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Monthly report

Duty Officer's log

[25 Jan - 24 Feb 1971]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-2-1

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) A. P. Plummer CaptAppointment OPS OFFR 26 TPT COY RASSC
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)**SECRET**ORIGINAL
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not applicable**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation 26 TPT COY RASSCFrom 25 JAN 71To 24 FEB 71**INDEX**

Narrative (AF C 2118)

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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.

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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.

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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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:

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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.

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ANNEX 'A' TO
26TPT COY RAASC
R707/2/1
DATED MAR 71

COMMANDERS DIARY

TFMA OPERATIONS LOG

25 JAN 71 TO 24 FEB 71

ENCLOSURE ONE

TFMA OPERATIONS LOG
~~Duty Officer's Diary~~

Month ..JAN..71.

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
1	252100	T	<p>From Sgt Mason, Military Police:</p> <p>a. Pte Nelson, 8 Pet Pl and Cpl Beulah, 52 Sup Pl were illegally in possession of an Army vehicle, 114325, a L/rover belonging to 8 Pet Pl. G2 had not been authorised and was in possession of Sgt Mason.</p> <p>b. Nelson was taken to 8 Fd Amb for medical attention. It was obvious that he had consumed an excess of liquor and had vomited.</p> <p>c. Nelson would have a number of charges laid against him.</p> <p>d. The vehicle was down a ditch near 1 Fd Sqn which will tow it to Pro Det tomorrow where a routine inspect. will be carried out. TFMA will be notified when the veh is available for collection.</p> <p>e. Lt Campbell, 1 Fd Sqn, will have AAF A4 prepared and taken to Mil Police. SIB reportx will be prepared.</p> <p>f. Cpl Beulah and Pte Nelson are to report to SIB 0800 26 Jan 71.</p> <p>g. Pte Nelson went to the Offrs Mess at 1 Fd Sqn and demanded liquor.</p> <p>h. Cpl Beulah and Pte Nelson were brought to TFMA by Sgt Mason. Sgt Mason handed me Nelson's personal effects and the members were told to go to there tents.</p>	<p>The OC TFMA was in the CP when I was receiving this message. I informed him of the situation. He advised me to see WO2 Maguire to determine if the vehicle belonged to 8 Pet Pl. Sgt Loxton confirmed that it did.</p> <p>Duty driver warned.</p>
2	260700	T	From Ebony CP, route clear from ND to Vung Tau	Passed to 5 Coy RAASC
3	261705	R	Radio check of TFMA Defence Net completed, all c/s on net.	
4	261805	T R	Completed radio checks with ØA (sector 8) and 21 (9)	
5	270630	V	<p>Duty Sgt reported that he had seen lights and heard noises about 2400 approx 50m in front of 1 OFP bunker. Contacted 2 RAR and requested flares. The bunker flare was set off and this resulted in a small fire.</p>	Flare to be reset and claymore wires to be checked in case fire has damaged them.

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
6	271745	T	Cpl Jones reported all dumps returned to 85 Tpt P ₁	
7	271945	T	Received a message via Ebony Switch reference a Sgt Schelley, cancellation of Wallaby booking. Booking is now required.	Passed to Movts, Cpl Walker.
8	280700	T	Passed Road Clearance to 5 Coy RAASC	
9	290713	T	As road clearance not yet obtained contacted Duty Offr Clearance only available as far as Baria at this stage.	Duty Offr to inform TFMA as soon as clearance received.
10	291900	T	Call from Ord nco ref Pte Gatherer	
11	292000	T	Call for WO2 Armstrong of Sgt Cooke	Sgt Cooke took call
12	300715	T	Ebony CP rang to say road clear	Passed to 5 Coy RAASC.
13	311200		Mounted duty	
14	311710	V	2 vehs arrived at CP. Total of 4 pers. Vehs parked in Tpt Compound	Pers acomodated in picquet tent No sheets avail as none were laundered over TET.
15	311930	R	Call from KIWI Pad ref backload of equpt from Lynx. Load cannot be located.	Contacted Capt Florance and informed him. Informed caller to go to Pel Hts to check area out.
16	312015	T	Call from 15814 Sgt Harm IH, Pay Sgt 2 RAR requesting interview tomorrow with DST	Took particulars and passed to Maj Harverson. For action by CSM.
17	FEB 71 011710	R	Because of local interference on internal def, Def Offr authorised change to 44.20	All c/s informed and radio check carried out.
18	020715	T	Passed to 5 Coy RAASC road clearance for Rt 2 & 15	
19	021735	T	Call signs for 5 Coy vehicles 3 Feb 71, Serial 1 - c/s 43; Serial 2 & 3 - c/s 48; Serial 4 - c/s 41; Serial 5 - c/s 46	
20	022035	R	SHOVELNOSE	
21	031800	R	Radio check Sector 8.	
22	040710	T	Road clearance passed to 5 Coy RAASC.	

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Month FEB 71

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
23	041715	T	All vehicles returned to 85 Tpt Pl compound. Drivers complaining about having to do an extra load for 17 Const so knocking off 25 - 30 mins late.	
24	041755	T	Capt Knox phoned reference 4,000 snadbags for Lynx, 176 AD pers warned to proceed and pack additional s/bags at 1830hrs.	
25	041800	T	From Capt Hicks reference non appearance of 1xSemi and 1xLCV at 1700hrs. Saw Capt Johnson and it appears that Capt Knox was supposed to contact Capt Hicks and inform him that he would receive 3xLCV at 0800hrs tomorrow.	
26	041800 041925	T	Capt Knox cancelled Dump truck tasked for C Coy 7 RAR.	
27	051818	T	1 ATF Ops to advise that CH-47 will arrive this location approx 060900H	Capt Johnson advised 051825H
28	060656	T	Ebony CP advised road clear	Passed to 5 Coy RAASC
29	061935	T	OFP bunker picquet rang - phone between V Coy and bunker not operating	V Coy notified. EMPIRE will relay calls to and from if required.
30	071435	T	Capt Smith notified that he was proceeding to 8 Fd Amb.	
31	071535	T	5 Coy rang trying to locate ice truck.	
32	071830	T	Cpl Wanstall reported no phone in A Coy bunker.	
33	071845	T	QM 4 Fd Regt rang reference Mogas	Capt Johnson advised
34	071855	T	Call to say Commander would ring OC in 30 minutes	
35	071920	V	OC wished to see Pte Halls of 85 Tpt Pl	Duty NCO actioned
36	081900	T	Change to road tpt allocation. 1xLCV redirected to C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.	86 Tpt Pl informed, 17 Const informed
37	091354	R	Advised of accident at Ammo Pt	1355 contacted 8 Fd Amb, 85 Tpt Pl HQ Coy Tpt. OC TFMA informed
38	091405	R	Fire truck requested for ammo Pt	Contacted 21 Sp Tp

