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**Item: 26 Transport Company Royal
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Monthly report

Duty Officer's log

Operations log

[25 Oct - 24 Nov 1970]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 707/2/11

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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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 26 Tpt Coy RAASC

From 25 Oct 70 To 24 Nov 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, the relevant annexes should be included starting at B.

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and orders given.

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of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of tactical importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

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13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by 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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ANNEX A TO
26 TPT COY RAASC
R707/2/1
DATED *NOV 70*

COMMANDERS DIARY
DUTY OFFICERS LOG

25 OCT 70 TO *24 NOV 70*

ENCLOSURE ONE

Duty Officers Diary

Month .OCTOBER.70..

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken incl Date/Time
1	251645	R	Chm 5 Stockstate WBT 900, PGD 200	Rodger told Cmn 5 to return as many WBT Bladders as possible.
2	251650		Power failure	Contacted 2 RAR Power House- electrician sent.
3	251655	R	Cmn 3 Stockstate - WBT 500, PGD 550, PGM 850	Rodger told Cmn 3 to backload as many WBT bladders as possible.
4	251705	R	Chmn 4 Stockstate - WBT 900, PGD 750	Rodger told Chmn 4 to backload as many bladders as possible
5	251720	T	Cpl IRWIN 85 Tpt Pl reported all vehicles in compound.	Rodger
6	261950	T	Duty Tpt NCO reported all veh had returned- stated that he had done a check of all vehs incl Landrovers.	(L Cpl Eardley) granted permission to attend film.
7.	261955	T	Duty POL Op changing Loc- Sgts Mess for meal (Sgt Loxton)	
8	260640	T	Phoned Tpt Duty NCO for water veh phone was not answered.	
9	271825	T	Cpl Hollins Aircell. First CH 47 due Pelican Hts at 0830 in morning	
10	271830	T	Duty Offr 1 Fd Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn have an escorted convoy proceeding to GARTH departing Pearly Gates at 0805 hrs tomorrow. For Info timing changed 0850hrs to 0805.	85 Tpt Pl notified Water truck to proceed with convoy.
11.	272200	T	2IC 7RAR, due to fatal accident and consequent investigation 2IC will not be able to accompany OC TFMA in morning.	Passee to OC TFMA at 280730 hrs.

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ORDERLY OFFICERS LOG

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
12	291730	R	Chmn 3- Albatross 02 Inbound with 1 WBT	Informed Capt Plew.
13	291735	T	85 Tpt Pl all trucks in	Okay
14	291840	T	CSM 8 Fd Amb reported 1 Water Tank had not been filled	85 Tpt Pl driver to go and fill.
15	291850	T	Cpl Windred of 85 Tpt Pl rang to say Water truck driver delivered water to 8 Fd Amb this morning. The driver was Pte Bonney	Fire truck driver taking water down to 8 Fd Amb Pte Bailey.
16	291915	T	Sg6 Hunter Air Ops- CH47 tasked for 300830, now 308000	Informed Capt Plew
17	291930	T	Sgt Hunter Air Ops CH47 back to 300830	Informed Capt Plew
18	291935	V	Duty Sgt reported telephone wire to piquet hut broken.	Issued a radio on Freq 62.30 callsign Papa Charlie.
19	292140	T	Maj Harerson phoned- smoke bomb had been thrown into Officers Lines.	Told Duty Sgt that ORs canteen was to be cleared at 2200 sharp and lines to be patrolled. Any trouble makers to be charged.
20	292300	V	Duty Sgt reported that Pte Nielson of 8 Pet Pl threatened to throw a grenade or shoot Pte Darcy of 8 Pet Pl. The threat followed bickering by both parties.	I told Duty Sgt to move Pte Darcy to another bed. Both soldiers to report to me at 300745hrs.
21	292340	T	I rang 2RAR Duty Offr and requested that Movies being conducted at 2RAR in close proximity to TFMA be turned down in volume.	Duty Officer 2 RAR said he would action.

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken incl Date/Time
22	301825	V	Duty NCO advised no telephone contact with CP	Checked and found so. Issued Radio callsign 08 Freq 62.30. Noted that same thing happened on 29 Oct 70.
23	301826	T	Vehicle tasked for 2RAR departed.	
24	301900	T	Vehicle tasked for 2RAR had returned.	
25	302140	V	Duty NCO advised that film would extend over normal time.	Contacted OC OK given for extension of screening. Duty NCO informed that lights out would be 15 mins after picture finished.
26	311805	T	From 85 Tpt Pl all vehs in - 5 Coy Veh in	Roger
27	311825	T	Vehicle tasked for 2RAR departed.	
28	311845	T	From 85 Tpt Pl drv RTU from 2RAR and stated that Veh not required for night or morning task	CP pers to be notified AM 01 Nov 70.
29	311920		Amdt No11 effected to copy No 14 of TFMA SOPs last Amdt was No 9	CP pers to be notified AM 01 Nov 70.
30	010655	T	From Capt PLEW at Vung Tau-will board HMAS Sydney 0745hrs weather good	Passed to OPS.
31	010733	T	Maj Robb 1ATF - for Capt Cutler	To ring when at this loc.

Duty Officers Diary

Month **November**

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken incl Date/Time
32	011200		Mounted duty.	
33	011710	V	Dvr/Sig from HOA LONG called - No Water delivery today received	Ord Sgt- sent veh to do task.
34	011830	T	1 ATF Duty Offr asked if Pte Power of 85 Tpt Pl had been injured.	Checked with Pl Comd Pte Power fit and well.
35	021730	V	Cpl Harrison new picquet comd	Okay
36	022130	R	Shovellnose	
37	022145	R	Hammerhead	
38	031800	R	CHM 3 bringing in W/P to Pelicar Heights	WO2 ARMSTRONG informed
39	031815	R	CHM 5 advised that another pump found and not coming in tonight.	
40	031820	T	Message from 30A Longreach. 2 male connections required urgently for sucking and discharging the water.	Capt Cutler advised.
41	031830	T	5 Coy required a radio check . Nothing heard.	
42	031831	T	85 Tpt Pl reported all vehicles in.	
43	031900	V	Checked telephone with picquet hut. No comms	Issued raio freq 56.80 C/S 08.
44	040700	V	Sgt Loxton reported that one of the picquets, Pte Nelson B Pet Pl has a badly gashed leg from galvanized iron sheet.	CAP already with member.
45	041715	T	Request from 1Fd Sqn for T/Tpt to Garth. To report 0800hrs 5 Nov .	Cpl Jones 85 Tpt Pl advised.
46	041945	V	No telephone comms with picquet hut.	Issued raio on Freq 56.80 C/S 06.
47	050010	T	Call from 2RAR Duty Offr stating there was a gathering of people around a fire some without shirts on in our Tpt area.	Investigated with Nil results

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken incl Date/Time
48	050030	T	Rang Duty Offr 2RAR and informed him of my findings, he stated that he knew nothing about it, he will investigate.	
49	051830	T	Capt S&T 1 ATF: Ref Albatross for Recce: Departs Kanka Pad 4 0830 6 Nov 70.	Capt Cutler informed 051840
50	060610	T	OA: Unable to contact OA on radio.	Phoned Duty Offr 2RAR permission to close down 06015.
51	061745	R	01-62 Radio Check.	
52	061800	T	4xTCV leaving Tpt Compound for 2RAR lift G1No22	
53	061805	T	To queary WO2 Armstrong move on 7 Oct to FSPB Helen	Duty Offr 1 Fd Sqn to rang back.
54	061840	T	Message received from WO Pittard 1 Fd Engr Sqn ref above serial Check on move tomorrow morning as Helen movement put back until Monday 9 Nov.	Capt Plew informed.
55	061850	R	01 Entering Pearly Gates permission to close down	
56	061855	T	Cpl Flowers reported all veh in compound.	
57	062015	T	Queary from QM 4 Fd Regt ref mov of CH47 on Sat 7 Oct as he wished to get Gun parts to FSB Helen also claimed he had not received flying programmes for the last 2 days.	Informed QM No flights to Helen, CP Staff check on distribution.
58	070155	T	Req for MOB 45 Flares from 161 Recce Flt Duty Offr	Pte Kneller duty AP sent to issue.
59	070235	V	Pte Kneller informed that he had issued 44 rds MOB 45.	
60	070610	T	Cpl Flowers to notify 5 TCV departed for 2 RAR.	
61	071815	T	SSgt Fitzgerald returned from NDP GARTH after inspecting dud flares ,festroyed one flare.	
62	071830	T	Capt Mann (1Fd Sqn) requires a SWK to be taken to FSPB Helen. Gave OK- 1 Fd Sqn will deliver to Pelican Heights and place in Pig Pen.	

