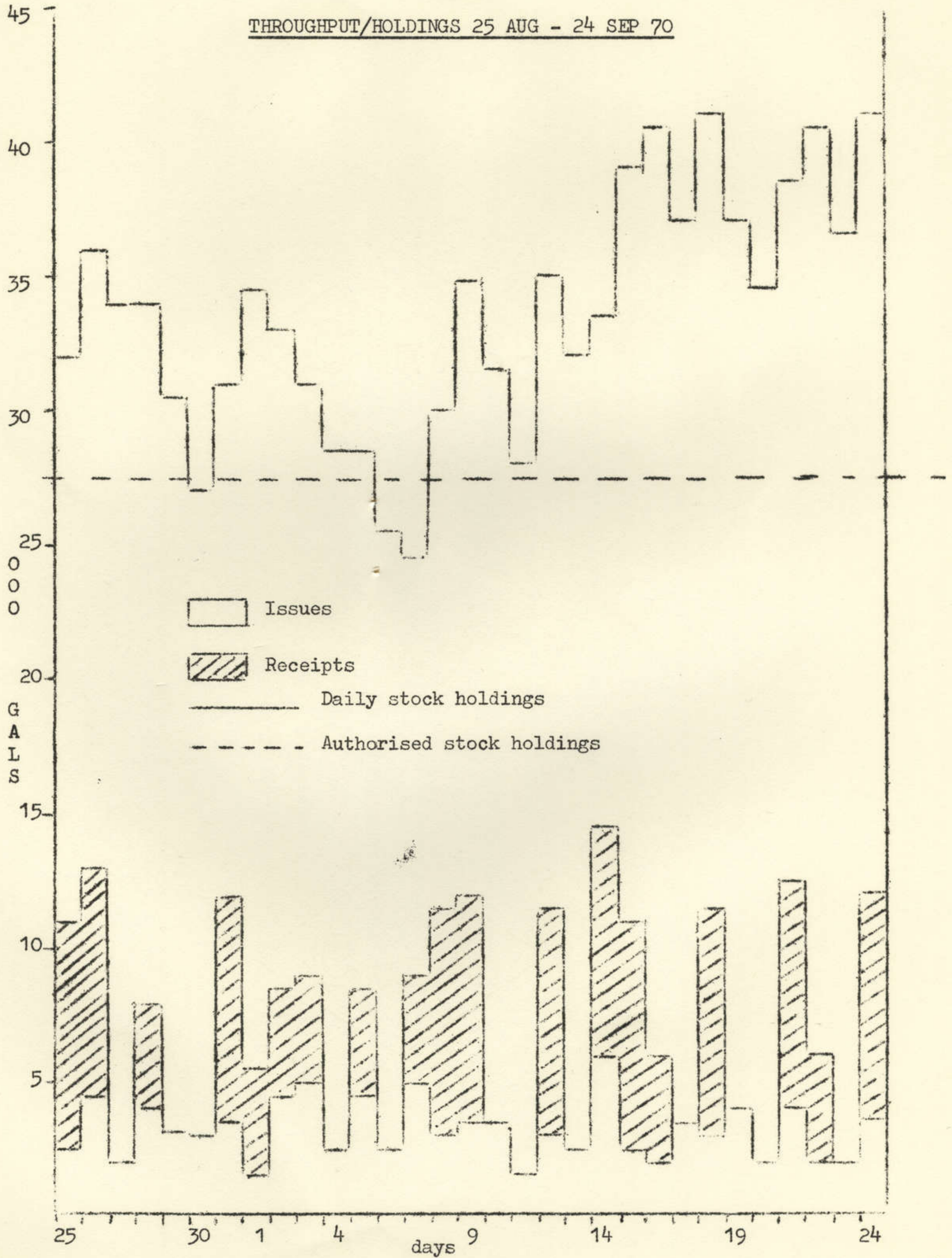
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DIESO