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39	091425	R	Request for EOD team for Long Binh, also Sgt Thornton	Passed to DAQMG
40 40	091445	T	Confirmation of EOD team enroute to Nu Dat.	
41	091657	R	Received stockstates as follows: CHM 4 WBT 2000 PGD 500 PGM 200 CHM 5 WBT 1000 PGD 400 PGM 1000	
42	091830	T	Bunker 030 reported Gun jammed and two AD shots fired on clearing. Later reported that UD on loading - probable cause cocking handle not fully pulled to rear? Finger on trigger?	
43	101700	R	WBT 500 PGD 700 PGM 200.	Stockstate - require 1 x cords, 1 writing pad and 1 x tube of toothpaste.
44	101805	R	Sector 8 Radio Check - Roger.	
45	101850	V	Clearance requested for TFMA Sgts Mess Darts Team	Roger (List attached)
46	102130	T	176 AD Pers will return between 1200 & 1400 hrs 11 Feb 71	Passed to OC
47	102150	V	Darts Team RTU	Won - 8 - 3
48	110700	T	From Ebony "Go Go"	Roger
49	110701	T	To Emu 71 "Go Go"	Roger
50	092130	R	Sector 9 Radio Check - Roger	
51	092230	R	Sector 9 Radio Check - Roger	
52	100645		Power failure in TFMA local	100645 Contacted Powerhouse - Ascertained that generator stopped for servicing (Approx 30 min)
53	100715	R	"Go Go" Passed.	
54	100725	R	C2 Radio Check - Roger.	
55	100749	R	Radio Check - Chmn 4. Chmn 4 also relayed for Chmn 5.	

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56	101450	T	Call to switch advising that a yellow Smk or small explosion, passed to AP as directed by caller. Ssgt Fitzgerald said negative.	
57	101455	T	To Envoy Ops - passed Ssgt Fitzgerald's message told too late smoke blown. Capt Leggett on phone and asked (1) Why line to Ammo Pt was not fixed (he is acting Sector 9 Comd) and (ii) Why the letters 'SAS' were used over air - used by Ssgt Fitzgerald in replying in the negative to above. He requires an answer!!	Attempted to contact Capt Leggett on 3 occasions up to 1615 hrs. He was not available or I could not get Envoy. 101615H

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
	111145	R	Object fallen out of pippen in Sector 9. Advised in by Luscombe Tower.	SSgt Fitzgerald advised to investigate 111155 Capt S & T advised.
	111710	R	Stockstate C4 - WBT 2500 - PGD - 1200 PGM 100	
	111715		Mounted duty.	
	111807	T	Capt Glendenning 4 Fd Regt rang ref flying programme to Tasman.	Passed to Capt Johnson.
	120700	T	Road clearances recieved. Passed to EMU.	
	120730		Began insertion of FSB TASMAN by air.	
	121700	R	Stockstate CH4 - WBT1500, PGD/1000, PGM 100	
	121705	R	Stockstate CH7 - WBT 400	
	121705		Duty Officer mounted duty (Sgt Leefson)	
	121810	R	Radio check Sector 8.	OK
	121840		Approached on my way to evening meal with regard to OR's not having a projector. Told "deputation" under leadership of Cpl McKillop to report back at 1900 hrs as they wanted to see OC.	Informed Capt Florance who explained that the diggers had left the projector in a filthy condition. Explained to Cpl McKillop who demanded to see KMA Maj Harverson.
	121900		Cpl McKillop and Cpl Geddes had asked to see the OC. I went to the Officers Mess and asked Capt Cutler for OC.	Capt Cutler heard McKillop and Geddes and told them that they would not be getting the projector tonight.
	121902	T	Rang Duty Officer ATF on query about fire which the Duty Sgt had taken during my attendance at evening meal.	1 Fd Sqn had evidently lit a fire to burn off and had through Task Force requested that we keep an eye on it. Rang back Duty Officer and told him that it would not be practical - 1 Fd to check on fire

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	121925	T	Duty Officer again rang and said SAS were picqueting the fire.	NO Chinook sortees to fly over the burning area tomorrow Chairmen to be informed.
	121935	R	Radio check Seector 8	OK
	121940		Informed by switch that 16 wasnt answering.	To be checked first up AM
	122045	T	Maj McIntyre rang and gave list of personnel to be in 5 Cot tomorrow ASP. List is ; Pte Donaldson, LCpl Hewett , Pte Wench, LCpl Lancaster, Pte Jankovic and Sgt Larking.	Rang 5 Coy for vehicle to arrive TFMA first thing in AM - OK
	122050	T	Call from Capt Booth 2 RAR re shot fired in vicinity OR's lines.	Duty Sgt heard shot and investigated, nothing substantiel was
	122104	T	Rang Maj McIntyre to advise vehicle booked for court martial party.	
	130710	T	Rang for road clearance Route 15 only clear.	Duty Officer ATF to advise on Route 2.
	130727	R	Passed to 5 Coy Go Go after receipt from ATF	
	131720	R	Stockstate CH7, WBT 200, PGD 400.	
	131800	R	Sector 8 Radio Check	
	131810	T	4 Fd requested convoy timings for Sunday & Monday.	Information given.
	131835	T	7 RAR. 3 TCVs at 1245. To report to AQ Cell at Horseshoe. 6 TCVs arriving 7 RAR rear, at 0745. Use route 23 to Horseshoe. Capt HICKS 7 RAR.	132000 Sgt Leefson & 5 Coy informed as given by 7 RAR