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Month ...NOVEMBER.70

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurences	Action taken incl Date/Time
63	091800	T	Cpl GOODALL rang all vehicles in	Noted AAF G3
64	091815	T	CSM 8 RAR rang new timings for departure of rear party 3xTCV at 0545 and 2xTCV at 0630	Rang 85 Tpt Pl and informed the duty NCO
65.	091820	T	Cpl GOODALL rang new vehicle timings for 8 RAR have already been advised and are as stated above.	Checked AAF G3 and altered the same.
66.	091835	T	Cpl GOODALL rang he is locking up permission to go to the movies granted	
67	091900	T	QM Capt GLENDENNING - Contact Sgt Foreman. QM has 5 copies of Flying programme- does he keep them. Ring ENTERPRISE Q or Offrs Mess.	Sgt Foreman notified by Orderly NCO.
68.	091905	T	Duty Vehicle at 0720 at Sgts Showers take WO2 Heather to LUSCOMBE.	Notified Duty NCO to contact Duty Driver.
69	092130	V	Clearance from Duty Offr 1ATF to clear AFOF Rep to proceed to 8RAR and return articles belonging to Maj Prichard	Rang ATF Duty Offr and received clearance.
70	092210	T	Clearance from Duty Offr 1ATF to clear veh to 8 Fd Amb	HQ 26 Coy Driver advised clearance granted.
71	092335	T	Rang Duty Offr 1ATF to notify him both vehicles had returned	
72	100715	T	2 trucks for NZ Camp have left	Noted AAF G3
73	121710	T	FROM CAPT S&T: a. 2x LCV TO REPORT to Tpt 4 Fd Regt to assist in pullout of LONGREACH reporting time 1000Hrs b. 1xLCV to LONG BINH (30rd Bn) 0630 - pick up 4xpallets A165 Cart 7.62mm minigun 7,200 rds.	85 Tpt Pl Duty NCO informed and tasks written on G3. L Cpl Hardley who picked up ammo at LONG BINH today to do task tomorrow. Free Run Pass arranged with CAPT KNOX.

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Documents	Action taken incl Date/Time
74	121715	T	FROM 7RAR: 1xLCV to ISA anytime tomorrow with 6xpallets 81mm HE	Task given to Duty NCO Tpt P1 written on G3.
75	121750	V	From AP- report that 7xpallets Rockets, 3xpallets minigun, dealt with	Rockets in AP, 7.62 at Re-Arm.
76	121820	V	LCpl Eardley reported for briefing for task to LONG BIHN	All OK
77	121830	V	Pte Nowell of picquet arrived and stated that bunker and picquet tent phones not working.	Again! Radio issued.
78	122010	V	Radio comms failed to picquet tent.	25 Set S/No 2075 inoperative no transmission. Radio changed Note: Radio was checked by Sgt Foreman on 13 Nov, Power Cap missing, placed power cap on Radio, Radio now operative.
79	122030	V	Briefed Cpl McGOLDRICK (85) and F/Lift Dvr from 176 AD Coy Ref early job for H/S and BRIGID.	All OK
80	150620	T	<u>FROM DUTY OFFR 1 ATF</u> - Mail will be in today not yet known what has happened to last 2 days mail.	Passed to POSTAL as requested.
81	151705	T	85 Tpt P1 advised all Vehs in.	
82.	151815	T	Picquet Comd advised 2 Picquets short, Cjn COLLUM, Pte GRAHAM.	Checked:- Cfn COLLUM R&R, Pte GRAHAM at FSB GARTH. Arranged for 2 xCBS to do Picquet.
83.	181820	T	No Tele Comms with Empire 39 (Sgts Mess), 7 (AP) Empire 9 buzzing continuously.	Sgts Mess say no phone since late afternoon.

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84	181845	V	Immediate Sig passed to Admin Offr ^T MA	
85	181900		Trouble with Duty NCO phone suggest check it out - very bad connection.	
86	190710		Duty Veh picked up Lt Scott to take to Luscombe.	
87	192200	T	2 RAR/NZ advises that there will be power failures between 0700-0900hrs Fri 20 Nov 70.	Info CP staff 200745
88.	211800	T	EBONY reports telephone conversations heard on Radio Net. Ebony switch to pass all messages through Det Pro Coy for relay.	Capt Cutler informed 211805
89	211810	T	85 Tpt P1 reported all vehicles in.	
90.	212005	R	Unable to contact OA.	Rang Duty Offr 2RAR to report no comms.
91.	212010	R	Comms again with OA	
92.	212230	R	SHOVELNOSE	
93.	212250	R	HAMMERHEAD	
94	212320		SGT DUCE reported that somebody was attempting to drive the duty vehicle from the area. On being challenged the member ran off in the direction of 10FP. Vehicle reparked.	Reported incident to OC 212325.
95.	220630	T	85 Tpt P1 request if Tank Transporter to Garth could use North Gate.	Rang CP 7 RAR and arranged for North Gate to be opened 0750.
96.	221445	V	Cpl OAKDEN Provo Det reported to CP with Pte Magee and Pte Read of 52 Sup P1 both members had been picked up in a bar in VUNG TAU both in possession of shopping passes but dressed in GREENS, Provo Report to follow both members sober.	ID checked and members told to report to tents. Action no doubt will follow.
97	221535	V	SDS delivered 4 packages	Handed to Cpl Webster for dist.
98	222135	T	Pte VAN DER WEL taken by Sgt Barker (Both OFF) to 8 Fd Amb VanDer Wel complaining of stomach pains he recently underwent apendix operarion.	To be kept in hospital for observation.

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Action taken incl Date/Time
99	222230	T	Pte Van Der Wel phoned requesting Tpt, 8 Fd Amb decided he would not be kept in overnight.			Tpt Arranged.
100	231745	R	Albatross 03 inbound Pel Hts external B/Load.			Advise Chm 2 closed down drop load on end of pad.
101	231805	T	Sgt Galvin rang ref ice stated he had been told by Cpl Munday that the dvrs who had brought the Ice up from V/T had stated that it was bad.			Rang 5 Coy asked Duty Offr to investigate.
102	231930	T	PX picquet reported that phone out of order.			
103	231940	T	Capt Allen 5 Coy Duty Offr rang ref ice. Stated he knew nothing about the ice being bad thinks maybe a practical joke, but will investigate further.			
104	232015	R/T	Couldnt raise OA rang duty offr 2RAR, he stated 2RAR makes radio checks, Capt Cutler to discuss with Maj LLOYD.			
105	232210	V	Pte Tyrell phone picquet from 1800hrs to 2200hrs reported that Cpl Padovan who was rostered for duty from 2200hrs to 0200hrs was on an education course at Vung Tau.			Pte Tyrell said he would do extra hrs on switch. OFF Orderly to be notified.
106	242010	V	Duty Sgt reported that a cook had been rostered for picquet duty when he was also rostered for the late cooking shift tonight and the early cooking shift in the morning. Consequently the Duty Sgt would have to do a shift in the bunker.			
107	242120	T	Duty Offr EBONT CP reported only 2xrefuelling pts at Kanga Pad no earthing facilities and broken hoses spilling fuel.			Inspected with WO2 Watts, all hoses earthed. 3 hoses weeping near dispenser. Unable to replace at this time.

