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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, MAG-16 1-31 December 1969

PART ONE

Organization Data

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1. LtCol John W. COFFLIN, Commanding Officer, 1-16Dec69
    LtCol Peter C. SCAGLIONE, JR. Commanding Officer, 19-31Dec69
    Maj Robert L. PETERSON, Executive Officer, 1-19Dec69
    Maj Edward H. WALSH, Commanding Officer, 17-18Dec69, Executive Officer,
20-31Dec69
    Maj Frank P. ACCOMANDO, Base Operations Officer, 1-31Dec69
    Maj Herman F. MISITIS, Civil Affairs Officer, 1-31Dec69
    Maj Rudolph M. NEBEL, Officer in Charge MATCU-68, 1-31Dec69
    Capt Thomas L. JONES, Executive Officer, Zulu Company, 1-5Dec69
    Capt Roger R. BURK, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-31Dec69
    Capt Jack W. WHIELER, Motor Transport Officer, 1-31Dec69
    Capt Wallace E. WANDENBERG, Provost Marshal, 1-5Dec69
    Capt Joseph C. MATTE, Communications Officer, 1-31Dec69
    Capt Carl E. MIMEY, Crash Crew Officer, 1-31Dec69
    Capt Earl P. BASHER, Assistant Officer in Charge, MATCU-68, 1-31Dec69
    Capt Gordon P. STIRLING, Operations Officer, MATCU-68, 1-31Dec69
    Capt James E. HOLD, Maintenance Officer, MATCU-68, 1-31Dec69
    Capt Kenneth A. STAWNACK, Clubs Officer, 1-31Dec69
1stLt Robert M. WIILMAN, Legal Officer, 1-31Dec69
    1stLt Walter P. HOLTAM, TAFDS Officer, 1-31Dec69
    1stLt Francis L. GUALANDRI, Material Officer, 1-31Dec69
    lstLt John B. CHNEENU, Utilities Officer, 1-31Dec69
    1stLt Harold C. KERN, Provost Marshal, 6-31Dec69
    1stLt Thomas N. TUTHILL, GCA Officer, 1-31Dec69
    1stLt Philip A. GREANISH, GCA Officer, 1-31Dec69
    1stLt Richard C. JONELY, Tower Officer, 1-31Dec69
    lstLt James R. BOWMAN, GCA Officer, 1-31Dec69
    1stLt Bobby C. ARNSDORFF, Embarkation Officer, 1-31Dec69
    lstLt Louis F. LT, Assistant CAO Officer, 1-31Dec69
    1stLt James T. STOJ, THO Phu Bai, 1-31Dec69
2ndLt William FOWLER, Executive Officer, 6-31Dec69
2ndLt Bruce D. BITTLE, Assistant Communications Officer, 11-31Dec69
    2ndLt Louis MCLAURIN, Communications Officer, Phu Bai, 11-31Dec69
    CMO-3 Edward A. C. DOMNES, Ordnance Officer, 1-31Dec69
    C. 10-2 Francis E. L. BRIDGES, Assistant Crash Crew Officer, 1-31Dec69
    CMO-2 Neil B. InBELLE, Weather Officer, 1-31Dec69
    CLO-2 Charles A. ZIFMERTIN, Administrative Officer, 1-31Dec69
    LtCdr Edward L. GALLAGHER, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31Dec69
    LtCdr James F. LYONS, Group Medical Officer, 1-31Dec69
    Lt Henry G. COOK, Protestant Chaplain, 1-31Dec69
    Lt Paul H. DUMDEY, Squadron Medical Officer, 1-31Dec69
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2. Marine Officers - 37 Navy Officers - 4 Marine Enlisted - 915 Navy Enlisted - 22





PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31 December 1969. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility, An Hoa Air Field, LZ Baldy, Hill 55 and Phu Bai.

Significant Events

- 1. <u>Personnel</u>. Four (4) Marine Officers and one hundred and fifty-five (155) Marine Enlisted were joined. Three (3) Marine Officers and ninty-two (92) Marine Enlisted were dropped. There were the following promotions; Ten (10) to Sergeant, Thirteen (13) to Corporal, Forty (40) to Lance Corporal and four (4) to Private First Class.
- 2. Administration. On 17 December 1969 Major Edward H. WAISH relieved Lieutenant Colonel John V. COFFMAN as Commanding Officer of Marine Air Base Squadron 16. On 19 December 1969 Lieutenant Colonel Poter C. SCAGLIONE, JR. relieved Major Edward H. WAISH as Commanding Officer of Marine Air Base Squadron 16.
- 3. Awards. During the month of December 1969, there were four (4) Strike/Flight Air Medals awarded to MABS-16 personnel.
- 4. <u>Casualties</u>. The following casualties were reported during the month of December 1969.