TFMA OPERATIONS LOG
~~ORDERLY OFFICERS LOG~~

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
160703	160703	T	1ATF duty Officer informed CP that road is clear	Information passed to 5Coy RAASC via Sgt Foreman Duty Sgt at 150705H
2.	161130	T	Advised by Capt S & T that 320 x 105 HE and figures are required as OPDEM 2 for BASS. CH47 has been booked and will arrive ASAP.	
3.	161655	R	Stocktake CH 4 WBT 1300 PGM 200PGD250	Request 3XAAD, 1XABL
4.	161700	R	Stocktake CH 6 WBT 300 PGM 500PGDNIL	
5.	161710	R	Stocktake CH 7 WBT 700 PGM 500PGD400	
6.	170655	T	Road clearance	Passed to 56Y
7.	170745	R	Radio check with Chairman 4,6,7,	All loud and clear
8.	171440	V	Sgt Fitzgerald requested a Conex to be used as an Isolatin Bay within Bay 'A' at the AP. Recommended by Major Dell that this matter be given some priority.	Passed request to SC 'Q' 1 ATF He advised will arrange for one.
9.	171650	R	Stocktake CH 7 WBT Nil PGD 300	
10.	171655	R	Stocktake CH 4 WBT 2300 PGD 900 PGM 230	
11.	171703	R	Stocktake CH 5 WBT NIL PGD 250 PGM 750	3XAAB
12.	171707	R	WBT NIL PGD 50 PGM NIL	Stocktake CH 6
13.	171700	V	DUTY OFFICER MOUNTED DUTY	
	171800	V R	Radio Check	OK
	171900	V	TFMA Darts Team to SAS	List Attached
	172200	V	TFMA DARTS Team to RTU	Beaten 8 - 3
	180705	T T	Route 2 & 15 GO GO	Passed to 5 COy
	180735	R	CH 2 (Pel Hts) Radio Check	L/C
	180744	R	CH 6 (LYNX) Radio Check	L/C
	180748	R	CH 4 (GARTH) Radio Check	L/C
	180800	R	CH 5 (BASS) R Radio Check through CH 4	
	180803	R	CH 7 (TASMAN)	L/C

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Month Feb Diary

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
	181715	T	Received call from 5Coy(Cpl Kelson) that dump truck had "bad break" and was loc at GR 440640 .	Notified Capt Knox Who arranged for wrecker from 106 Wksps.
	181742	T	Message received as follows for Capt Johnson " Albatros ADE Egpt to LYNX at Pelican Heights at 930 hrs for pick-up."	I proceeded almost to Baria but could not locate vehicle.
	181805	T	From Capt Coolaham (106 Wksps) - message that the Recovery Team could not locate vehicle and is waiting at Hoa Long Turnoff.	Met wrecker on way back and they advised that they would check the route through Hoa Long. I proceeded back to CP.
	181825	T	Duty Officer advised that vehicle is not on route 2 and that it belongs to 17 Const Sqn. Rang 17 Const Sqn (DO) They advised that vehicle was reported by 7 RAR personnel as RAASC vehicle and that it is on route 52 - could be at GR 488651 They also advised that they had a vehicle out checking the situation.	Rang 5 Coy - spoke to Capt Mills and he is checking vehicle situation
	181835	T	Rang EBONY CP and requested Pearly Gates to remain open.	Advised 106 Wksps that they are going to check route 52
	181930	T	Sgt Leefson rang to say that he is required to remain in Vung Tau Sat (20/2) lunch time.	
	190715	T	5 COy rang requesting State of Roads .	
	190725	T	EBONY CP Route 2 clear Route 15 negative clearance at present	Rang 5 Coy with information 190730
	190735	RT	Rang EBONY CP for Route 15 clearance	Received and passed to 5 Coy
	190745	R	Radio Check CH 4 (GARTH)	L/C
	190755	R	Radio Check CH 7 (TASMAN)	L/c
	190807	R	Radio Check CH6 (LYNX)	L/C

TFMA OPERATIONS LOG
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Month Feb

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
	191700	R	Stocktakes as following - Relayed by CH 4: CH 4 - WBT 2300 PGD 1100 PGM 150 CH 5 - WBT 60 PGM 750 CH 7 - WBT NIL PGD NIL PGM NIL CH 7 requires 4 x AAKs and a copy of the COMMODITY CODE	Booked for morning sorties
	200703	T	From Cpl Bywaters OPs 5 Coy as to whether Road Clearance had been given.	Phoned CP EBONY , Clearance not O K as yet, passed Info to 5 Coy and also informed that serial 1 could be late
	200715	T	Clearance of ROAD : reference EBONY CP still no joy	
	200730	T	Clearance given by EBONY CP and passed on to V.T	
	200820	R	Radio Check CH 4 CH 4 also has contact with CH 5 and CH 7 through CH 5.	L/C
	201700	R	Stocktake WBT 1200 PGD 600 PGM 150	CH 4
	201705	R	Stocktake WBT 500	CH 7
	201801	R	Radio Check Sector 8	RODGER
	202150	T	Sector 9 advises " SHOVELNOSE "	Acknowledged
	210714	T	EBONY CP Clearance given for Route 15	
	210716	T	To EMU 71 GO - GO	
	210945	R	CH 500 reported inbound CH 6 loc also advised a/c 814 and G 93 would be following him for lift out.	
	211130	V	Sgt Scanlon requested permission visit C Bty 4 Fd Regt until 1700 hrs	Permission Granted
	211650	R	Stocktake through CH 4 (GARTH) a. CH 4- WBT XX 2400 PGD 500 PGM 120 b. CH 5 - WBT NIL PGD NIL PGM 500 c. CH 7 - NIL STOCKS CH 5 requested backload of 1 pigpen and 5 bladders tomorrow. CH 7 requested 4 x 20 ft slings for tomorrow's fly-out	To be picked up by CH 47 on line 1 and taken to CH 7 for backloading to Pelican Heights To be flown out by CH 47 on early sortie.

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Date/Time
	211200		Mounted duty (WO2 D.A. Cook)	
	212120	T	Received message to change frequency Sector 9 to 43.95 at midnight. Advised that call sign is Uniform India	
	212150	T	SAS advised not to change Sector 9 frequency to 43.95 at midnight. XX Leave as is. They referred to WHISKY OSCAR.	
	220715	T	Passed Road Clearance to duty officer EMU 71	
	221650	R	Stocktake WBT 1000 PGD 1000 PGM 100 CH4	
	221655	R	Stockstate WBT 1000 PGD 1000 PGM 500 CH5	
	221700	T T	Mounted Duty	Passed to 5 Coy by (t) at 230715
	230705	T	GO GO received	
	230730		Dismounted duty.	
	231655	R	WBT 1000 Stocktake CH 5	
	231655	R	WBT 1500 PGD 600 PGM 100 CH 4	
	231740	T	Capt Hicks rang reference vehicles for 7 RAR	Capt Johnson notified 231800 hrs
	231742	T	Lt Long rang reference dumps not being loaded	Capt Johnson notified 231800 hrs
	231815	V	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt task table handed in	
	240710	T	Rang EBONY for Road Clearance	Route 23 not clear Rang EMU 71 and passed information on.
	240830	R	Radio Check CH 5 & CH 4 through CH 4	L/C
	241200	R	Radio Check CH 5 & CH 4 through CH 4	L/C
	241700	R	Stockstates through CH 4 : CH 4 WBT 500 PGD 500 PGM NIL CH 5 WBT NIL PGD NIL PGM NIL	
	242200	R	Canteen monies handed in	
	250645	T	Roads clear	
	250730		Dismounted Duty	
	250715	R	Radio Check CH 4	L/C
	250730	R	Radio Check CH 5 through CH 4	
	250735	R	Radio Check CH 1 (HMAS SYDNEY)	L/C
	250740	R	Radio Check CH 2 A (PORKY) (7)	L/C
	250755		Commenced fly/out-in of 7/3 RAR to/from HMAS SYDNEY	L/C
	250800			
	250840	R	CH 515 went U/S and returned to Base	Replacement a/c requested.
	251630	V	Attended 1 ATF Briefing	