ANNEX B TO
26 TPT COY RAASC
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DATED NOV 70

COMMANDERS DIARY

OPERATIONS LOG

28 OCT 70 TO 24 NOV 70

ENCLOSURE TWO

TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

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Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	281130	<u>From RSM 4 Fd Regt RAA</u> Size 7 Forklift reported to him, he did not require it, it was then sent to 161 Fd Bty and he was told t at he was not required there.		
2	281700	<u>From DADST AFV PROPANE GAS</u> US system has run out. What is your current holding? Will have to be restricted to Fd Amb and unit operating refrig eqpt on gas. Not to be used for cooking.	Holding is 22x120lbs. Emerg min reserve 12x120lbs. 10 cyl avail for issue. Freeze issues for cooking purposes. Issue to Fd Amb only.	<u>30 Oct 70</u>
1	301630	<u>From Sgt Loxton</u> American pilot reckons that there is water in JP4.	I have checked with tablets - nothing wrong with it but would like a sample to be tested at Long Binh.	<u>31 Oct 70</u>
1	310840	<u>From CHAIRMAN 1 (HMAS Sydney)</u> The frequency will have to be changed to 36.90 for the TFMA Air Net for flying onto Sydney on 1 Nov 70. Callsign for Sydney P214.		

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1	011454	<u>FROM Maj ROBB DAQMG</u> Water resupply MATS Team Hoa Long, 500 gals per day to continue until further notice.	85 Tpt P1 informed, water truck despatched, and to continue.	
1	051140	<u>TFMA CONVOY FREQ</u> TFMA road freq is clashing with US Comd Net being used up North. Could we change.		
2	051355	<u>COMMS CONTROL</u> Ref serial 1 change to 58-60 NCS MD.		
3	051358	<u>TO 85 Tpt P1</u> Advised of change of frequency. However as we are out of contact with a number of stations there will be no change until all stations have closed down today.		
1	070930	<u>FROM DAQMG AMMUNITION</u> DAQMG has sent AT (WO LYONS) to Vung Tau on ammo problem with AC Flares. Flares at GARTH did not work last night. The TFMA AT is to contact 2 RAR CP and obtain info on malfunctions and if it cannot be sorted out on phone AT is to go to GARTH and have a look at unserv flares 2RAR to arrange mov to GARTH if required.		
1	091600	<u>FROM CAPT KNOX</u> Require 160x105MM HE to LONGREACH by CHINOOK on 10 Nov 70.	Rang Air Cell to book AC. Air booked for third sortie. Notified Capt S&T.	

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Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
2	091550	<p><u>FROM 85 Tpt PL</u> Water points at BANANA and WOMBAT closed down cant draw water for 8 Fd Amb.</p>		
3	091555	<p><u>FROM TFMA</u> Rang 198 Works, why are water points closed. BANANA - Filling 21 EST Swimming Pool. WOMBAT - Power Failure.</p>		
4	091600	<p><u>FROM TFMA</u> Rang DAQMG.</p>	<p>Draw water from Luscombe.</p>	
85	111750	<p><u>TFMA</u> Rang Capt S&T, Flares arrived at Pel Heights Qty 48. ST requested check on figures. Confirmed by 176 AD 1805. Capt ST could not be contacted.</p>		

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Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	200830	<p><u>DET COND 8 PET PL NUI DAT</u> OC 8 Pet P1 would like to move Sgt LOXTON to VUNG TAU and leave WO2 WATTS I/C of NUI DAT Det. New WO from Aust due 10 Dec 70. OC 8 Pet P1 V/T will speak to OC TFMA on this subject 21 Nov 70 by Telecon</p>		

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Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	210830	<u>INCIDENT</u> At approx 0630hrs 21 Nov 70 whilst driving along Route 2 in the direction of HOA LONG to pick up 2 RAR, a tracer round was fired at the vehicle from the rubber on the R/Hand side of the road near the second bunker at GR 416654, a shot was also heard.	Phoned to Duty Sig 1ATF CP at 210910H.	
2	211408	<u>From CHM 2</u> Telephone conversation coming over air net checked and found that Ebony 152 (Empire line) was causing the trouble.	Reported this to Comms Control . Can't do anything at the moment due to ATF deployment will notify that 152 is U/S	
	211522	<u>From Ebony S/B Op</u> Is line still crossed? Yes. Informed S/b Op that it was a unit responsibility.		
3	211545	<u>To DAQMG 1 ATF</u> 104 Sig Sqn refuse to rectify faults from Ebony S/b to EMPIRE S/b, as detailed above. If TFMA is required to rectify junction box faults no responsibility will be taken for breakdowns in line comms.	Ans. Will check with OC 104 Sigs/	
1	231503	<u>From Capt Doohan 5 Coy RAASC Ops</u> TFMA has been allocated c/s 59 on the 5 Coy RAASC road net.	1512. Radio check carried out.	<u>23 Nov 70</u>

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MONTHLY REPORT
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ENCLOSURE THREE

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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1 ATF Maintenance Area
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COMPANY COMMANDERS MONTHLY REPORT
25 OCT - 24 NOV 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 Oct - 27 Oct 70
- b. FSPB Scobie 25 Oct - 9 Nov 70
- c. FSPB Longreach 9 Nov - 14 Nov 70
- d. FSPB Helen 25 Oct - 20 Nov 70
- e. FSPB Melissa 20 Nov - 24 Nov 70
- f. NDP Garth 25 Oct - 24 Nov 70.

2. Locations of the FSPB's and NDP's were as follows:

- a. FSPB Gail YS 2572
- b. FSPB Scobie YS 6670
- c. FSPB Longreach YS 5276
- d. FSPB Helen YS 3176
- e. FSPB Melissa YS 3075
- f. NDP Garth YS 4590
- g. NDP Brigid YS 5154
- h. NDP Isa YS 4353
- i. Horseshoe YS 4962

Transport

3. 85 Tpt P1 RAASC vehicle statistics are summarized as follows:

a. Trucks cargo

- (1) Availability 91.9%
- (2) Utilization 27.5%

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- b. Trucks dump
 - (1) Availability 75.4%
 - (2) Utilization 77.5%
- c. Combined Mileages 47,691 miles
- d. Accident/Mileage Ratio: 0:47,691

4. Support to 17 Constr Sqn RAE has continued with most available dumps going to this squadron. This is due to therationalization of Engineer support. 1 Fd Sqn RAE has now taken over LCT operations and support to other arms.

5. Administrative support has been provided for:

- a. NDP Brigid
- b. NDP Isa
- c. NDP Garth
- d. Horseshoe Feature
- e. FSPB Gail (Resup and extraction)
- f. FSPB Scobie (extraction)
- g. FSPB Longreach (insertion and extraction)

6. Water distribution by 85 Tpt P1 RAASC amounted to the following:

- a. Within 1 ATF Base:
 - (1) Daily average 14,566 gallons
 - (2) Highest Delivery 17,500 "
 - (3) Lowest delivery 12,500 "
 - (4) Total for period 451,541 "
- b. Resupply of NDP, FSPB's: 85,000 gallons

7. There were no accidents during the reporting period.

8. Deficiencies in stores have been overcome and oil filters, tyres and tubes (12.00 x 20) are now available in sufficient quantity.

9. Manning. 2Lt K Long replaced 2Lt P.D. Asbury as 2IC 85 Tpt P1 RAASC on 29 Oct 70. Sgt L.G. Webster marched out to the Amenities Unit on the 12 Nov 70 and to this date no replacement has been nominated.

