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**Australian Army commanders' diaries**  
**[Vietnam]**

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**Item: 26 Transport Company Royal**  
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**Monthly report**

**Duty Officer's log**

**Operations log**

**[25 Nov - 24 Dec 1970]**



COVERING LETTER

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.

(Signature) [Signature] Capt.

Appointment Ops Offr 26 Tpt Coy RAASC  
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**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation 26 Tpt Coy RAASC

From 25 Nov 70 To 24 Dec 70

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## PART 3

# 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.

### GENERAL

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.

### COMPILATION

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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1 B P Coy—274/65—55m



# 1. CHANGE OF COMMAND.

a. Det 176 AD Coy RAASC. 57083 Capt P.R. FLORANCE replaced 42659 Capt K.D. PLEW as OC on 25 Nov 70.

b. Det 52 Sup Pl RAASC. 3788820 Lt E.J. MILLER replaced 216497 Lt J.E. SCOTT as OC on 25 Nov 70.

c. Det 8 Pet Pl RAASC. 15590 WO2 K.A. MAGUIRE marched in as Det Comd on 11 Dec 70.

d. Elm Det 11 MC GP RAE. 166421 Sgt M.W. COLEMAN marched in as Det Comd on 5 Dec 70.

# 2. DISTRIBUTION.

	<u>Annex A</u>	<u>Annex B</u>	<u>Annex Z</u>
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## DISPOSAL

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.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of..... (Formation or Unit)

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

c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

## COMPLETION

7. All details of the unit or formation to which the diary relates (including the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the diary 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 diaries 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, they are to be included.

9. Operations form Annex Z, TOP SECRET, is to be prepared and despatched as a separate document. It is to be prepared and despatched as a separate document.

## TABLES

10. As well as map references, detail of equipment, personnel, and other information is to be given.

11. The day's fighting, including weapons, equipment, and other information, is to be given.

12. Summary with regard to equipment, personnel, and other information is to be given.

## General Information

13. Sources, men and equipment are to be given.

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[10/3/Dec 70]

1 BP Coy—274/65—55m



ANNEX A TO  
26 TPT COY RAASC  
R707/2/1  
DATED DEC 70

COMMANDERS DIARY

DUTY OFFICERS LOG

25 NOV 70 TO 24 DEC 70

ENCLOSURE ONE



## Duty Officers Diary

Month ....Nov 70.....

Serial	Date/Time	Tale (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken incl Date/Time
1	251717	R	CHM 4 - Radio check and stock state WBT 1000, PGD 300.	
2	251800	T	Maj McKenzie - Arty Tac phoned for Capt Cutler	Capt Cutler to ring back.
3	251815	V	Veh security: All vehs in car park checked.	NTR - all vehs locked.
4	252130	T	1 ATF Opdem RAAF Re-arm: require 100 HE Rockets, 4 pallets mini-gun, 1 pallet 100% tracer.	To be delivered 260730. Ssgt Fitzgerald notified. Fork lift arranged.
5	252145	T	Maj Count 1 ATF, for Capt Myler	Capt Myler notified 252150.
6	260640	V	Offrs showers out of water.	Notified duty NCO 85 Tpt Pl
7	271725	T	From Cpl Goodall 85 Tpt Pl - all vehs are in compound	
8	291525	R	From Blackjack 910 - send transport to Pel Hts to pick up passengers for TFMA	Advised transport 291525.
9	291700	T	From Capt Hicks 7 RAR - reference line 4 task sheet for 30 Nov, TCV now required 0830hrs at <del>Ex</del> Isa then to go to Brigid then return to Nui Dat	Informed Cpl Windred, drivers informed. Confirmed with Capt Hicks 291800
10	291710	R	CHM 6 Stockstate - WBT 500, PGD 1000, PGM 800	Informed no air missions for 30 Nov 70.
11	291720	R	CHM 4 Stockstate - WBT 1500, PGD 700	Informed no air missions for 30 Nov 70.
12	291725	R	Skymaster 6 permission to land and transport	Landed at VIP Kanga 1728.
13	292205		Power failure	
14	292300	T	Maj Blythe rang reference en contact. Flare state L473,L407	Contact duty ammo storeman advised forklift required to issue flares
15	292358	T	Capt Cairn, 161 Recce, rang for issue of flares	Warned out ammo pt.
16	300015	T	Forklift leaving AP with 2 pallets of flares for 161 Recce	Operator to report on completion.
17	301805	T	85 Tpt Pl advised all vehicles returned.	
18	301910	V	Duty NCO advised no tele comms to picquet hut	Issued radio.



## Duty Officers Diary

Month ..Nov/Dec..70...

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken incl Date/Time
19	302058	T	Duty Offr 1 ATF requested that vehicle tasked for 4 Fd Regt 010800 pick up Capt Bestic at 1 ATF Offrs Mess on route to 4 Fd for onward carriage to Vung Tau	Advised duty Cpl 85 Tpt P <sub>1</sub>
20	010001	R	Freq change on Sector 8 Defence Net	Changed and radio check conducted.
21	010725	T	Capt Fitzsimons JWTC requested 1xTCV to take stores and tps to Van Kiep. Normal Vietnamese veh broken down	Passed to Ops. Contact through EXPRESS switch if any difficulties.
22	011715	T	Cpl Windred 85 Tpt P <sub>1</sub> advised all vehicles in	
23	012020	T V	SDS Sig reference add/deletion of pax to REO a/c	
24	012045	T	Capt Knox ref contact on Long Son Island and a possible air lift of 2xUHH sorties, each of 30x105mm HE	Sgt Bowtell and 176 AD pers warned out and moved to Pel Hts.
25	012050	T	<del>KAMMAY</del> telephone call from Capt Knox once sorties are prepared Further personnel may be stood down on 15 mins notice.	
26	012114	T	Informed from Pel Hts that sorties are rigged. phoned Capt Knox that sorties were ready. Stand down 176 AD pers on 30 min stand-by.	
27	031730	T	From Duty Offr Task Force - Convoy from Long Binh arriving late may have to stay overnight	Convoy arrived 1800hrs, unloaded and left this loc by 1812hrs.
28	040620	T	From 4 Fd Regt enquiries about document run to MELISSA	Informed that no road or air to MELISSA today.
29	041740	T	From 106 Fd Wksp wrecker dispatched to ISA. Escort from 85 Tpt	85 Tpt P <sub>1</sub> notified.
30	041840	R	SHOVELNOSE	Capt Watson in CP.
31	041900	R	HAMMERHEAD	
32	041910	T	From 106 Fd Wksps wrecker back in 1 ATF. 85 Tpt veh back in lines.	
33	050640	T	EBONY CP: 2 RAR/NZ require 1xTCV. Report to 2 RAR Tpt Park 0745hrs. Mortar P <sub>1</sub> pers to Hoa Long and Long Dien	Sgt Galvin informed 050655.
34	050745	R	CHM 4 Radio check - remaining on listening watch	



## Duty Officers Diary

Month **DEC 70** .....