ANNEX 'B' TO
26 TPT COY RAASC
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COMMANDERS DIARY
COMPANY COMMANDER'S MONTHLY REPORT
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1 ATF Maintenance Area
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COMPANY COMMANDER'S MONTHLY REPORT
25 JAN 71 - 24 FEB 71

General

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

a.	NDP Garth	25 Jan 71 - 24 Feb 71
b.	FSPB Bruiser	25 Jan 71 - 28 Jan 71
c.	NDP Amanda	25 Jan 71 - 31 Jan 71
d.	FSPB Elizabeth	25 Jan 71 - 29 Jan 71
e.	FSPB Lynx	31 Jan 71 - 21 Feb 71
f.	FSPB Bass	4 Feb 71 - 23 Feb 71
g.	NDP Dani	7 Feb 71 - 24 Feb 71
h.	FSPB Tasman	12 Feb 71 - 22 Feb 71
i.	FSPB Lindy	23 Feb 71 - 24 Feb 71

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

a.	NDP Garth	YS 4590
b.	FSPB Bruiser	YS 6464
c.	NDP Amanda	YS 2674
d.	FSPB Elizabeth	YS 5378
e.	FSPB Lynx	YS 7582
f.	FSPB Bass	YS 4990
g.	NDP Dani	YS 6264
h.	FSPB Tasman	YS 6386
i.	FSPB Lindy	YS 4585

Transport

3. Attached as Annex A is the last of the transport statistics to be reported upon by this unit. 85 Tpt Pl has now been relocated complete, with 5 Coy RAASC in Vung Tau.

Supplies

4. Receipts and issues of fresh fruit and vegetables for the period

a.	<u>Fruit</u>	
	(1) Receipts	44,170 lbs
	(2) Issues	44,170 lbs
b.	<u>Vegetables</u>	
	(1) Receipts	38,804 lbs
	(2) Issues	38,804 lbs

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5. A total of 4,655 hot box meals were issued during the period.

6. During the reporting period two soldiers were reposted and one RTA. One soldier marched in to replace the one RTA. The strength of this detachment is now;

- 1 x Offr (Lt)
- 2 x S/Sgt/Sgt
- 4 x Cpl
- 2 x Pte

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

8. During the reporting period the Det 8 Pet Pl was extended in both manpower and equipment, but managed to fulfil all requirements. Operators were deployed at:

- a. NDP Garth
- b. FSPB Bruiser
- c. NDP Amanda
- d. FSPB Lynx
- e. FSPB Tasman
- f. FSPB Bass
- g. FSPB Lindy

9. One 10,000 gal fabric tank (JP4) and two 5,000 gal water tanks were sentenced as unserviceable during the reporting period. Indent action has been completed and their replacements are awaited.

10. There are no feeder hoses available in theatre but it is anticipated that this situation will soon be rectified.

11. POL Statistics are shown at Annex 'C'.

Ammunition

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

Air Despatch

13. Air despatch statistics are shown at Annex 'E'.

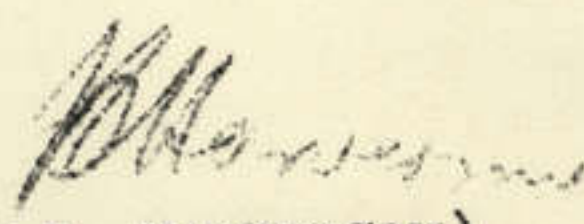
14. AD assistance was provided to the following FSPB's and NDP's:

- a. FSPB Lynx
- b. FSPB Tasman
- c. NDP Garth
- d. FSPB Bass
- e. NDP Amanda
- f. NDP Lorraine

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Defence

15. Because of the recent decrease in strength this unit is now only providing one bunker picquet each night and a standing patrol on two nights in every eight.


(J.D. HARVERSON)
Major
Officer Commanding

Annexes

- A. - Transport Statistics.
- B. Supplies Statistics.
- C. POL Statistics.
- D. Ammunition Statistics
- E. - Workshops Statistics.
- F. *AIR DISPATCH STATISTICS*