10. Transport statistics are attached as Annex 'A'.

Supplies

11. Receipts and issues of fresh fruits and vegetables for the period
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are as follows:

a. Fresh Fruit

(1) Receipts 53,670 lbs

(2) Issues 53,670 lbs

b. Vegetables

(1) Receipts 37,980 lbs (490lbs condemned)

(2) Issues 37,980 lbs (490lbs condemned)

12. A total of 4,340 hot box meals were issued during the reporting period.

13. Refrigerators are still operating satisfactorily but still require minor repairs. At this stage spare parts are still not available.

14. Manning. Lt B. Miller replaced Lt J. Scott as OC Det 52 Sup Pl RAASC on 19 Nov 70. Pte Linden (Clerk Tech) has still not arrived and the unit is operating one clerk under establishment.

15. Supplies statistics are attached as Annex 'B'.

POL

16. POL statistics are attached as Annex 'C'.

17. Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining feeder hose for the JP 4 Refuelling Point at Kanga Pad. This has resulted in some refuelling points being closed. Priority Maintdem action has been taken by OC 8 Pet Pl RAASC to rectify this situation.

18. WO2 Watts (RNZASC) is at present Det Comd 8 Pet Pl RAASC, NUI DAT.

Ammunition

19. Ammunition statistics are attached as Annex 'D'.

20. Ammunition stock holdings have been revised during the reporting period and new levels set by HQ 1 ATF.

Air Dispatch

21. Air Dispatch statistics are attached as Annex 'E'.

22. Capt P. Florence replaced Capt K. Plew as OC Det 176 AD Coy RAASC on 19 Nov 70.

Det 5 Coy Wksp RAEME

23. Workshops statistics are shown at Annex 'F'.

Patrolling

24. The TFMA Patrolling Platoon now provides a standing patrol of 1 NCO and 4 ORs, each Thursday night in Base AO Christine.

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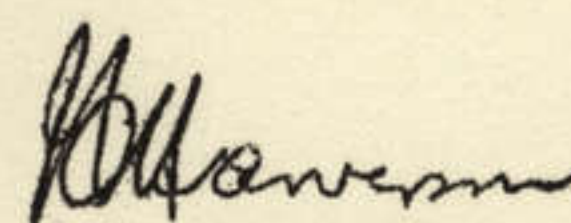
Base Defence

25. A re-appraisal of TFMA Defence tasks and capabilities is being undertaken by Defence Officer Sector 8.

PART 2 - ADMINISTRATION

Medical

26. A total of 47 ENT illnesses were reported.
27. A total of 68 skin illnesses were reported.
28. No cases of VD were reported during the period.



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- Annexes: A. Transport Statistics
B. Supplies Statistics
C. POL Statistics
D. Ammunition Statistics
E. AD Statistics
F. Workshop Statistics
G. Command Structure

Distribution:

DADST AFV (6)
5 Coy RAASC
RAASC Centre(2)
Capt ST 1 ATF

Internal

OC
Ops
War Diary (2)
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TRANSPORT STATISTICS

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

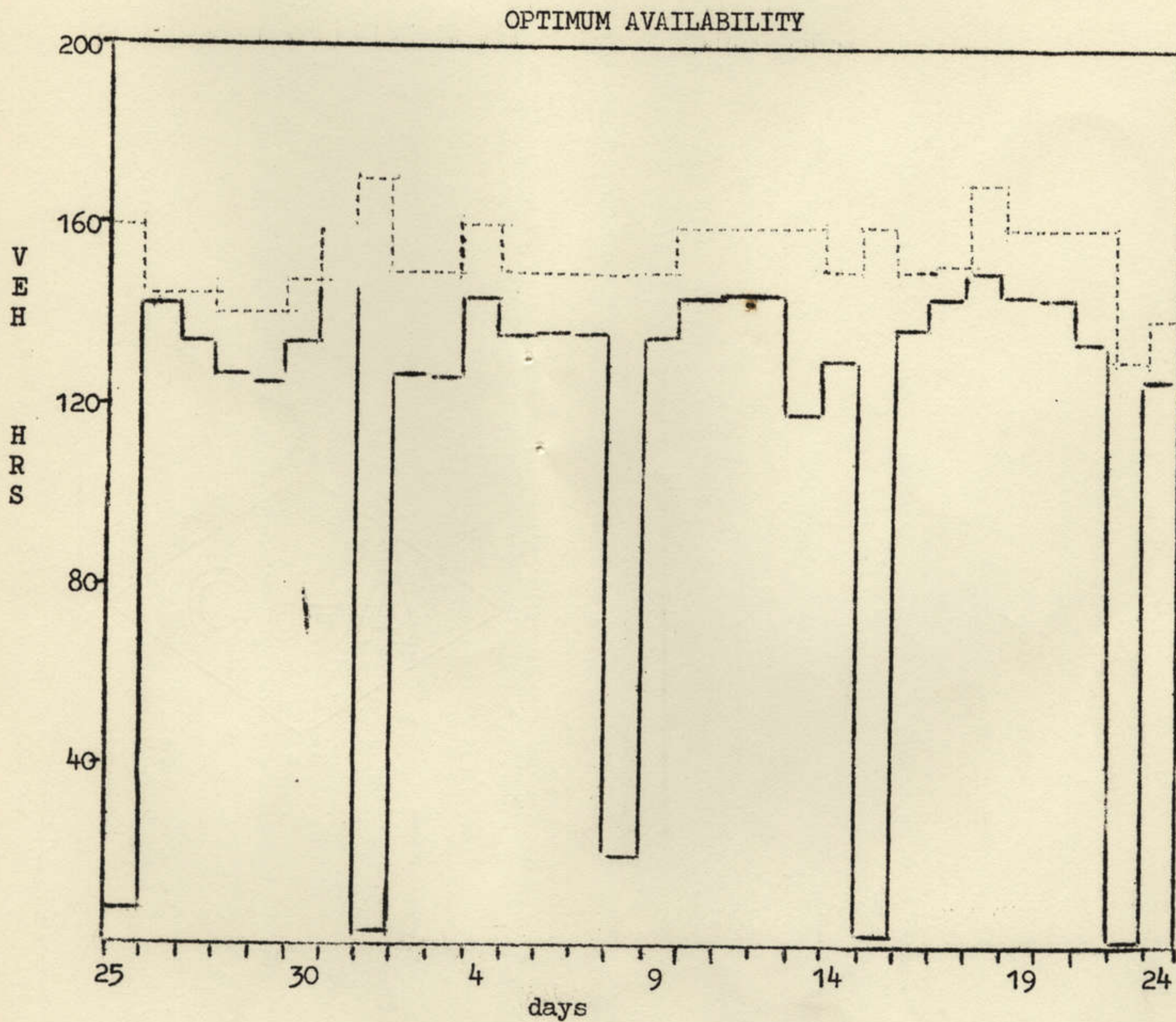
- Appendix:
1. Availability/Utilization Rates - Dump.
 2. Availability/Utilization Rates - Cargo.
 3. Accident/Mileage Ratio.