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken incl Date/Time
35	061525	T	Capt Booth - Missing pump from Garth may be with 1 Fd Sqn as eqpt came back on Engr veh. - Garth has asked for 1000 Dieso after 133hrs today. Capt Booth says no CH-47 bid for Garth so Garth is fresh out of luck.	Passed to Capt Cutler 1530hrs
36	061535	T	SAS report no water. 85 Tpt Pl told to fix	
37	061620	T	Tasked one vehicle for carriage of 1000 gal Dieso for Garth. To depart at 0730hrs.	Passed to 85 Tpt PL
38	061810	V	SSgt Alonzo NCO I/C Beach Party reported three members did not return to vehicle at specified time for RTU. Members are Sgt Foreman, Pte Askin and Pte Slattery. Sgt Foreman is also apparently unarmed.	Rang Duty Offr 1 ALSG he will check out, if he can't locate them he will advise Provost. Reported to 2IC 1825.
39	061915		The TFMA Offrs Mess telephone line is very poor - no connection can be made between Sgt/Offrs Messes.	
40	062215	V	Ptes Askin and Slattery reported in and advised that they returned to 1 ATF in another vehicle. They were unaware (they stated) of the correct departure time and hence missed the convoy.	2IC to be advised
41	071730	T	QM 4 Fd Regt rang - aircraft at 081015 for 30x105mm WP on TRANSLAND 277	176 AD advised
42	072010	T	Capt Booth 2 RAR called and requested a radio check	Conducted result affirmative.
43	081815	T	Lcpl Collins 85 Tpt Pl reported all vehicles in the compound	
44	081825	V	Capt Cutler has informed me of wire across the road, a member has received 5 stitches to the face after coming in contact with the wire.	Duty NCO instructed to raise wire to a safe height.
45	081845	T	Cpl Mundy 85 Tpt Pl RAASC reported all vehs in the compound	
46	081935	T	Lt Koller 1 Fd Sqn - 1x60 tonner required to take a landclearing dozer from wksp to Route 15 opposite Melissa near Phu My. If possible would like at 0730hrs.	Contacted Lt Long 85 Tpt. Duty NCO to send Lcpl Bassett to CR.
47	091945	T	Lt Long contacted by Lcpl Bassett - request previous serial now complete	Notified 1 Fd Sqn



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Month **DEC 70**

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
48	101740		Duty vehicle to Luscombe airfield to meet Reos	
49	101840	V	Received B Sqn 3 Cav task table	
50	101855	T	1 TCV left lines for 17 Constr Sqn RAE	
51	111720	T	85 Tpt vehicle broken down - Nui Dat side of Baria, dump, 171-858, empty, left hand track rod broken	106 Fd Wksps notified - recovered
52	111745	R	Albatross Ø3 with back load from Melissa	Load landed NE corner of Pel Hts.
53	111800	R	Radio check with ØA	Roger
54	120730	R	CHM 2 radio check	Roger
55	120732	R	CHM 6 radio check	Roger
56	121800	T	85 Tpt Pl reported all vehs in compound	
57	121940	T	Duty Sgt reported that one of the Claymore mines is defective. One of the clackers loose. Requires new det and cord.	Reported to Capt Cutler
58	131415	T	Tk Tprr for 1 Fd Sqn not required as dozers final drive has broken down	Informed Ops Offr
<del>58</del>	<del>131645</del>			
59	131645	T	Ammo Pt attendant to tea will report back at 1800	
60	131646	T	QM A Sqn 1 Armd Regt asked to increase CH-47 sorties by one to fly out tank parts to Melissa.	Referred to DAQMG 1 ATF
61	131705	V	Sgt Renwick reported return of beach party. Members of 8 Pet Pl returning in 8 Pet L/R.	
62	131715	V	WO2 Watts reported return of 8 Pet pers	
63	132125	T	Message from Sgt Diamond Mor Pl 7 RAR. Requires 108x 81mm WP 140800H	Spoke to Admin Coy 7 RAR - we cannot provide tpt - if 7 RAR wants ammo it will have to provide tpt.
64	142315	T	CSM rang from Bunker - why no GPMG M60?	
65	152145	T	Maj Blyth - one third of coy first line 7.62mm link to be available at Pel hts ASP. Pad to be Illum	Pick up complete 2216hrs



## Duty Officers Diary

Month . DEC. 70...

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
66	160432	T	Duty Sgt reported that picquet stood to by V Coy	
67	160500	T	Duty Sgt reported that picquet stood down by V Coy	
68	161800	T	Cpl Jones 85 Tpt Pl reported that vehs had departed for 2 RAR job	Returned at 1845.
69	161835	T	Duty Offr 7 RAR - Lt Chammarette reported that he could not contact the TFMA standing patrol	Checked that ptl had departed. Contacted 7 RAR CP and duty sig said that ptl had made an initial radio check but cannot be contacted at this stage.
70	170650	T	Maj Quinn requested that 160x105mm HE being sent to Melissa at 0800 be reduced to 100 rds.	Informed Capt Florance.
71	171650	V	Duty Officer mounted duty.	
72	171730	T	Cpl McCarthy reported that Transland 952 will take place at 0815hrs 18 Dec 70.	Ops Offr informed
<del>171800</del>				
73	171805	T	Lt Carlton 17 Constr 1xTk Tptry required am 18 Dec.	Lcpl Flowers 85 Tpt Pl notified.
74	181835	V	Lcpl Collins 85 Tpt Pl reported vehs back in from dropping off tps in ambush.	
75	182257	R	Radio check with ØA	
76	191830	T	Pte Passmore reported in - he had been involved in a minor accident	Told to complete G13 and submit to Ord Offr.
77	191910	T	Provost rang - query whether all vehs returned from ambushing task	Checked with Duty NCO Tpt all vehs in
78	211850	T	4 Fd Rgt (Sgt Black) reference water run which we were to help them with 32-33 points for water.	No hope of doing all at this stage. Asked for essential points. 2 Kitchens. Informed Capt White 211900H
79	212320	T	SAS called reference our standing patrol/ C/s 59 would not answer. C/S kept coming up. Question what callsign are they	
80	212400	R	Changed radio freqs	



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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
81	221800	T	Sgt Leefson granted permission to proceed to 106 Fd Wksp Sgts Mess for evening	CSM- members undergoing FP of CB are not to be rostered for duties.
82	221805	V	Pte Gaudion will not be doing CB tonight as he is duty picquet at Post Office	
83	221900	V	From Duty NCO: Pte Allen rostered for gun picquet but has gone with Standing Patrol. To 2Lt Long to find replacement	
84	221935	T	From Duty Offr 1 Fd Sqn: Alteration on Line 1 flying programme timing to read 0730hrs. Transland 445.	
85	222200	T	From Duty Tpt NCO - dutydvr veh broke down earlier. He returned the vehicle and picked up a replacement.	
86	231700	T	From Duty NCO 85 Tpt: March-in of 1202554 Pte R.M. Maloney from R&C Centre, on exchange postings	Cpl Prince to arrange accomodation Maloney to report to Ord Rm in morning
87	231805	T	From Duty NCO 85 Tpt: All vehicles accounted for.	Alternative transport has already been arranged on CH-47 from Pel Hts Bedded down with Cash Off pers.
88	240650	T	Lt Pye, advises that there is space available on Albatross leaving KIWI at 0800 for Raglan	
89	241725	V	2791725 Cpl L.A. Meredith, RTA Rep reported in.	
90	241730	T	Checked tele comms with bunker and picquet hut.	All in yard except 2 at Offrs Mess Car Park. (TCV & Water truck)
91	241740	T	Cpl Prince 85 Tpt reported that all vehs in compound.	



ANNEX B TO  
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OPERATIONS LOG

25 NOV 70 TO 24 DEC 70

ENCLOSURE TWO



## TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

Date ...25 Nov 70... Page No ....