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JP 4

HOLDINGS/THROUGHPUT 25 AUG - 24 SEP 70

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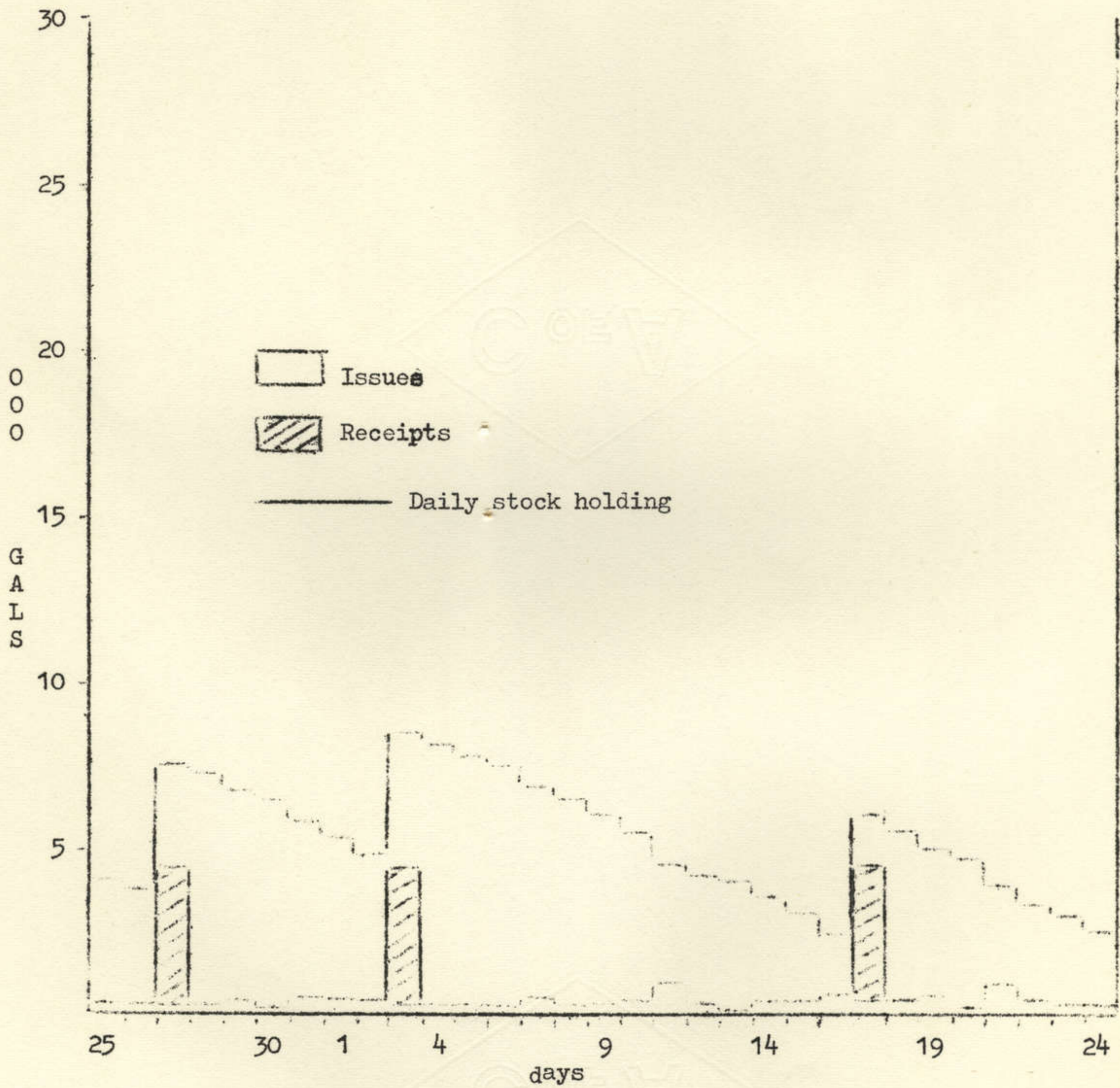
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AVGAS