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AVAILABILITY/UTILIZATION RATES DUMP 5 TON GS
25 OCT - 24 NOV 70

VEHICLE HOLDINGS	20	
OPTIMUM SERVICEABILITY	19	
OPTIMUM AVAILABILITY	5890 VEH HRS	
ACTUAL AVAILABILITY	4440 VEH HRS	75.4%
ACTUAL UTILIZATION	3441 VEH HRS	77.5%

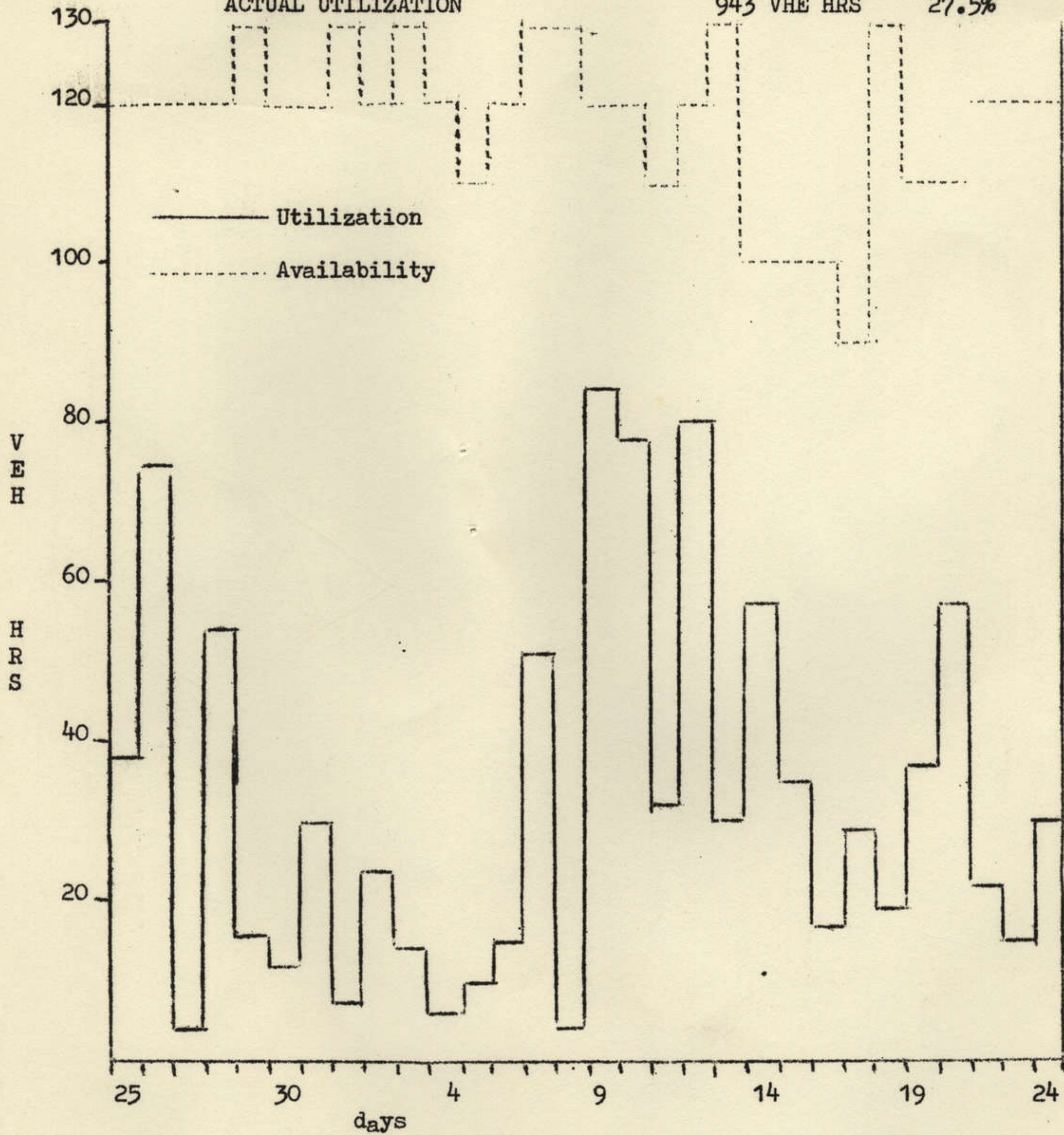
———— Utilization
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AVAILABILITY/UTILIZATION RATES TRUCKS CARGO 5 TON GS

25 OCT - 24 NOV 70

VEHICLE HOLDINGS	13	
OPTIMUM SERVICEABILITY	12	
OPTIMUM AVAILABILITY	3720 VEH HRS	
ACTUAL AVAILABILITY	3420 VEH HRS	91.9%
ACTUAL UTILIZATION	943 VEH HRS	27.5%



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ACCIDENT/MILEAGE RATIO

Serial	Item	Vehicle Type				Total
		Dump	Cargo	Other	L/rover	
1	Mileage	28,806	8,261	5,421	5,203	47,691
2	Accidents	-	-	-	-	NIL

Accident/Mileage Ratio: 0:47,691

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SUPPLIES STATISTICS

Serial	Item	UOI	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	Aust Comb One Man Type A	Rat	1,280	2,350	3,630
2	Aust Comb One Man Type B	Rat	1,280	2,340	3,620
3	Aust Comb One Man Type C	Rat	1,280	2,330	3,610
4	Aust Comb One Man Type D	Rat	1,280	2,320	3,600
5	Aust Comb One Man Type E	Rat	1,280	2,320	3,600
6	Aust Lightweight Type A	Rat		840	840
7	Aust Lightweight Type B	Rat		850	850
8	Aust Emerg Rats	Rat		500	500
9	Hexamine	Pkt	12,000	13,350	25,350
10	Field Cookers	Nos		5,904	5,904
11	Rum 26oz	Btl		58	58
12	Rum 40oz	Btl	60	36	96
13	US 'C' Meals	Mls	39,168	44,868	84,036
14	Long Range Patrol Packs	Mls	1,152	1,806	2,958
15	Sundry Packs	Nos	180	263	443
16	Bev Sup Packs	Nos		80	80
17	Trioxane	Bar	38,470	71,020	101,490

PERISHABLES AND NON-PERISHABLES

1. US 'A' Rations, perishables - total issues/receipts 121,840.
2. US 'A' Rations, non-perishables - total issues/receipts 121,840.
3. Fruit
 - a. Total number of issues/receipts 15
 - b. Total poundage 53,670 lbs.
4. Vegetables
 - a. Total number of issues/receipts 15
 - b. Total poundage 37,980 lbs.