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	251020	<u>From Cpl Finlay 17 Const Sqn RAE</u> 5 Coy RAASC ice truck involved in accident near Baria hospital. Vietnamese child believed killed.		
2	251040	<u>From Military Police</u> Ref vehicle accident - vehicle concerned on charge to 86 Tpt Pl. Requested that we backload ice to ND. Veh will be impounded, 5 Coy have been notified.	Veh despatched to b/load ice.	
3	251800	<u>From Arty Tac</u> Radar arriving approx 1300hrs on 26 Nov 70 to Pelican Heights. From info available from LONG BINH it will comprise the following: 2xRadar (wt 330lbs each - int load) 1xGen Set (wt 400lbs - int load) Collapsible tower (wt 900lbs - ext load) 8 PAX Require 4 Albatross sorties. A/c booked to PU at 1530hrs. AD's to go on first and second sortie to receive ext load.		
4	252200	<u>From Maj McKenzie</u> Move of radar to Long Son Island. Approx 14 sorties. 1300 3 sorties PAX 1330&1400 7 sorties Def stores 1 freight 1445 3 slung, 2 def stores		

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Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	020820	<u>From Ssgt Fitzgerald.</u> Reported that he had found a Yellow smk gren (Live) in front of 85 Tpt Pl Compound on the road.		<u>11 Dec 70</u>
1	110905	<u>From Capt S&amp;T.</u> Following ammunition is suspended from issue.  G881 Gren Hand Frag M67 Lot No. LS-56-69. Reason - premature detonation.		<u>12 Dec 70</u>
1	121150	<u>From Ssgt Fitzgerald.</u> Any news of eqpt to build new bay at AP. Will investigate.	Checked with 1 F <sub>d</sub> - dozer broken down.	<u>14 Dec 70</u>
1	141020	<u>To Aircell-Cpl Hollett.</u> Request use of Eastern end of Kanga Pad for extra 24hrs from 141200H. Answer. O.K.		
2	141035	<u>From Sgt Barker.</u> Request both Bath/Water pt ops at Garth, Raglan return for unit function on 20 Dec 70. Should be OK. Will confirm with Capt Smith. AD and Pet Op can look after water pt if req.		

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Date .15 Dec. 70. Page No .1.

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	151040	From Capt S&T. There has been an error at ALSG reference ammo maintdem. There has been an OPDEM submitted - to be delivered this afternoon.  Daily stockstate for 14 Dec 70 was incorrect. H534 issues only 100 not 200 as stated. Bal should be 200 not 100.	Passed to AP.	<u>17 Dec 70</u>
1	171315	From Ops Offr 1 SAS. Reference 7 RAR Ptl Forecast 19-26 Dec 70. Serial 355/70 - TFMA Standing Patrol of 1 ATF Garbage tip is now under opcon SAS. Ptl Comd and sig to report to 1 SAS Ops at 210900H for brief.	Passed to 2Lt Long Pl Comd.	<u>18 Dec 70</u>
1	180900	From Capt S&T. Ammunition return for 17 Dec 70. Ammo return is wrong. H110 is listed as 96 should be nil. Please check. B535 - subtraction is incorrect.	Passed to AP. Correcting their stocksheets.	<u>23 Dec 70</u>
1	231100	From Capt S&T. Pri-Maintdem. Brigid, H/shoe 210x105mm HE, H/Shoe. 210x105mm Illum, H/Shoe. 90x105mm HE, Brigid.	Passed to Sgt Galvin, 85 Tpt. Passed to AP, via Pel Hts 1115 from Sgt Galvin vehs left.	
2	231450	From Capt S&T. Approval to release amount of AFOP parcels to units has been given by DADST.	Details passed to 52 Sup P <sub>1</sub>	

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Date 24 DEC 70 Page 1

Serial	Date/Time	Occurrence	Action Taken	Remarks
1	241105	<u>From 8 Pet Pl. Gas Bottles Received.</u> 50 bottles of propane for issue. This leaves 20 for reserve.	Passed to Capt S&T 1110.	
2	241124	<u>From Capt S&amp;T. Break up of Gas Bottles.</u> Issue to units as follows: 2 RAR 9; 7 RAR 9; 4 Fd Regt 6; HQ Coy 1 ATF 3; 1 Fd Sqn 2; 104 Sigs 2; 106 Fd Wksp 2; TFMA 3; 161 Recce 2; SAS 2; 17 Const 2; 1 Armd 2; 1 ARU 2; 3 Cav 2; 8 Fd Amb 2;		



ANNEX Z TO  
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COMMANDERS DIARY  
MONTHLY REPORT  
DECEMBER 1970

ENCLOSURE THREE



RESTRICTED

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC  
1 ATF Maintenance Area  
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Distribution List

COMPANY COMMANDERS MONTHLY REPORT  
25 NOV - 24 DEC 70

General

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

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|----|---------------|------------------------|
| a. | FSPB Raglan   | 19 Dec 70 - 24 Dec 70. |
| b. | FSPB Feathers | 9 Dec 70 - 12 Dec 70.  |
| c. | NDP Garth     | 25 Nov 70 - 24 Dec 70. |
| d. | NDP Melissa   | 25 Nov 70 - 18 Dec 70. |
| e. | NDP Lorraine  | 18 Dec 70 - 24 Dec 70. |

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

- |    |               |         |
|----|---------------|---------|
| a. | FSPB Raglan   | YS 6181 |
| b. | FSPB Feathers | YS 7267 |
| c. | NDP Garth     | YS 4590 |
| d. | NDP Melissa   | YS 3075 |
| e. | NDP Lorraine  | YS 2676 |
| f. | NDP Bridgit   | YS 5154 |
| g. | NDP Isa       | YS 4353 |
| h. | Horseshoe     | YS 4962 |

Transport

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

- |    |                     |       |
|----|---------------------|-------|
| a. | <u>Trucks Cargo</u> |       |
|    | (1) Availability    | 96.4% |
|    | (2) Utilization     | 37.8% |
| b. | <u>Trucks Dump</u>  |       |
|    | (1) Availability    | 87.1% |

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- (2) Utilization 79.3%
- c. Combined mileages: 53,377
- d. Accident/Mileage Ratio 2:53,377
- 4. Dump trucks have been tasked to 17 Constr Sqn RAE and to a lesser degree, to 1 F.I. Sqn RAE, on a daily basis throughout the reporting period.
- 5. Administrative support has been provided to:
  - a. FSPB Raglan
  - b. FSPB Cook (Insertion 3 Dec 70)
  - c. FSPB Feathers (Insertion 9 Dec 70)
  - d. FSPB Le Loi (insertion and withdrawal)
- 6. Water distribution statistics are as follows:
  - a. Daily internal average 16,380 gals
  - b. Highest internal delivery 18,830 gals
  - c. Lowest internal delivery 15,200 gals
  - d. External deliveries 72,000 gals
  - e. Total deliveries 613,850 gals
- 7. Two accidents occurred during the reporting period, details were:
  - a
    - Date/Time 100940H Dec 70
    - Location Route 2, GR YS439699
    - Vehicle International F2 Dump No. 171-818
    - Driver 5716917 Pte M.E. Treasure
    - Circumstances The Army vehicle was travelling South on Route 2 and attempted to overtake a Vietnamese Lambretta on the right hand side. A sideswipe collision occurred, resulting in 7 Vietnamese civilians being injured. The investigation is not yet complete.
  - b.
    - Date/Time 191600H Dec 70
    - Location Route 23 at Long Dien
    - Vehicle International F1 GS NO. 171-651
    - Driver 2793088 Pte G. Passmore
    - Circumstances The driver stopped the vehicle and reversed, colliding with a Vietnamese Army jeep which had stopped behind. The driver was charged and found guilty of neglect.



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8. Transport statistics are attached at Annex 'A'.

Supplies

9. Receipts and issues of fresh fruit and vegetables for the period are:

a. Fruit:

(1)	Receipts	49,560	lbs
(2)	Issues	49,560	lbs

b. Vegetables:

(1)	Receipts	36,591	lbs
(2)	Issues	36,591	lbs

A total of 340 lbs of vegetables were condemned as unfit for issue, representing 0.93% of the total issue.

10. A total of 4,026 hot box meals were issued during the period.

11. Although refrigerators are operating satisfactorily, a number of repairs are still outstanding due to the delay of parts arriving from Australia.

12. Supplies statistics are shown at Annex 'B'.

POL

13. POL statistics are shown at Annex 'C'.

14. The AVGAS and JP 4 Barnes pumps have been repositioned at 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

15. Difficulty is still being experienced in providing feeder hoses for the JP 4 refuelling point at Kanga Pad. Of seven new hoses installed five have already had to be replaced. This has caused some refuelling points to be closed.