THROUGHPUT/HOLDINGS 25 AUG - 24 SEP 70



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SUMMARY - FOL ISSUES

COMMODITY	VOL	BULK	PACKED	TOTAL
MOGAS	Gal	124,555	28,644	153,199
DIESO	Gal	115,554	38,764	154,318
JP 4	Gal	162,474	2,508	164,982
AVGAS	Gal	13,338	2,238	15,576
KERO	Gal		1,696	1,696
SD II	Gal		264	264
OE 30 (x45)	Gal		2,970	2,970
OE 30 (x4)	Gal		220	220
OE 30 (xQt)	Gal		14	14
TOTAL		415,881	77,288	493,239
OTHER OILS	Gal		6,925	6,925
GREASES	Lbs		2,672	2,672
PROPANE	Lbs		51,440	51,440

AMMUNITION STATISTICS

Serial	DODAC	Nomenclature	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	A071	Ctg 5.56mm Ball Clip		40,320	40,320
2	A124	Ctg 7.62mm Ball Clip		3,680	3,680
3	A130	Ctg 7.62mm Ball Clip	60,480	67,200	127,680
4	A131	Ctg 7.62mm 4-1 link	185,600	140,000	325,600
5	A136	Ctg 7.62mm Ball Mtch		13,800	13,800
6	A146	Ctg 7.62mm Tracer link	223,200	148,800	372,000
7	A165	Ctg 7.62mm 4-1 link	426,000	255,000	681,000
8	A182	Ctg .30cal Carbine		2,160	2,160
9	A218	Ctg .30cal 4-1 link		40,000	40,000
10	A557	Ctg .50cal 4-1 link		2,540	2,540
11	Aust	9mm Ball	3,990	7,980	11,970
12	Aust	Ctg Power Tool Ramset C21		400	400
13	Aust	Ctg Power Tool Ramset C22		500	500
14	Aust	Ctg Power Tool Ramset C23		500	500
15	Aust	Ctg Power Tool Ramset C24		500	500
16	B534	40mm AP (M79)	504	648	1,152
17	B535	40mm Illum	572	792	1,364
18	B568	40mm HE	5,904	2,952	8,856
19	C226	81mm Illum	1,296	1,013	2,309
20	C256	81mm HE	1,942	5,722	7,664
21	C276	81mm Smk WP	9	72	81
22	C410	90mm AP		26	26
23	C445	105mm HE W/O fuze	3,240		3,240
24	C253	81mm HE	2,160		2,160
25	C452	105mm Smk HC	104		104
26	C454	105mm Smk WP	900	784	1,684
27	Aust	20 pdr HE	200	200	400
28	Aust	20 pdr Cannister	100	100	200
29	G839	Ctg Gren Rifle 7.62mm		456	456
30	G880	Gren hand M61	180	810	990
31	G881	Gren hand Frag M67	2,670		2,670
32	G911	Gren hand Offen	380	580	960
33	G930	Gren hand smk HC		32	32
34	G937	Gren hand Smk WP		176	176
35	G940	Gren hand Smk Green	976	592	1,568
36	G945	Gren hand Smk Yellow	576	768	1,344
37	G950	Gren hand Smk Red	32	464	496
38	G955	Gren hand Smk Violet	1,248	800	2,048
39	Aust	Adpt Gren Proj		384	384
40	H110	Rocket 66mm Incend		40	40
41	H490	Rocket 2.75" HE		62	62
42	H519	Rocket 2.75" Smk WP		68	68
43	H534	Rocket 2.75" HE w/head	1,000	735	1,735
44	H555	Rocket 66mm HEAT	270	350	620
45	K143	Mine AP M18A1	880	1,094	1,974
46	K764	Chmeical Agent CS		1,016	1,016
47	L307	Sig Illum Star cluster White		36	36
48	L312	Sig Grd Star Para White	1,908	1,008	1,916
49	L473	Flare A/c para	144	156	300
50	L495	Flare Surface Trip	384	470	854
51	MO23	Charge Demo 1 1/4lb C4	3,240	5,880	9,120
52	MO26	Kit Demo Bangalore Torpedo	20	10	30
53	MO32	Charge Demo 11b TNT	876	1,100	1,976
54	MO37	Charge Demo 2 1/2lb C3		36	36