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EXPENSE ITEMS

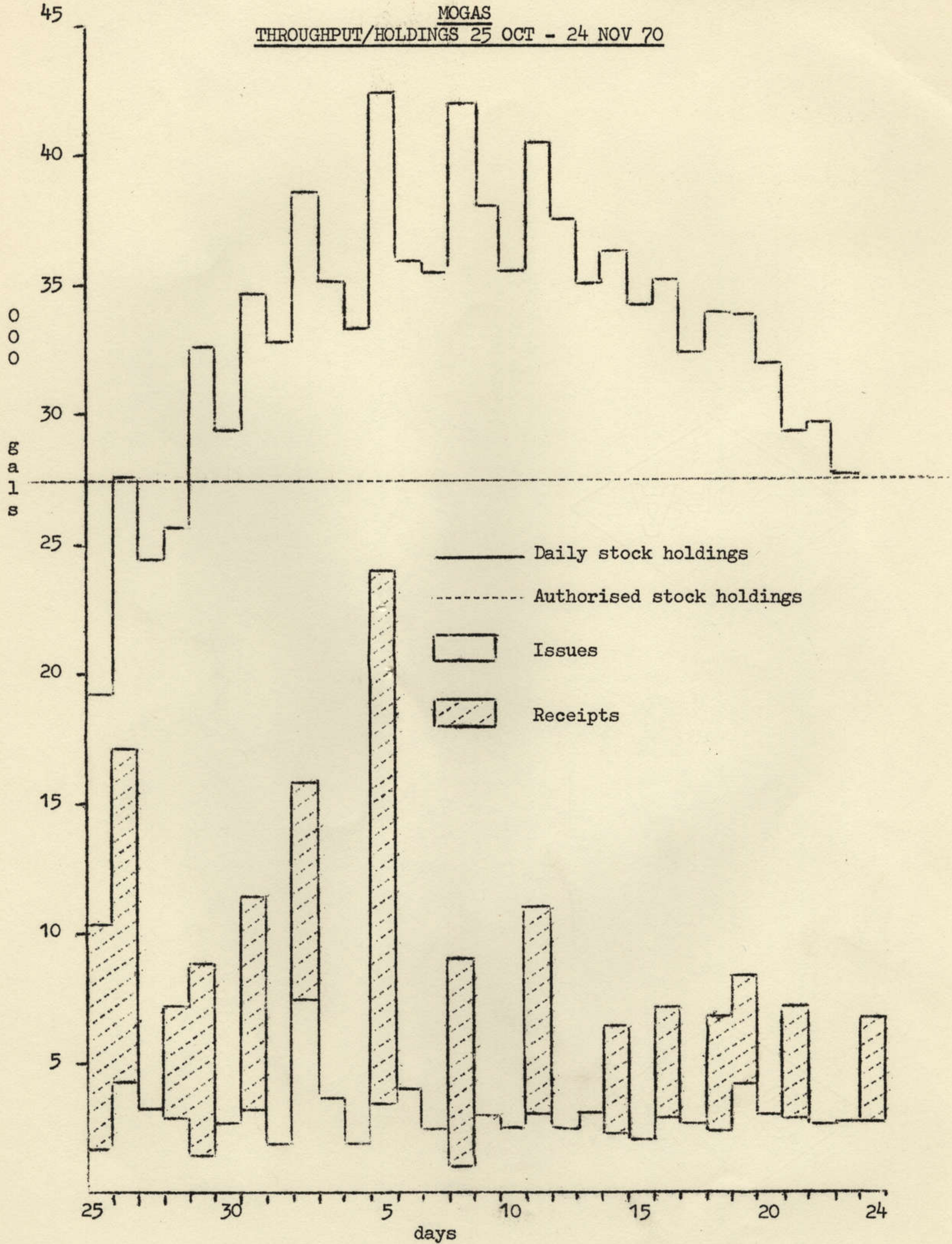
Serial	Item	UOI	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	Insecticide Aerosol 12 oz	Nos	11,688	6,984	18,672
2	Insecticide Lindane 2oz	Tin		60	60
3	Chlordane	Gal	20	30	50
4	Malathion	Gal	135	95	230
5	Insecticide DDT Liquid	Gal	180	70	250
6	Insecticide DDT Powder	Lb		540	540
7	Diazinon	Gal	78	74	152
8	Toilet Paper	Roll	3,200	2,500	5,700
9	Chloride of Lime	Lb	80	91	171
10	Rodenticide 1 lb	Tin	96	14	110
11	Rodenticide ½ lb	Blk	120	120	240
12	Altar Candles	Nos	48	24	72
13	Altar Wine	Btl		12	12
14	Germicide	Gal	100	199	299
15	Germicide 1 oz	Pkt		36	36
16	Dog Food - Horsemeat	Lb	96		96
17	Calcium Hypochlorate	Jar	135	131	266
18	Disinfectant Chlor Food Svc	Pkt	288	187	475
19	Insecticidal Spray KD	Gal	400	100	500
20	Paludrine	Tin	36	50	86
21	Water Steril Outfits Aust	Nos	1,000	3,158	4,158
22	RatBait	Lb	150	90	240
23	Creosote Oil	Gal		22	22
24	Slaked Lime	Lb	400	492	892
25	Foot Powder Aust	Tin		1,080	1,080
26	Insect Repel 3oz	Btl		4,070	4,070
27	Anti Mite Fluid 3 oz	Btl		384	384
28	Ethyl Formate	Gal	3	1	4
29	Altar Wafer	Box		12	12
30	Disinfectant Chloride	Pkt	96	96	192

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POL STATISTICS

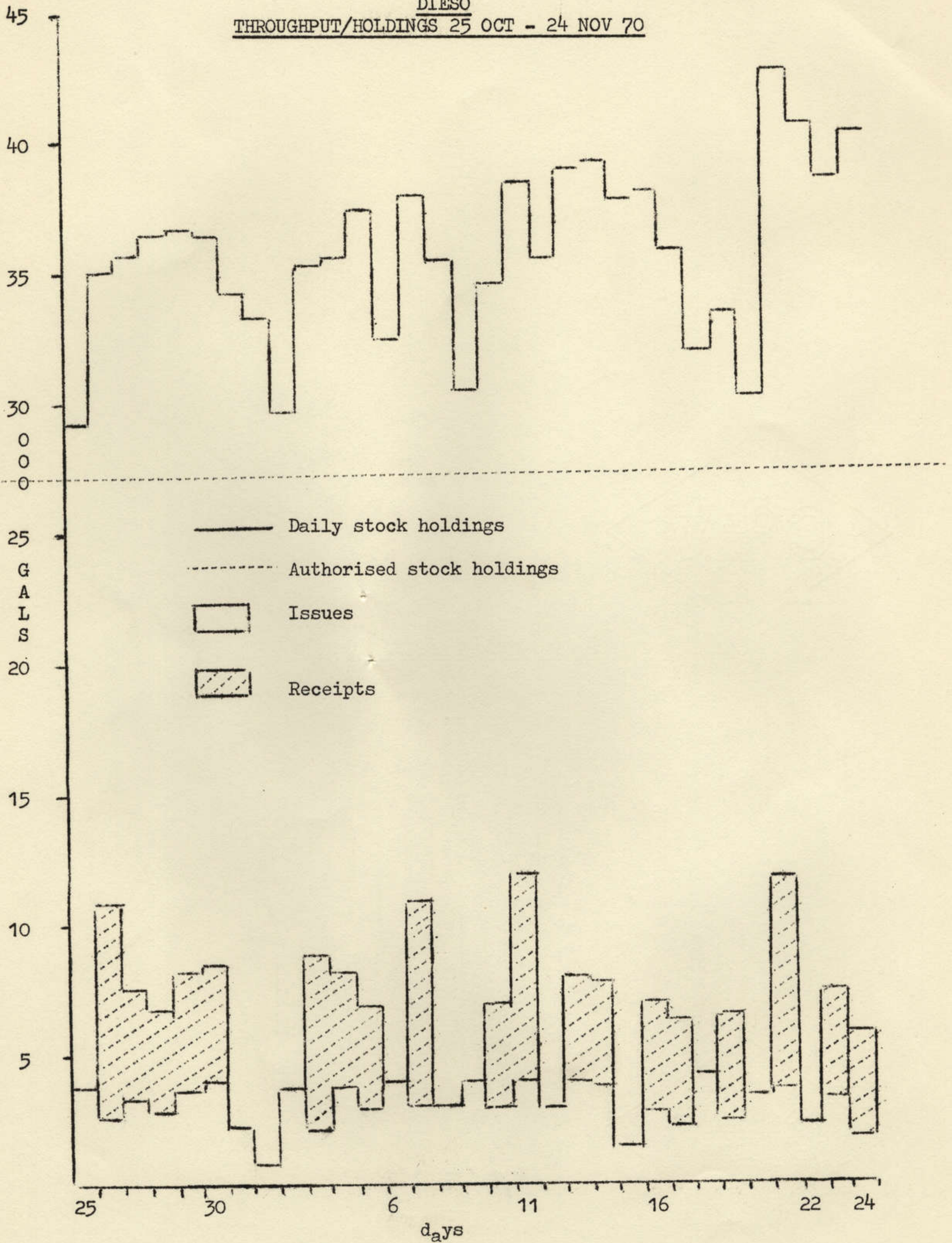
1. The statistics appended to this annex are both graphic and tabulated.
2. The daily throughput and stocklevel of bulk fuels have been graphed whilst the issues and receipts of all packed products have been tabulated.

- 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.