16. WO2 K. Maguire assumed command of Det 8 Pet Pl RAASC on 12 Dec 70.

Ammunition

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

Air Dispatch

18. Air Dispatch statistics are shown as Annex 'E'.

Workshops

19. RAEME statistics are shown as Annex 'F'.

Defence

20. A complete reappraisal of base defence has been completed. In



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outline the following system is to apply.

- a. TFMA is to man three perimeter bunkers each night.
- b. One TFMA defence platoon is to come under command of Sector 9 in the event of a stand-to.
- c. TFMA personnel are divided into 6 platoons for the purpose of defence.

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Major

Officer Commanding AOD

- 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 S&T 1 ATF

Internal

OC  
Ops  
War Diary (2)  
File



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TRANSPORT STATISTICS

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

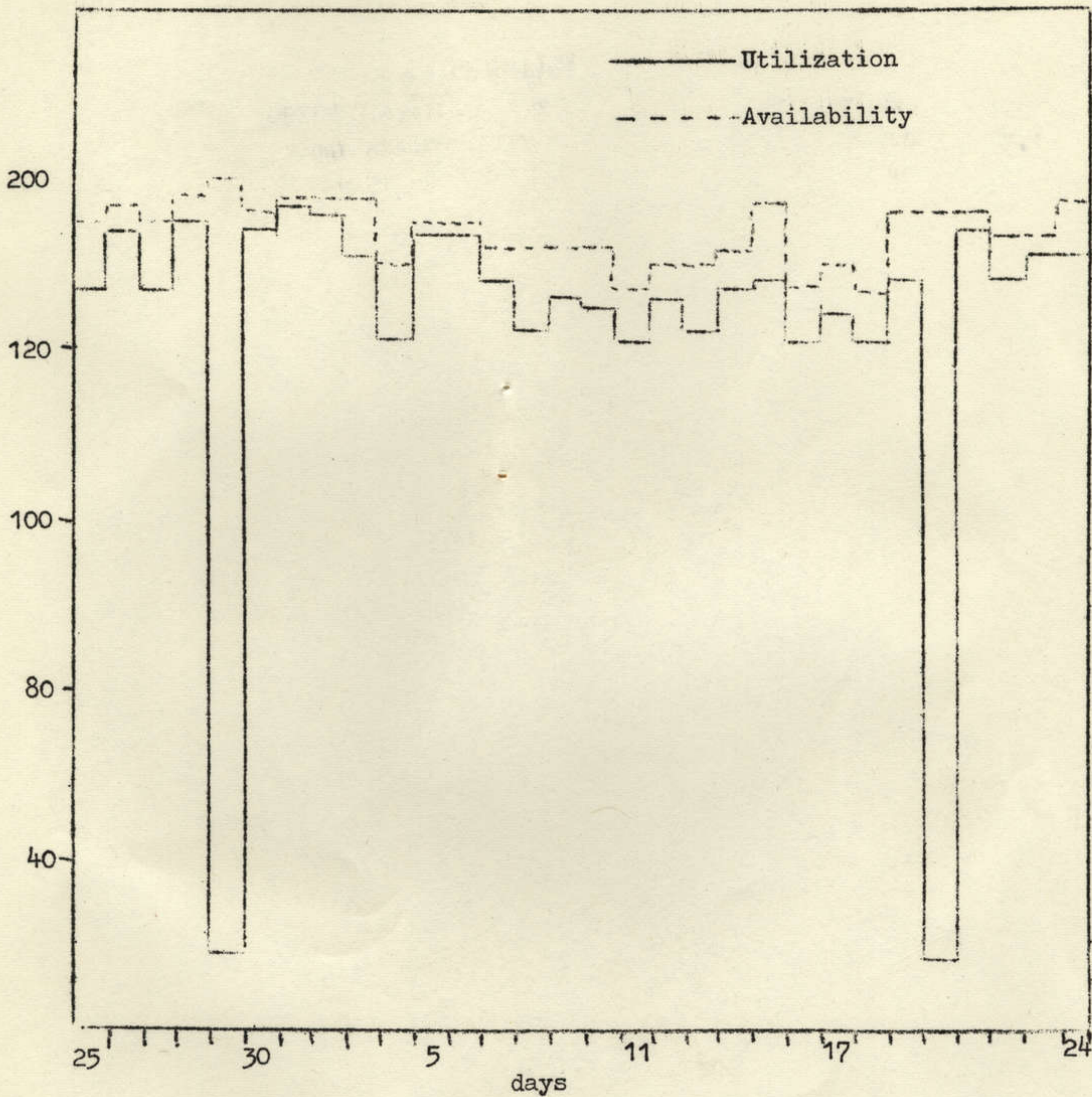
- Appendix:
1. Availability/Utilization Rates - Dump.
  2. Availability/Utilization Rates - Cargo.
  3. Accident/Mileage Ratio.



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

VEHICLE HOLDINGS	20	
OPTIMUM SERVICEABILITY	19	
OPTIMUM AVAILABILITY	5700 VEH HRS	
ACTUAL AVAILABILITY	5080 VEH HRS	87.1%
ACTUAL UTILIZATION	4030 VEH HRS	79.3%