Serial	DODAC	Nomenclature	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
55	M078		132	38	170
56	M130	Caps Blast Elec	2,612	1,206	3,818
57	M131	Caps Blast Non-elec	6,650	10,050	16,700
58	M420	Charge Demo Shpd 15lb	15	174	189
59	M421	Charge Demo Shpd 40lb	25	9	34
60	M456	Cord Det Reine	72,000	90,000	162,000

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MONTHLY AIR DISPATCH STATISTICS 25 AUG - 24 SEP 70

AIRCRAFT	AIRLANDED	SORTIES	DISPATCHED				SORTIES	RECEIVED				SORTIES	COMBINED			
			CARGO WEIGHT	PAX	PAX WEIGHT	TOTAL WEIGHT		CARGO WEIGHT	PAX	PAX WEIGHT	TOTAL WEIGHT		CARGO WEIGHT	PAX	PAX WEIGHT	TOTAL WEIGHT
							1 ATF BASE									
IROQUOIS	L	194	238,300			238,300						194	238,300			238,300
CHINOOK	L	131	1,101,300	85	21,250	1,114,550	6	18,700	14	3,500	22,200	137	1,120,000	99	24,750	1,136,750
TOTALS		325	1,339,600	85	21,250	1,352,850	6	18,700	14	3,500	22,200	331	1,358,300	99	24,750	1,375,050
							OTHER LOCATIONS									
IROQUOIS	L						194	238,300			238,300	194	238,300			238,300
CHINOOK	L	13	55,400	21	5,250	60,650	138	1,147,360	92	23,000	1,170,360	151	1,202,760	113	28,250	1,231,010
TOTALS		13	55,400	21	5,250	60,650	332	1,385,660	92	23,000	1,408,660	345	1,441,060	113	28,250	1,469,310
COMBINED TOTALS		338	1,395,000	106	26,500	1,413,500	338	1,404,360	106	26,500	1,430,860	676	2,799,360	212	53,000	2,844,360

Flying time for month (incl refuel and maint break): 65hrs 54mins.

Blade tons per hour:

8.916 tons per hour.

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WORKSHOPS STATISTICS

G17's for month	Total	97
	Total hrs	312 hrs
Tech Inspection	Total	48
	Total hrs	758 hrs
GE Jobs	Jobs	8
	Total hrs	38 hrs
Alcon Pumps	Total hrs	12 hrs

Total hours for month 1219 hrs.

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COMMAND STRUCTURE

	Establishment			Pers posted			Advised in by PO			
	Offrs	WO/Sgt	ORs	Offrs	WO/Sgt	ORs	Offrs	WO/Sgt	ORs	
<u>Under Command</u>										
<u>Unit</u>										
a.	HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC	4	5	9	3	5	9	2	1	1
b.	85 Tpt P1 RAASC	2	2	80	2	2	76	1	1	10
c.	Det 176 AD Coy RAASC	1	3	26	1	3	23		1	9
d.	Det 52 Sup P1 RAASC	1	3	12	1	2	14		1	1
<u>Under Operational Control</u>										
a.	Det 8 Pet P1 RAASC					1	12			
b.	Det 25 Sup P1 RAASC					1	5			
c.	Det 86 Tpt P1 RAASC						12			
d.	Det 1 P1 2 AFCU				1	2	8			
<u>Under Command for Local Admin</u>										
a.	1 OFF				2	9	32			
b.	Elm Det 11 MC Gp RAE					1	2			
c.	Det 1 AFV Cash Office				1	4	2			
d.	Det 1 COMM ZPostal Unit (AFPO4)					2	6			
<u>RTA Forecast (During reporting period 25 Oct - 24 Nov 70)</u>										
a.	HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC					1				
b.	85 Tpt P1 RAASC				1		11			
c.	Det 52 Sup P1 RAASC					1				
<u>RTA Forecast (During reporting period 25 Nov - 24 Dec 70)</u>										
a.	HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC						1			
b.	85 Tpt P1 RAASC						3			
c.	Det 176 AD Coy RAASC				1					
d.	Det 52 Sup P1 RAASC				1					