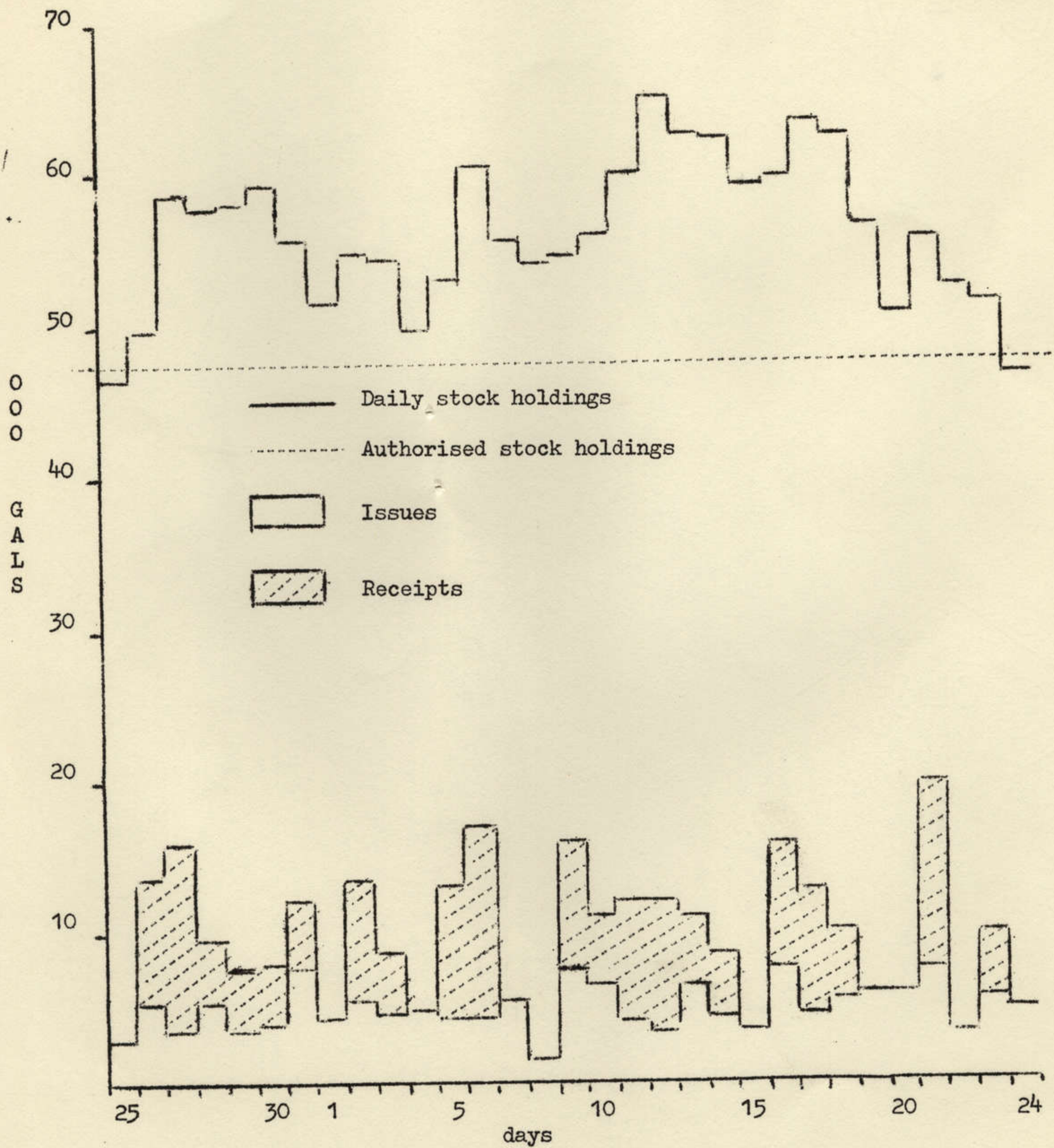


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DIESO
THROUGHPUT/HOLDINGS 25 OCT - 24 NOV 70

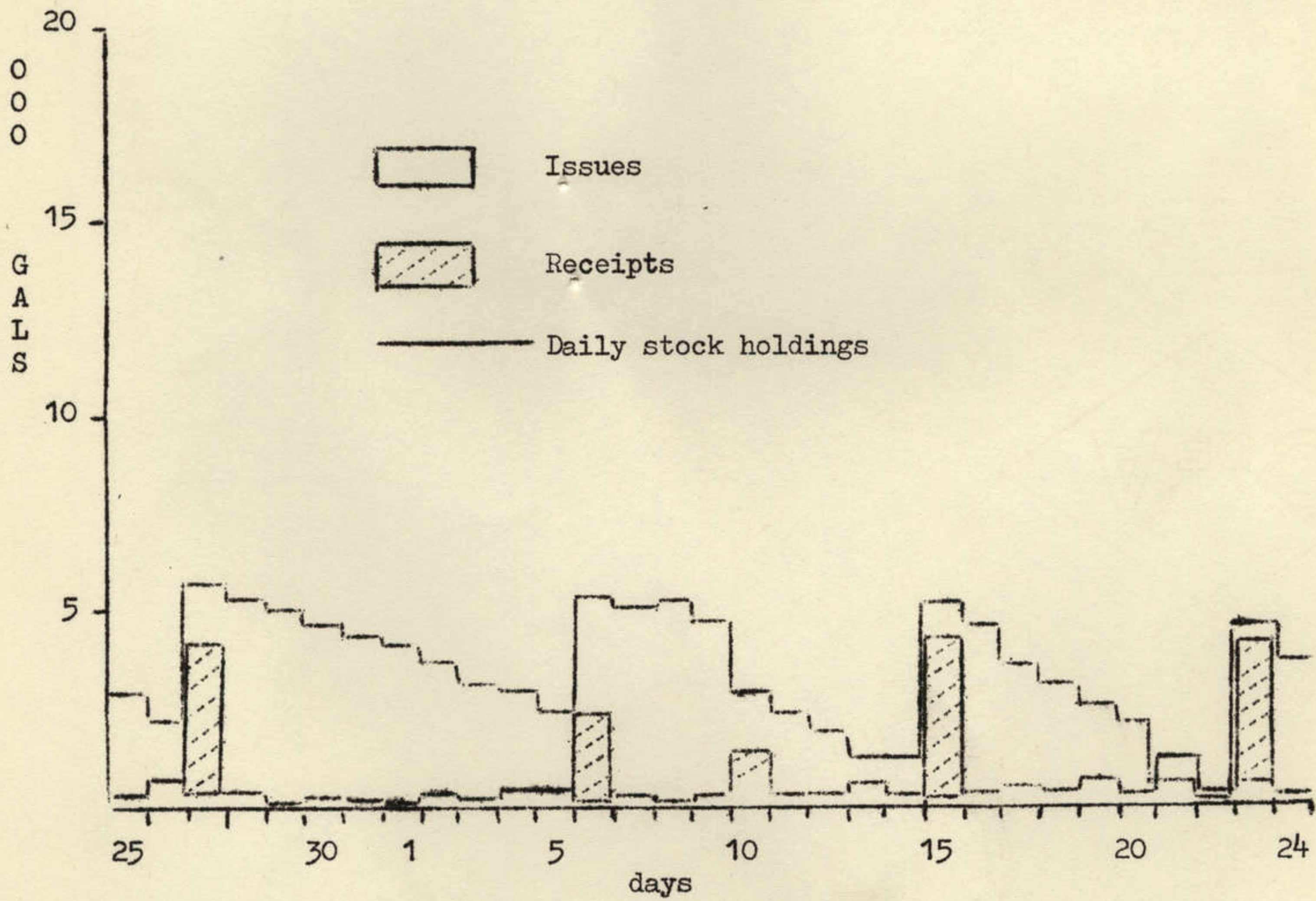


JP 4
THROUGHPUT/HOLDINGS 25 OCT - 24 NOV 70



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AVGAS
THROUGHPUT/HOLDINGS 25 OCT - 24 NOV 70