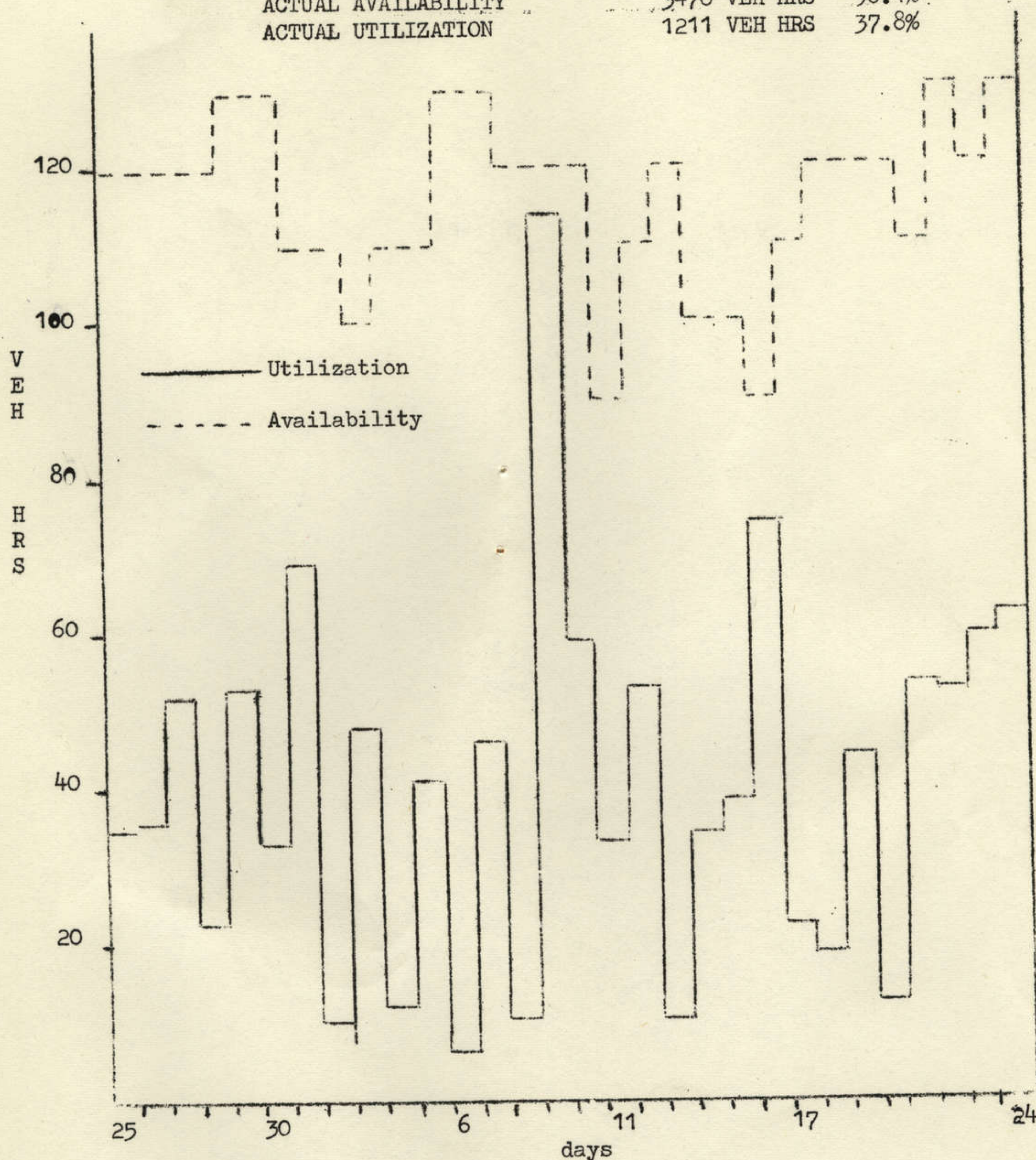




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AVAILABILITY/UTILIZATION RATES CARGO 5 TON GS  
25 NOV - 24 DEC 70

VEHICLE HOLDINGS	13	
OPTIMUM SERVICEABILITY	12	
OPTIMUM AVAILABILITY	3600 VEH HRS	
ACTUAL AVAILABILITY	3470 VEH HRS	96.4%
ACTUAL UTILIZATION	1211 VEH HRS	37.8%





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ACCIDENT/MILEAGE RATIO

Serial	Item	Vehicle Type				Total
		Dump	Cargo	Other	L/Rover	
1	Mileage	29,806	11,815	5,932	6,494	53,377
2	Accidents	1	1	-	-	2

Accident/Mileage Ratio: 2:53,377



ANNEX 'B' TO  
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SUPPLIES STATISTICS

Serial	Item	UOI	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	Aust Comb One Man Type A	Rat	640	870	1,510
2	Aust Comb One Man Type B	Rat	640	890	1,530
3	Aust Comb One Man Type C	Rat	640	870	1,510
4	Aust Comb One Man Type D	Rat	640	880	1,520
5	Aust Comb One Man Type E	Rat	640	880	1,520
6	Aust Lightweight Type A	Rat	600	1,090	1,690
7	Aust Lightweight Type B	Rat	600	1,080	1,680
8	Aust Lightweight Type C	Rat	1,200	400	1,600
9	Aust Emerg Rats	Rat	599	599	1,198
10	Hexamine	Pkt	6,300	6,750	13,050
11	Rum 26oz	Btl	48	17	65
12	Rum 40oz	Btl	60	45	105
13	US 'C' Meals	Mls	53,760	53,544	107,304
14	Long Range Patrol Packs	Mls	1,152	1,194	2,346
15	Sundry Packs	Nos	264	246	510
16	Bev Sup Packs	Nos	-	100	100
17	Trioxane	Bar	43,350	39,000	72,350

PERISHABLES AND NON-PERISHABLES

1. US 'A' Rations, perishables - total issues/receipts 112,510
2. US 'A' Rations, non-perishables - total issues/receipts 112,510
3. Fruit
  - a. Total number of issues/receipts 15
  - b. Total poundage 49,560
4. Vegetables
  - a. Total number of issues/receipts 15
  - b. Total poundage 36,591



EXPENSE ITEMS

Serial	Item	UOI	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	Insecticide Aerosol 12 oz	Nos		2,199	2,199
2	Insecticide Lindane 2 oz	Tin		1,776	1,776
3	Insecticide Lindane Powder	Lb	25	25	50
4	Chlordane	Gal	10	10	20
5	Malathion	Gal	45	30	75
6	Insecticide DDT Powder	Lb		20	20
7	Insecticide DDT Liquid	Gal		20	20
8	Diazinon	Gal		4	4
9	Diazinon Powder	Lb		50	50
10	Foot Powder US	Tin		3,120	3,120
11	Toilet Paper	Roll	1,633	2,480	4,113
12	Chloride of Lime	Lb		20	20
13	Rodenticide 1lb	Tin		12	12
14	Rodenticide 1/2lb	Blk		1,652	1,652
15	Germicide	Gal	100	7	107
16	Germicide 1 oz	Pkt	286	232	518
17	Dog Food - Horsemeat	Lb	288	248	536
18	Calcium Hypochlorite	Jar	315	259	574
19	Disinfectant Chlor Food Svc	Pkt		144	144
20	Paludrine	Tin	56	37	93
21	Water Steril Outfits Aust	Nos	4,000	800	4,800
22	Rat Bait	Nos		20	20
23	Creosote Oil	Gal	118	81	199
24	Slaked Lime	Lb	355	260	615
25	Foot Powder Aust	Tin		1,440	1,440
26	Insect Repel 3 oz	Btl	3,456	3,168	6,624
27	Anti-Mite Fluid 3oz	Btl		1,156	1,156



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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.

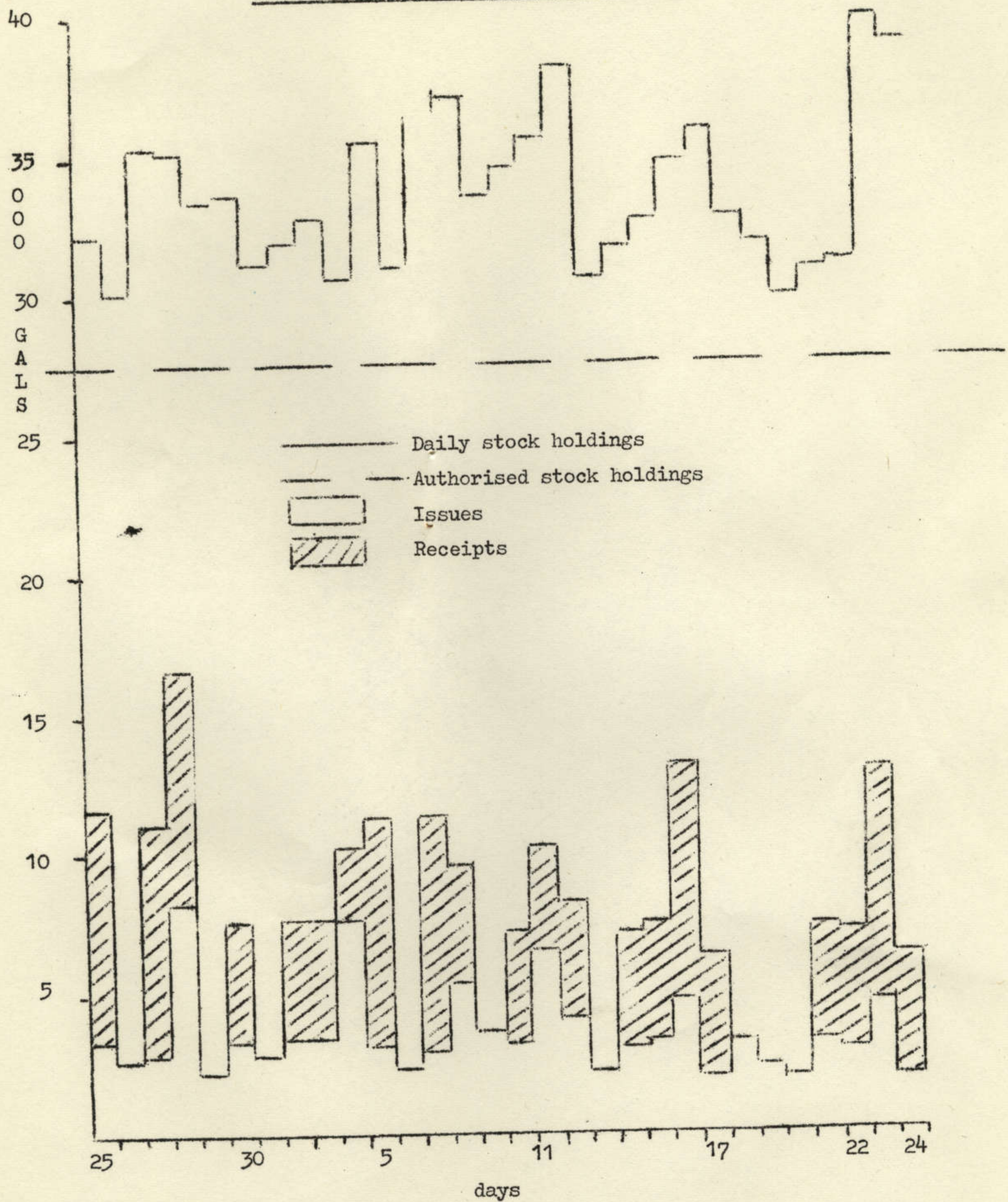
Appendix: 

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.