Distribution

DADST (6)
5 Coy RAASC
RAASC Centre
Capt S&T 1 ATF

Internal

OC
Ops
War Diary (2)
File

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TRANSPORT STATISTICS

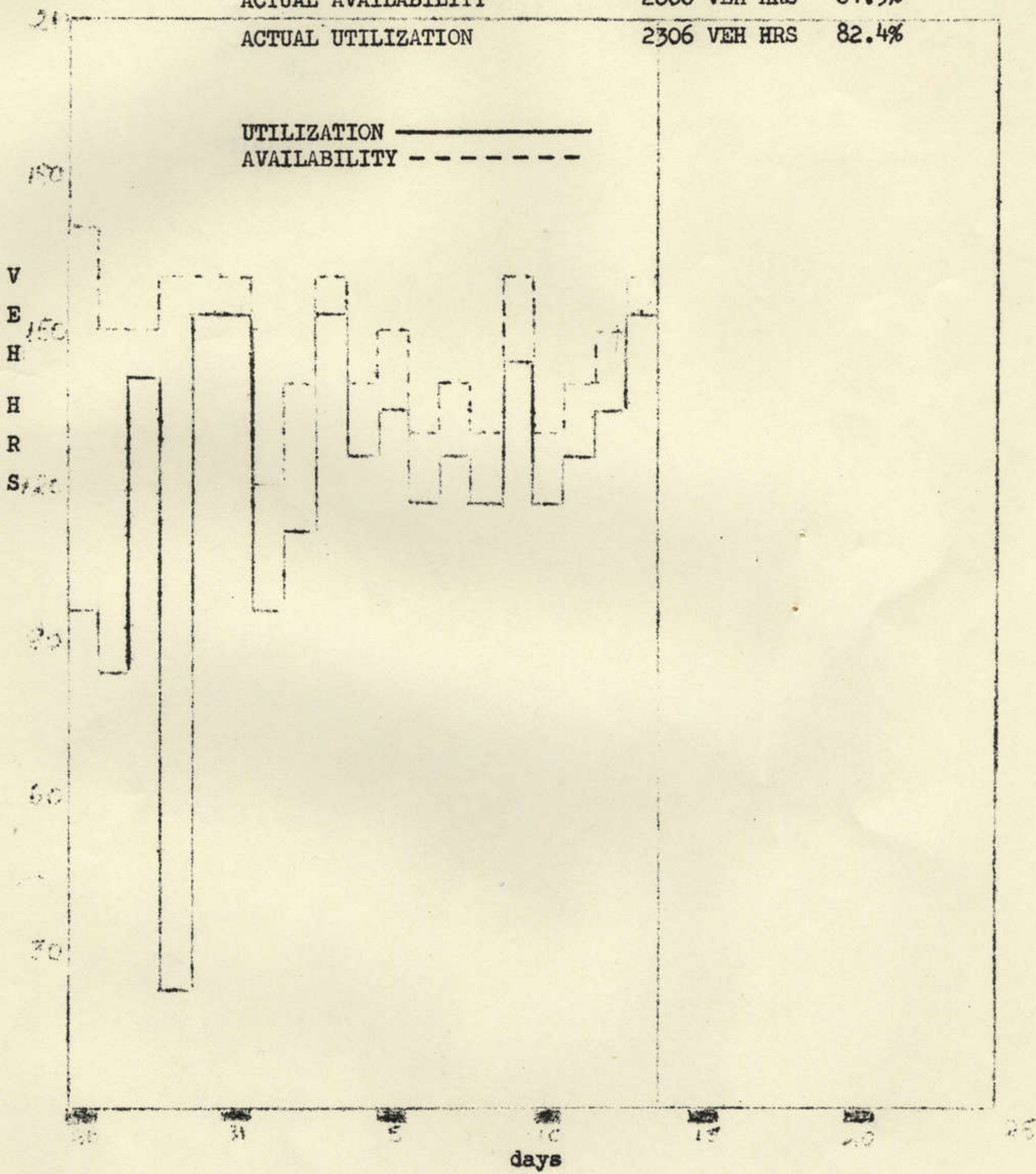
1. Detailed transport statistics are appended to this Annex by vehicle type.

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

APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX 'A' TO
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AVAILABILITY/UTILIZATION RATES DUMP 5 TON GS

VEHICLE HOLDINGS	20	
OPTIMUM SERVICEABILITY	19	
OPTIMUM AVAILABILITY	3420 VEH HRS	
ACTUAL AVAILABILITY	2800 VEH HRS	81.9%
ACTUAL UTILIZATION	2306 VEH HRS	82.4%



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ANNEX 'B' TO
P6 TPT COY RAASC
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SUPPLIES STATISTICS

SERIAL	ITEM	UOI	RECEIPTS	ISSUES	THROUGHPUT
1	Aust Comb One Man Type A H/W	Rat	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	Aust Comb One Man Type B H/W	Rat	820	820	1640
3	Aust Comb One Man Type C H/W	Rat	1645	1645	3290
4	Aust Comb One Man Type D H/W	Rat	1190	1190	2380
5	Aust Comb One Man Type E H/W	Rat	35	35	70
6	Aust Comb One Man Type A L/W	Rat	620	620	1240
7	Aust Comb One Man Type B L/W	Rat	1870	1870	3740
8	Aust Comb One Man Type C L/W	Rat	1560	1560	3120
9	Hexamine	Pkt	6020	6020	12040
10	Field Cookers	Nos	NIL	NIL	NIL
11	Rum x 26 oz	Btl	19	19	38
12	Rum x 40 oz	Btl	16	16	32
13	U.S. 'C' Rations	Mls	51864	51864	103728
14	Long Range Patrol Packs	Mmls	2040	2040	4080
15	Sundry Packs	Nos	245	245	490
16	Bev Packs	Nos	104	104	208
17	Trioxane	Bar	29952	29952	59904
18	Freeze Dried Rice	Pkt	2800	2800	5600

PERISHABLES AND NON-PERISHABLES

1. Fruit

- a. Total No of Issues/Receipts: 16
- b. Total Poundage: 44170

2. Vegetables

- a. Total No of Issues/Receipts: 16
- b. Total Poundage 38804

3. US 'A' Rations

- a. Perishables - Total Issues/Receipts: 114139
- b. Non-Pers - Total Issues/Receipts: 114140
(Plus 4655 Hot Box Meals)

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EXPENSE ITEMS

Serial	Item	UOI	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	Insecticide Aerosol 12oz	Nos	4050	4050	8100
2	Chlordane	Gal	10	10	20
3	Malathion	Gal	45	45	90
4	Insecticide Liquid DDT	Gal	10	10	20
5	Diazinon	Gal	50	50	100
6	Toilet Paper	Roll	2814	2814	5628
7	Chloride of Lime	Lb	210	210	420
8	Rodenticide A/C	Lb	24	24	48
9	Rodenticide x ½ lb	Blk	50	50	100
10	Germicide	Gal	225	225	450
11	Germicide	Pkt	326	326	652
12	Dog food Horsemeat	Lb	305	305	610
13	Dieldrin	Gal	20	20	40
14	Calcium Hypochlorite	Lb	33.75	33.75	67.5
15	Dis Chlor Food Serv	Pkt	248	248	496
16	Paludrine	Tin	89	89	178
17	Water Sterilising Outfits Aust	Nos	3100	3100	6200
18	Rat Bait Aust	Lb	31	31	62
19	Creosote Oil	Gal	88	88	176
20	Slaked Lime	Lb	699	699	1398
21	Foot Powder Aust	Tin	2840	2840	5680
22	Insect Repellant Aust x 3oz	Btl	3082	3082	6164
23	Mite/Tick Repellant Aust x 3oz	Btl	2410	2410	4820
24	Foot Powder US	Nos	250	250	500