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SUMMARY - POL ISSUES

COMMODITY	Vol	BULK	PACKED	TOTAL
MOGAS	GAL	114,408	6,644	121,052
DIESO	GAL	94,828	2,948	97,796
JP 4	GAL	152,173	-	152,173
AVGAS	GAL	16,872	352	17,224
KERO	GAL	=	1,496	1,496
SD II	GAL	-	132	132
OE 30 (x45)	GAL	-	2,610	2,610
OE 30 (x 4)	GAL	-	120	120
OE 30 (xQt)	GAL	-	120	120
TOTAL		378,281	14,425	392,763
OTHER OILS	GAL	-	3,295	3,295
GREASES	LBS	-	4,057	4,057
PROPANE	LBS	=	44,500	44,500

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AMMUNITION STATISTICS

Serial	DODAC	Nomenclature	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	A068	Ctg 5.56mm Tracer	4,000	4,920	8,920
2	A071	Ctg 5.56mm Ball	112,660	67,160	179,820
3	A124	Ctg 7.62mm Tracer	7,120	920	8,040
4	A130	Ctg 7.62mm Ball	97,860	54,180	152,040
5	A131	Ctg 7.62mm 4-1 link	223,400	210,200	433,600
6	A146	Ctg 7.62mm Tracer	144,800	202,400	347,200
7	A165	Ctg 7.62mm Minigun	306,000	181,500	487,500
8	A218	Ctg .30cal 4-1link	25,000	65,000	90,000
9	A557	Ctg .50cal 4-1link	5,400	144,000	149,400
10	B476	40mm Smk Green		22	22
11	B477	40mm Smk White		22	22
12	B478	40mm Smk Violet		22	22
13	B534	40mm AP (M79)	504	648	1,152
14	B535	40mm Illum	308	524	832
15	B559	40mm HE SD	96		96
16	B567	40mm CS	24	48	72
17	B568	40mm HE	5,832	1,872	7,704
18	C2268	81mm Illum	547	162	709
19	C253	81mm HE	4,850	3,888	8,738
20	C256	81mm HE	648	648	1,296
21	C276	81mm Smk WP	93	72	165
22	C282	90mm HEAT	47	33	80
23	C410	90mm AP	59	470	529
24	C445	105mm HE w/o Fuze	6,312	8,148	14,460
25	C449	105mm Illum	20	220	240
26	C453	105mm Smk Red	30		30
27	C454	105mm Smk WP		72	72
28	C651	106mm HEAT	40	188	228
29	G839	Ctg Grd Rifle 7.62mm	672		672
30	G880	Gren Hand M61	1,500	690	2,190
31	G881	Gren Hand Frag M67	276		276
32	G911	Gren Hand Offend	1,000		1,000
33	G930	Gren Hand Smk HC		96	96
34	G937	Gren Hand WP		112	112
35	G940	Gren Hand Smk Green	32	256	288
36	G945	Gren Hand Smk Yellow	416	622	1,038
37	G950	Gren Hand Smk Red	1,960	210	2,170
38	G955	Gren Hand Smk Violet	464	704	1,168
39	H490	Rkt 2.75" HE 10lb	216	108	324
40	H554	Rkt 2.75" HE 10lb	775	410	1,185
41	H555	Rkt 66mm HEAT	5	145	150
42	K143	Mine AP M18A1	189	318	507
43	K145	Mine AP M18A1 w/o firing dev	432	276	708
44	K917	Thickener Incendary Oil	32	68	100
45	L278	Sig Pers Distress	108		108
46	L307	Sig Illum Cluster White	41	36	77
47	L311	Sig Illum Para Red	36		36
48	L312	Sig Illum Para White	900	576	1,476
49	L314	Sig Illum Cluster Green	1,008		1,008
50	L473	Flare Para A/C	547	240	787
51	L407	Flare Para A/c	48		48
52	L495	Flare Surface Trip	864	224	1,088

Serial	DODAC	Nomenclature	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
53	M026	Kits Bangalore Comp	8	70	78
54	M078	Lead Comp M18A1		60	60
55	M130	Caps Blasting Elec	3,036	522	3,558
56	M131	Caps Blasting Non-Elec	11,400	11,700	23,100
57	M420	Chg Demo Shaped 15lb	2		2
58	M032	Chg Demo 11b TNT		2,592	2,592
59	M456	Cord Det Reinforced	14,000	32,000	36,000
60	M670	Fuze Blast Time M700	500	3,000	3,500
61	M757	Chg Assy Demo M183	782	1,130	1,912
62	M766	Ign Time Blast Fuze M2		360	360
63	N335	Fuze PD	7,800	7,842	15,642
64	N412	Fuze Prox	366	100	466
65	N417	Fuze Prox	40		40
66	Aust	9mm Mk2	104,070	44,730	148,800
67	Aust	Adap Bren 7.62mm	212	96	308

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MONTHLY AIR DISPATCH STATISTICS 25 OCT - 24 NOV 70

AIRCRAFT	AIRLANDED	DISPATCHED					RECEIVED					COMBINED				
		SORTIES	CARGO WEIGHT	PAX	PAX WEIGHT	TOTAL WEIGHT	SORTIES	CARGO WEIGHT	PAX	PAX WEIGHT	TOTAL WEIGHT	SORTIES	CARGO WEIGHT	PAX	PAX WEIGHT	TOTAL WEIGHT
							<u>1 ATF BASE</u>									
IROQUOIS	L	20	14,372			14,372						20	14,372			14,372
CHINOOK	L	83	512,126	442	110,500	622,626	7	39,000	54	13,500	52,500	90	551,126	496	124,000	675,126
TOTAL		103	526,498	442	110,500	636,998	7	39,000	54	13,500	52,500	110	565,498	496	124,000	689,498
							<u>OTHER LOCATIONS</u>									
IROQUOIS	L						20	14,372			14,372	20	14,372			14,372
CHINOOK	L	10	62,000	58	14,500	76,500	86	535,126	446	111,500	646,626	96	597,126	504	126,000	723,126
TOTAL		10	62,000	58	14,500	76,500	106	549,498	446	111,500	660,998	116	611,498	504	126,000	737,498

Flying time for the month (incl refuel and maint breaks): 27 hrs 11 mins

Blade tons per hour: 12.857 tons per hour

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WORKSHOPS STATISTICS

G17's for month	Total	74
	Total hrs	340 hrs
Tech Inspections	Total	56
	Total hrs	495 hrs
Alcon Pumps	Total	4
	Total hrs	16 hrs
Motor Mowers	Total	2
	Total hrs	4 hrs
Tk Tpnr tlr	Total	1
	Total hrs	60 hrs
Total hours for month		915hrs.

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>									
a.	HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC	4	5	9	4	5	9	1	3
b.	85 Tpt Pl RAASC	2	2	80	2	2	81		2
c.	Det 176 AD Coy RAASC	1	3	26	1	3	23	1	1
d.	Det 52 Sup Pl RAASC	1	3	12	1	3	11	1	2
<u>Under Operational Control</u>									
a.	Det 8 Pet Pl RAASC					1	13	1	1
b.	Det 25 Sup Pl RAASC					1	5		
c.	Det 1 Pl 2 AFCU				1	2	8		
d.	Det 5 Coy RAASC Wksps RAEME					2	11		
<u>Under Command for Local Admin</u>									
a.	1 OFP				2	9	32		
b.	Elm Det 11 MC Gp RAE						2		
c.	Det 1 AFV Cash Office				1	4	2		
d.	Det 1 Comm Z Postal Unit (AFPO4)					2	8		
<u>RTA Forecast (During reporting period 25 Dec 70 - 24 Jan 71)</u>									
a.	HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC				1	1	1		
b.	Det 176 AD Coy RAASC					1	1		
c.	Det 52 Sup Pl RAASC					1			
<u>RTA Forecast (During reporting period 25 Jan - 24 Feb 71)</u>									
a.	HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC						1		
b.	85 Tpt Pl RAASC						8		
c.	Det 176 AD Coy RAASC						2		