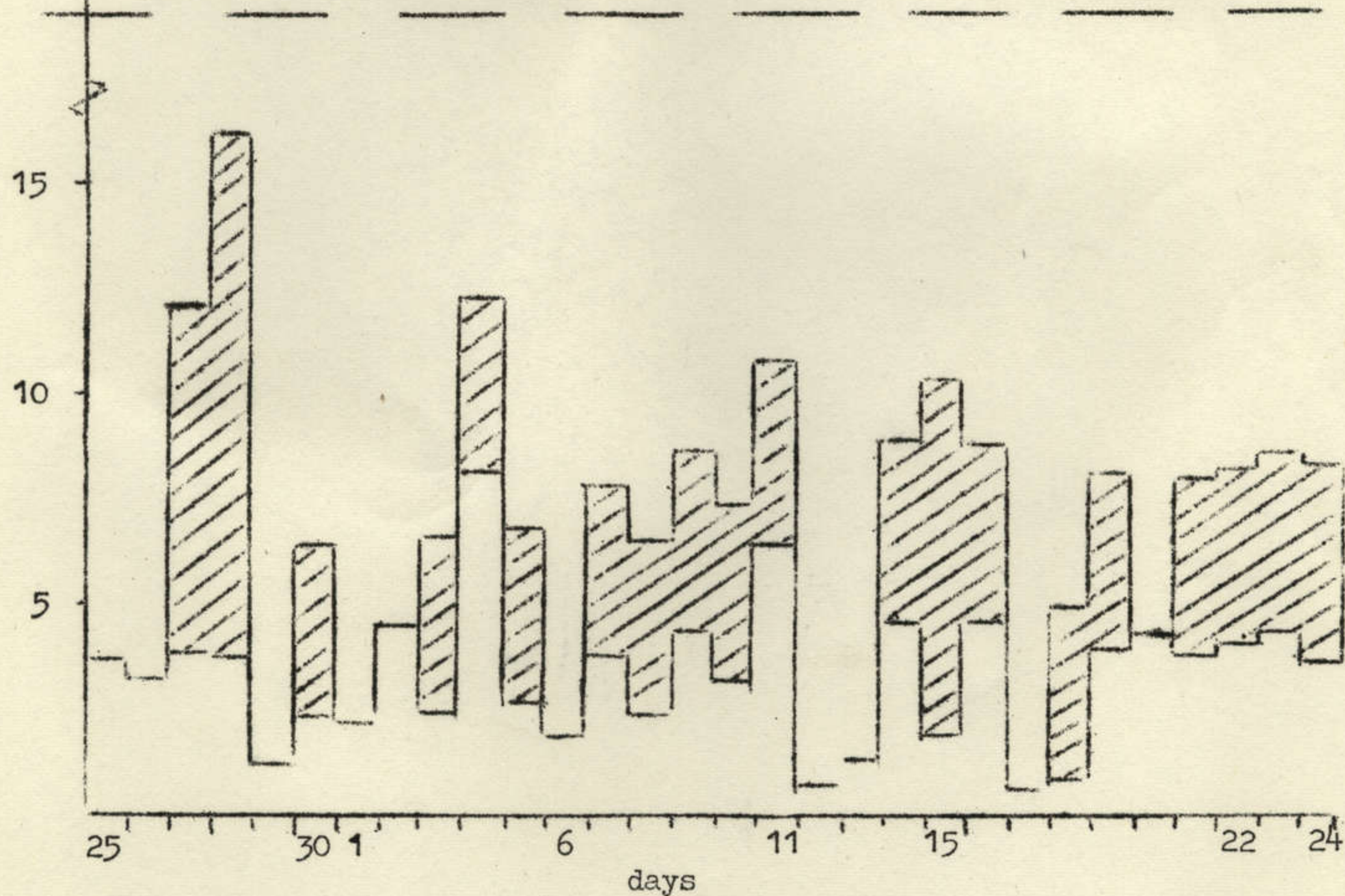
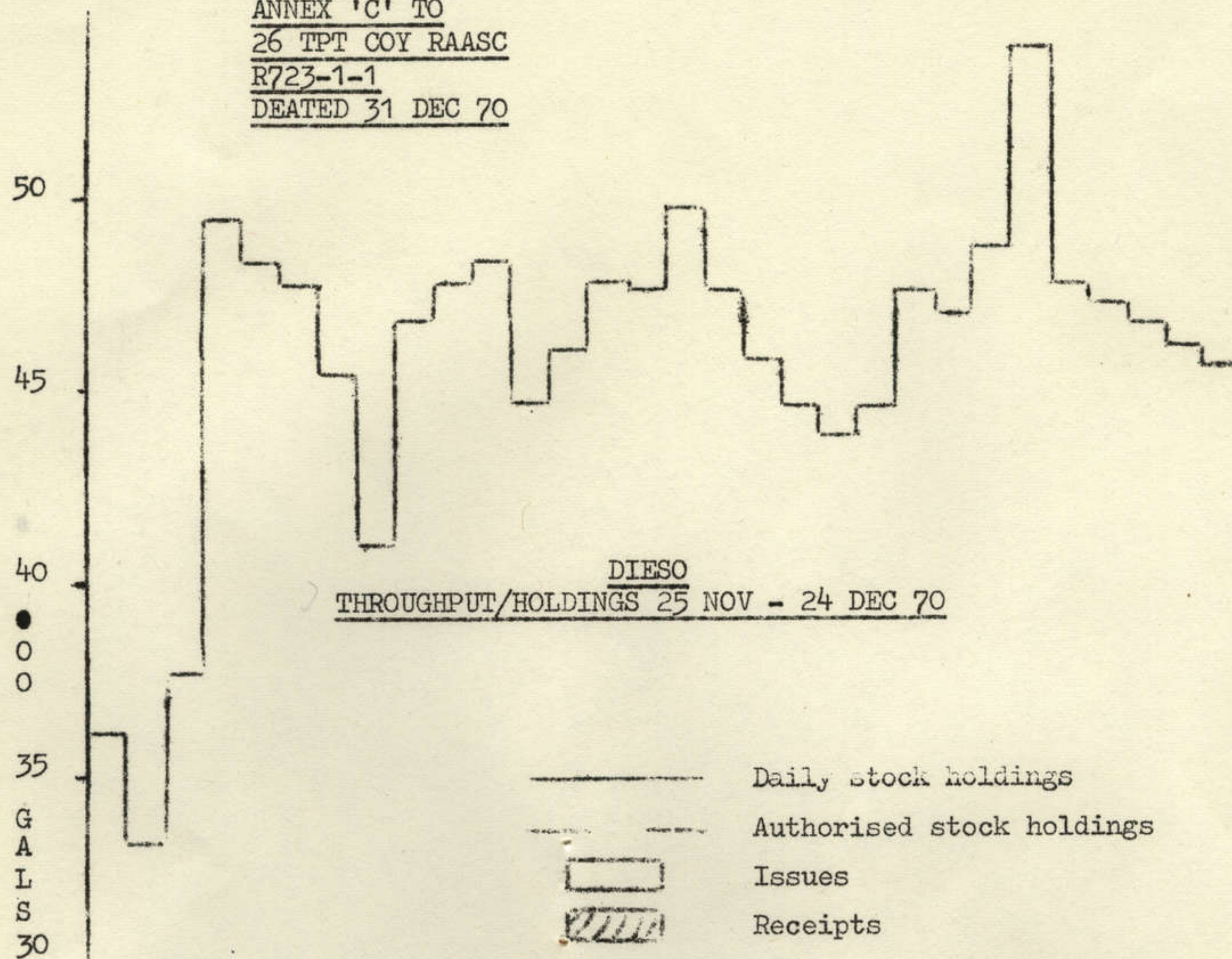
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MOGAS  
THROUGHPUT/HOLDINGS 25 NOV - 24 DEC 70