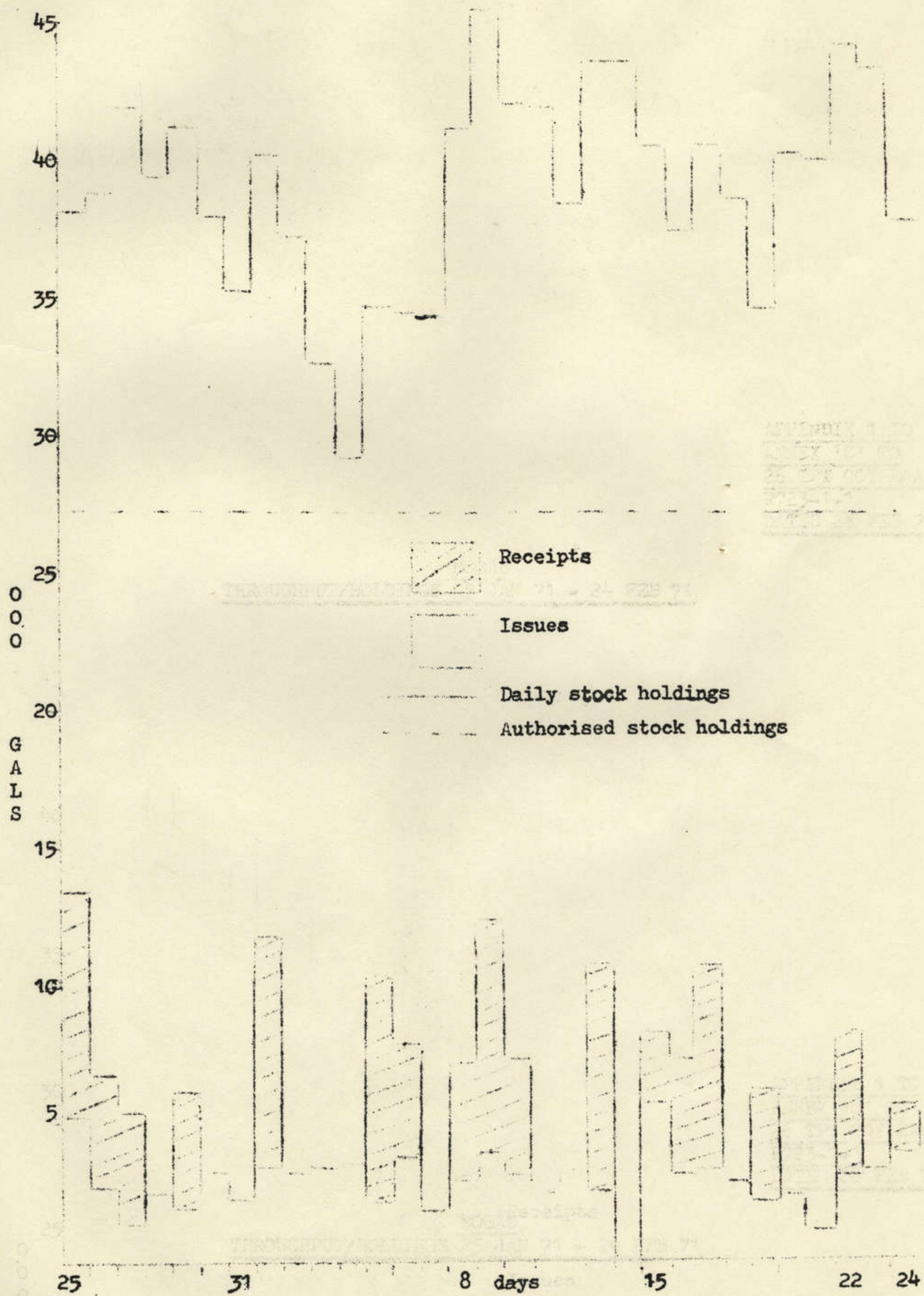
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POL STATISTICS

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.

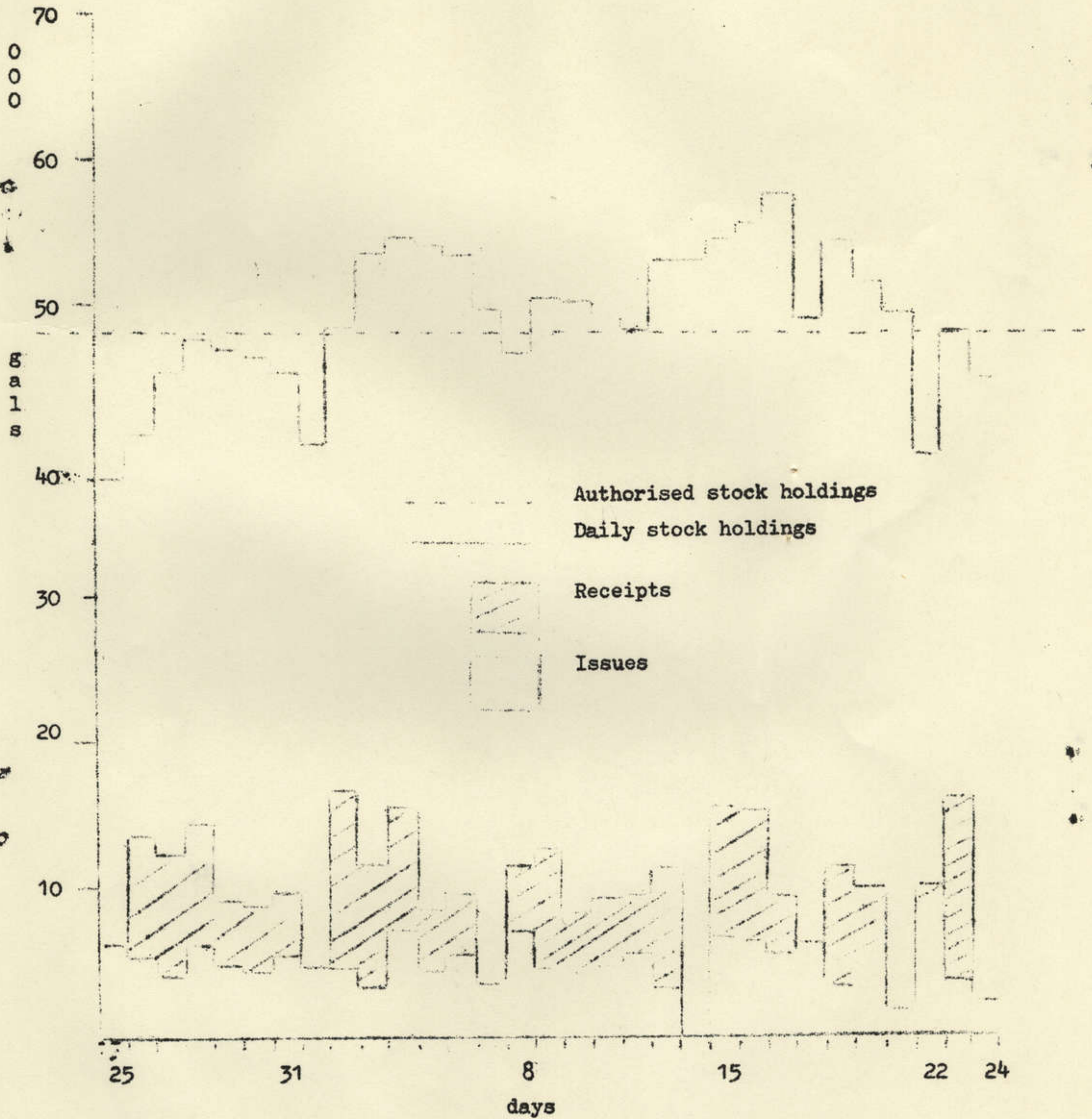
Appendix: 1. Daily Throughput/Holdings MOGAS
 2. Daily Throughput/Holdings DIESO
 3. Daily Throughput/Holdings JP 4
 4. Daily Throughput/Holdings AVGAS
 5. Summary Issues POL.