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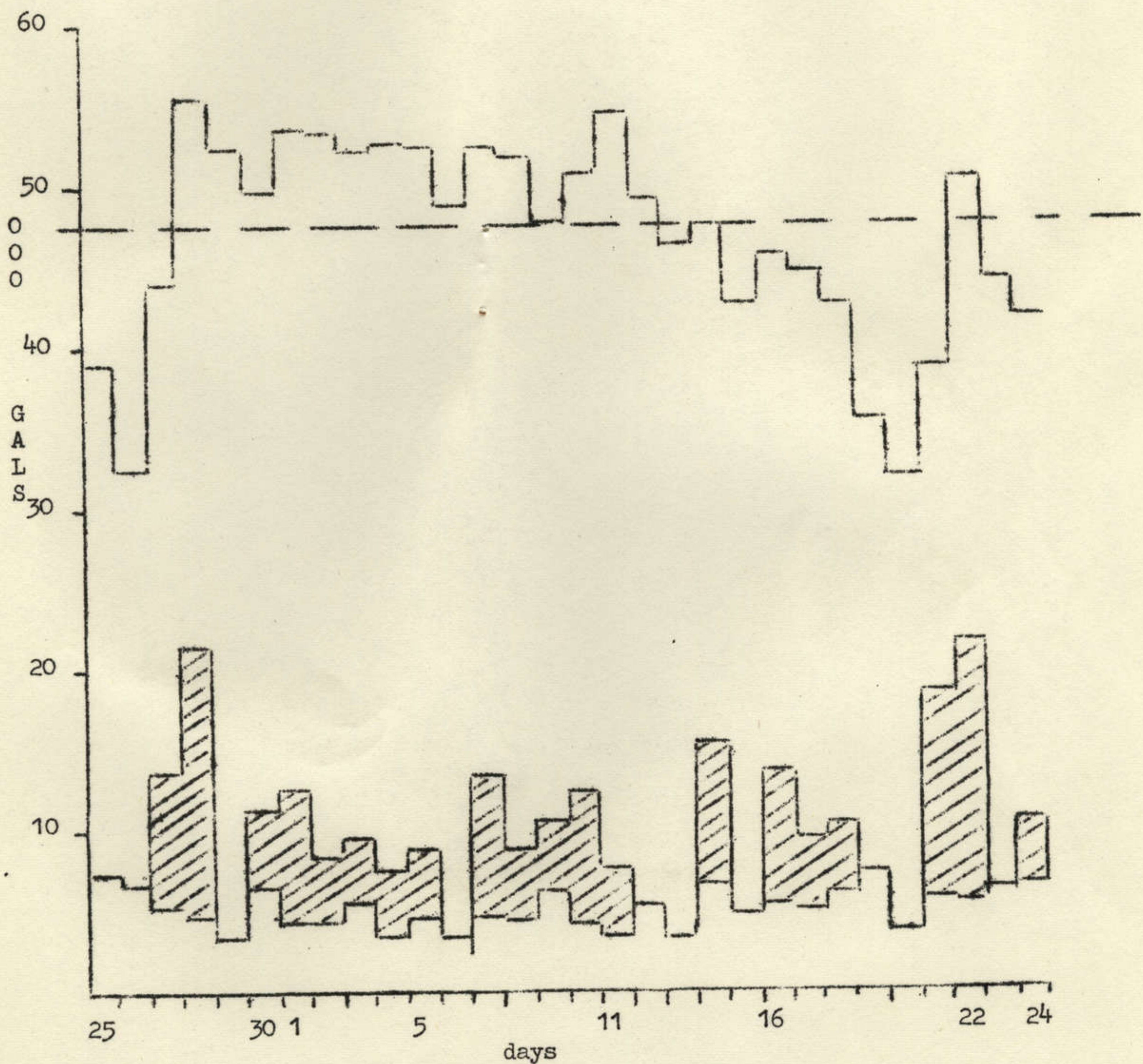




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JP 4  
THROUGHPUT/HOLDINGS 25 NOV - 24 DEC 70

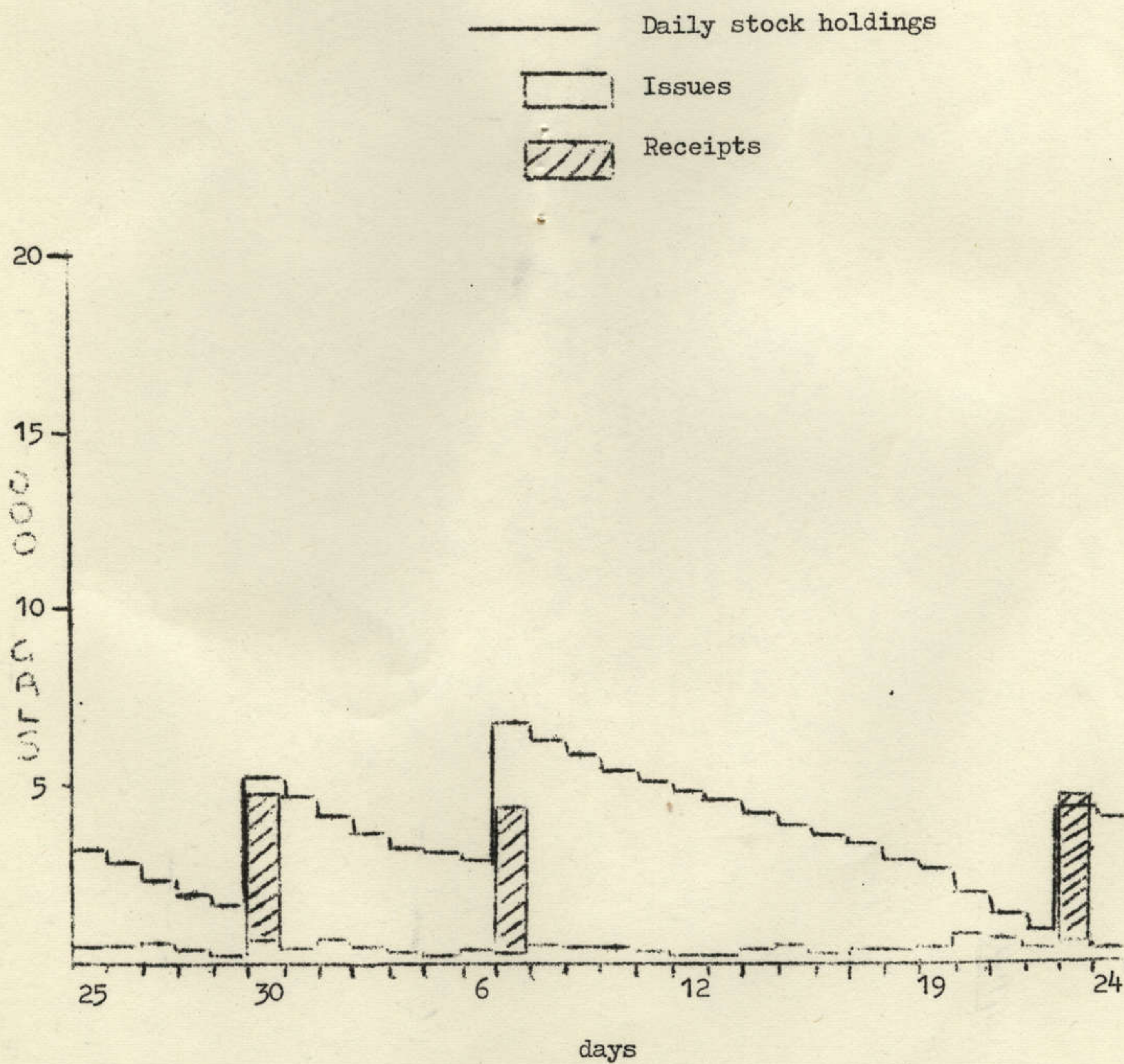
———— Daily stock holdings  
- - - - - Authorised stock holdings  
□ Issues  
▨ Receipts





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AVGAS  
THROUGHPUT/HOLDINGS 25 NOV - 24 DEC 70





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SUMMARY - POL ISSUES

COMMODITY	BULK	PACKED	TOTAL
MOGAS	106,008	264	106,272
DIESO	99,210	2,068	101,278
JP 4	154,616	44	154,660
AVGAS	12,163		12,163
KEROSINE		1,276	1,276
SD II		44	44
PROPANE		26,880	26,880
OILS		4,162	4,162
GREASES		4,648	4,648
OE 30 (x45)		2,565	2,565
OE 30 (x 4)		220	220
OE 30 (xQt)		96	96



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# AMMUNITION STATISTICS

Serial	DODAC	Nomenclature	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	A068	Ctg 5.56mm Tracer		13,120	13,120
2	A071	Ctg 5.56mm Ball	102,480	91,460	193,940
3	A124	Ctg 7.62mm Tracer		7,360	7,360
4	A130	Ctg 7.62mm Ball	119,280	102,060	221,340
5	A131	Ctg 7.62mm 4-1 link	134,400	117,000	251,400
6	A146	Ctg 7.62mm Tracer	168,000	151,200	319,200
7	A165	Ctg 7.62mm Mini-gun	432,000	357,000	789,000
8	A218	Ctg .30cal 4-1 link	15,000	107,000	122,000
9	A557	Ctg .50cal 4-1 link		9,000	9,000
10	B475	40mm Smk Yellow		44	44
11	B476	40mm Smk Green		44	44
12	B477	40mm Smk White		44	44
13	B478	40mm Smk Violet	220	88	308
14	B534	40mm AP (M79)		360	360
15	B535	40mm Illum	968	996	1,964
16	B567	40mm CS		24	24
17	B568	40mm HE	3,456	4,182	7,638
18	C226	81mm Illum	1,098	1,056	2,154
19	C256	81mm HE	9,154	5,724	14,878
20	C276	81mm Smk WP	82	360	442
21	C410	90mm AP	36		36
22	C445	105mm HE W/O Fuze	19,662	13,190	32,852
23	C230	81mm W/P	360	60	420
24	C236	81mm HE	1,080		1,080
25	C253	81mm HE	3,348	5,596	8,944
26	C449	105mm Illum	750	570	1,320
27	C452	105mm Smk HC		60	60
28	C454	105mm Smk WP	360	604	964
29	G880	Gren Hand M61	960	1,230	2,190
30	G881	Gren Hand Frag M67		30	30
31	G911	Gren Hand Offensive	960	500	1,460
32	G937	Gren Hand WP	32	192	224
33	G940	Gren Hand Smk Green		570	570
34	G945	Gren Hand Smk Yellow	1,392	1,040	2,432
35	G950	Gren Hand Smk Red		208	208
36	G955	Gren Hand Smk Violet	1,200	784	1,984
37	H459	Rkt 2.75" Fleschette		144	144
38	H490	Rkt 2.75" HE 101b	475	416	891
39	H519	Rkt 2.75" Smk WP	60	320	380
40	H534	Rkt 2.75" HE 171b	900	1,100	2,000
41	H555	Rkt 66mm HEAT	360	415	775
42	K143	Mine AP M18A1	408	456	864
43	K145	Mine AP M18A1 w/o firing device	594	732	1,326
44	L116	Sig Pers Distress		200	200
45	L117	Sig Pers Distress		123	123
46	L280	Sig Pers Distress		1,351	1,351
47	L307	Sig Illum Cluster White		149	149
48	L310	Sig Star Para Green		310	310
49	L311	Sig Illum Para Red		360	360
50	L312	Sig Illum Para White	2,124	1,836	3,960
51	L314	Sig Illum Cluster Green		1,476	1,476



Serial	DODAC	Nomenclature	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
52	L322	Sig Smk Grd Yellow		300	300
53	L323	Sig Smk Para Red		144	144
54	L324	Sig Smk Para Green		172	172
55	L340	Sig Smk Para White		720	720
56	L341	Sig Smk Grd Green		1,302	1,302
57	L342	Sig Smk Grd Red		1,243	1,243
58	L343	Sig Smk Grd-Yellow		2,192	2,192
59	L473	Flare a/c P <sup>a</sup> ra	912	943	1,855
60	L495	Flare Surface Trip	128	640	768
61	M078	Lead Comp M18A1		163	163
62	M130	Caps Blasting Electric		30	30
63	M131	Caps Blasting Non-elec	10,000	2,050	12,050
64	H110	Rkt Incend	128	128	256
65	C255	81mm HE	36	36	72
66	M456	Cord Det reinforced	49,000	22,500	71,500
67	M670	Fuze Blast Time M700		3,000	3,000
68	M757	Chg Assy Demo M183	144	170	314
69	M766	Ign Time Blast Fuze M2		660	660
70	N335	Fuze PD	14,080	12,806	26,886
71	N412	Fuze Prox		254	254
72	Aust	9mm Mk2		20,040	20,040
73	Aust	Ramset C22	3,000		3,000
74	Aust	Ctg Grd 7.62mm		137	137
75	Aust	Adap Gren		360	360
76	A556	Ctg .50cal 4-1 link	7,600	7,600	15,200
77	N319	Fuze PD	570	105	675
78	A122	Ctg 7.62mm Ball	30,960	17,520	48,480
79	A583	Ctg .50cal 4-1 link	5,400		5,400
80	N308	Fuze PD	1,152		1,152
81	A143	Ctg 7.62mm Ball	32,000	32,000	64,000



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MONTHLY AIR DISPATCH STATISTICS 25 NOV - 24 DEC 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
IROQUOIS	-L	2	1,700	1	250	1,950		1 ATF BASE				2	1,700	1	250	1,950
CHINOOK	L	77	573,682	29	7,250	580,932	10	55,150	1	250	55,400	87	628,832	30	7,500	636,332
SKYCRANE	L	1	16,500			16,500	1	16,500			16,500	2	33,000			33,000
TOTAL		80	591,882	30	7,500	599,382	11	81,650	1	250	81,900	91	663,532	31	7,750	671,282
OTHER LOCATIONS																
IROQUOIS	L						2	1,700	1	250	1,950	2	1,700	1	250	1,950
CHINOOK	L	20	124,392	32	8,000	132,392	87	642,924	60	15,000	657,924	107	767,316	92	23,000	790,316
SKYCRANE	L	1	16,500			16,500	1	16,500			16,500	2	33,000			33,000
TOTAL		21	140,892	32	8,000	148,892	90	661,124	61	15,250	676,324	111	802,016	93	23,250	825,266

Flying time for the month (incl refuel and maint breaks): 23 hrs 38 mins

Blade tons per hour: 15.808 tons per hour



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WORKSHOPS STATISTICS

G17's for the month	Total	97
	Total hrs	380
Tech Inspection	Total	67
	Total hrs	627
GE Jobs	Total	10
	Total hrs	68
Total hours for month		1075hrs