THROUGHPUT/HOLDINGS MOGAS
25 JAN 71 - 24 FEB 71



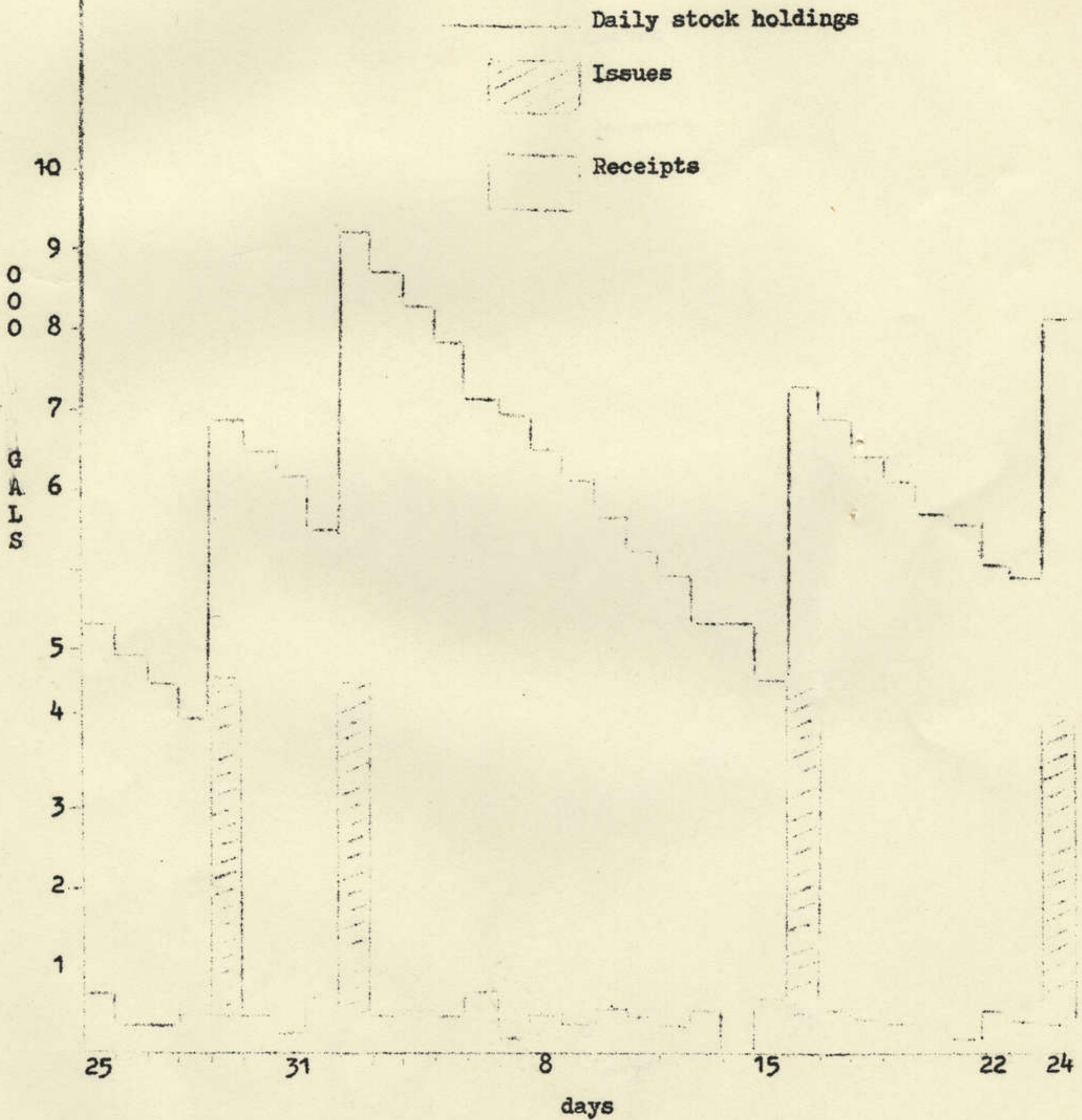
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JP 4
THROUGHPUT/HOLDINGS 25 JAN 71 - 24 FEB 71



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AVGAS
THROUGHPUT/HOLDINGS 25 JAN 71 - 24 FEB 71



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SUMMARY - POL ISSUES

Commodity	Vol	Bulk	Packed	Total
MOGAS	GAL	33,053	4,004	92,057
DIESO	GAL	114,031	1,144	115,225
JP4	GAL	152,728		152,728
AVGAS	GAL	13,150		13,150
KEROSINE	GAL		1,496	1,496
SD II	GAL		132	132
OILS	GAL		6,691	6,691
TOTAL		368,012	13,467	381,479
GREASES	LBS		4,301	4,301
PROPANE	LBS		36,480	36,480

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AMMUNITION STATISTICS

Serial	DODAC	Nomenclature	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
1	A068	Ctg 5.6mm Tracer	44280	16406	60686
2	A071	Ctg 5.56mm Ball	157920	107835	265755
3	A124	Ctg 7.62mm Tracer		9200	9200
4	A130	Ctg 7.62mm Ball	117640	87060	204700
5	A131	Ctg 7.62mm 4-1 Link	176000	176430	352430
6	A146	Ctg 7.62mm Tracer	128000	120800	248800
7	A165	Ctg 7.62mm Minigun	130000	270000	400000
8	A218	Ctg 30Cal 4-1 Link	68000	57600	125600
9	A557	Ctg 50 Cal 4-1 Link	27200	24600	51800
10	B475	40mm Smk Yellow	NIL	NIL	NIL
11	B476	40mm Smk Green		88	88
12	B477	40mm Smk White	NIL	NIL	NIL
13	B478	40mm Smk Violet	"	"	"
14	B479	40mm Smk Red	"	"	"
15	B534	40mm AP (M79)		648	648
16	B535	40mm Illum	528	11000	11528
17	B559	40mm HE SD	80	NIL	80
18	B567	40mm CS	NIL	NIL	NIL
19	B568	40mm HE	2592	3170	5762
20	C226	81mm Illum	540	540	1080
21	C256	81mm HE	2484	3786	6270
22	C276	81mm Smk WP	NIL	NIL	NIL
23	C282	90mm HEAT	26	10	36
24	C410	90mm AP	18	18	36
25	C445	105mm W/O Fuze	7100	8130	15230
26	C230	81mm W/P	NIL	NIL	NIL
27	C449	105mm Illum	930	510	1440
28	C452	105mm Smk HC	NIL	NIL	NIL
29	C453	105mm Smk Red	NIL	NIL	NIL
30	C454	105mm Smk WP	504	516	1020
31	C455	105mm Smk Yellow	NIL	NIL	NIL
32	C513	105mm AP	90	92	182
33	C651	106mm HEP/T	84	60	144
34	G839	Ctg Grd Rifle 7.62	NIL	NIL	NIL
35	G841	Ctg Grd Rifle 5.56	NIL	NIL	NIL
36	G880	Grd Hand M61	2880	3180	6060
37	G881	Grd Hand Frag M67		150	150
38	G900	Grd Hand Incend	NIL	NIL	NIL
39	G911	Grd Hand Offend	500		500
40	G930	Grd Hand Smk HC		80	80
41	G937	Grd Hand WP		160	160
42	G940	Grd Hand Smk Green	160	512	672
43	G945	Grd Hand Smk Yellow	640	1088	1728
44	G950	Grd Hand Smk Red	320	256	576
45	G955	Grd Hand Smk Violet	800	1220	2020
46	H549	Rkt 2.75 Fleshette		48	48

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Serial	DODAC	Nomenclature	Receipts	Issues	Throughput
47	H490	Rkt 2.75HE 10 lb	NIL	NIL	NIL
48	H519	Rkt 2.75 Smk WP	64	124	188
49	H534	Rkt 2.75HE 17 lb	382	686	1068
50	H555	Rkt 66mm HEAT	450	460	910
51	K143	Mine AP M18A1	330	436	766
52	K145	Mine AP M18A1 W/O Firing Device	384	454	838
53	K764	Chemical Agent CS	NIL	NIL	NIL
54	K917	Thickener Incendary Oil	NIL	NIL	NIL
55	C650	Ctg 106mm HEAT	60	48	108
56	L312	Sig Illum Para White	1404		1404
57	L314	Sig Illum Cluster Green		36	36
58	L473	Flare A/C Para		148	148
59	L407	Flare A/C Para	240		240
60	L495	Flare Surface Trip	3456		3456
61	M078	Lead Comp M18A1		40	40
62	M131	Caps Blasting Non Elec		4000	4000
63	M456	Cord Det REINFORCED	43000	54000	102000
64	M670	Fuze Blast Time M700	12000	10050	22050
65	M757	Chg Assy Demo M183	258	1000	1258
66	N335	Fuze PD	1424	7784	9208
67	AUST	9mm Mk2		33600	33600
68	AUST	Ctg 50 Cal Observ L11A1		3640	3640
69	G300	Adapt Grd		5616	5616
70	M629	Firing Device	200		200
71	M630	Firing Device	200		200
72	N278	Fuze MTSQ	112		112

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WORKSHOPS STATISTICS

G17's for Month

Total 97
Total Hours 360

Tech Inspection

Total 67
Total Hours 627

GE Jobs

Total 10
Total Hours 66

Total Hours for Month 1053

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MONTHLY AIR DISPATCH STATISTICS 25 JAN - 24 FEB 71

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	38	36,650			36,650						38	36,650			36,650
SKYCRANE	L	4	66,000			66,000	4	66,000			66,000	8	132,000			132,000
CHINOOK	L	94	659,675	120	30,000	689,675	41	257,850	115	28,750	265,900	135	917,525	235	58,750	976,275
TOTAL		136	762,325	120	30,000	792,325	45	323,850	115	28,750	331,900	181	1,086,175	235	58,750	1,140,925
								OTHER LOCATIONS								
IROQUOIS			-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
CHINOOK	L						24	166,566			166,566	24	166,566			166,566
TOTAL			-	-	-	-	24	166,566			166,566	24	166,566	-	-	166,566
COMBINED TOTALS		136	762,325	120	30,000	792,325	69	490,416	115	28,750	498,466	205	1,252,741	235	58,750	1,307,491

Flying time for the month (incl refuel and maint breaks): 42 hrs

Blade Tons per hour:

13.905 tons per hour

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COMMAND STRUCTURE

<u>Under Command</u>	<u>Establishment</u>			<u>Pers Posted</u>			<u>Advised in by PO</u>		
	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>WO/Sgt</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>WO/Sgt</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>WO/Sgt</u>	<u>ORs</u>
a. HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC	4	5	9	4	5	8			2
b. Det 176 AD Coy RAASC	1	3	26	1	3	23			3
c. Det 52 Sup Pl RAASC	1	3	12	1		6			1

Under Operational Control

a. Det 8 Pet Pl RAASC				2	12
b. Det 25 Sup Pl RAASC				1	4
c. Det 1 Pl 2 AFCU	1			2	7

Under Command for Local Admin

a. 1 OFP	2	9	36
b. Det 1 AFV Cash Office	1	4	2

RTA Forecast (During reporting period 25 Mar - 24 Apr 71)

a. HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC	2
b. Det 176 AD Coy	2

RTA Forecast (During reporting period 25 Apr - 24 May 71)

a. HQ 26 Tpt Coy RAASC	1	1
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