Pvt Donald R. LAMBERT 250 26 63/0311 USMC, died GSW lower left abdomen 27Dec69,

LCpl Richard V. BOSWELL 244 94 84/1161 USMC, died suffication 18Dec69, Phu Bai LCpl Kenneth D. BARNES 230 54 23/1391, USMC wounded left shoulder during mortar attack, ITMAF

PFC James M. ALDERMAN 255 81 20/1391 USMC, DAI Helo accident 28Dec69, Quang Nam Province, RVN

SSgt Richard D. WAISH 145 65 60/3371 USMC, DAI Helo accident 28Dec69, Quang Nam Province, RVN

ICpl Leslie L. SHELTON 243 93 25/3071 USMC, DAI Helo accident 28Dec69, Quang Nam Province, RVN

LCPL James H. PENCE 245 81 04/3531 USMC, DAI Helo accident 28Dec69, Quang Nam Province, RVN

5. Civic Action

- a. During the month of December 1969 MAG-16 Civic Action provided MEDCAPS to the village of Binh Ky and the Orphanage at China Beach. Medical treatment was rendered to 840 persons.
- b. Six black boards were constructed by MABS-16 Utilities and delivered to Hoa Long Elementary School in Nui Kim Son. Additionally twenty (20) sheets of tin, 10 bags of cement and 30 2"x6" were delivered for the construction of a breeze-way and milk kitchen.





- c. The MAG-16's demonstration pig farm has acheived some noticable success because the villagers have finally accepted our project. The natives have demonstrated their interest in the project by constructing their own pig pen adjacent to ours and by purchasing their own sow. The six month old sow cost approximately F16000 (\$150.00) and they requested that our boars service her when the time arrives. The agreed price will be one piglet from the first litter and we can expect the mating to commence sometime in February. MAG-16's pig farm now boasts of 2 boars and five sows.
- d. Binh Ky Pacification of Binh Ky has been progressing slowly and there were no concrete results by which to guage our success in winning over the people to the GVN side. The people are noticably friendlier and healthier because of our weekly MEDCAP's and one hundred and fifty of their children are receiving an education. In conjunction with the CAP teams and Revolutionary Development personnel we have uncovered a total of fifteen VC living within the confines of the village or in the immediate vicinity. Our future project for this village is to provide enough materials for them to build a suitable village office/meeting house.
- 6. Ground Defense. Contact with the VC/NV1 during the month of December was negative.
- 7. Supply/Materiel. The following occurred in the Materiel Section during the month of December 1969.
 - a. Held a complete reconciliation of all Marine Corps Documents.
 - b. Provided the Mess Hall with (15) dz Knives, Forks and Spoons.
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 m c}$. Received and issued (500) sheets of plywood and (5000) bf of 2x4 lumber.
 - d. The Navy surveyed (1) typewriter, (5) M107's and (1) maintenance tent.
 - e. Received (3) General Purpose Tents.

Weapons

- a. Verified all serial numbers of in stock weapons with Marine Corps Property.
- b_{\bullet} Verified all serial numbers of MABS-16 held weapons held with Marine Corps Property.
 - c. Issued (30) weapons and recovered (12).





Embarkation

- a. A special classified report was submitted.
- b. Tork sheets were submitted up-dating NEDS.
- c. A special was submitted on materiel in outside storage.

Billeting

- a. Movement of personnel into the new Company Grade Officer's quarters was accomplished.
- b. Billeted all Company Grade Officer's of HML 367 upon arrival of Marble Mountain Air Facility.

Personal Effects

- a. Recieved persnal effects of (7) men for safe keeping.
- b. Made (4) shipments of personal effects.
- c. Released personal effects of (2) men from safe keeping.
- 8. Motor Transport. During the month of December, the Motor Transport Section traveled 102,473 miles, transported 28,170 passengers, hauled 62,600 gallons of water, hauled 25,700 gallons of MOGAS, hauled 23,898 gallons of diesel fuel, hauled 165,167 gallons of JP-4, hauled gallons of Av-oil, hauled 1,500 gallons of 115/145, hauled 555 tons of cargo.
 - 9. TAFDS. During the month of December 1969, TAFDS Section issued the following amount of fuel at the locations indicated below:

LOCATION	115/145	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain An Hoa Hill 55 LZ Baldy Phu Bai	228 Gal 515 Gal N/A N/A 36,694 GAl	849,918 Gal 118,923 Gal 26,543 Gal 160,262 Gal 312,742 Gal
TOTAL	37,473 Gal	1,468,388 Gal

- (2) 17 Dec 69 IZ Baldy destroyed by fire. Lost approximatly \$30,000.00 worth of equipment including \$99,000.00 of JP-4 Fuel.
- (3) 24 Dec 69 LZ Baldy back in operation with a 100,000gallon capacity of JP-4.

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- (4) An Hoa lost four (4) 10,000 gallon fuel bags due to age. No loss of fuel.
- (5) Designs in consideration to cover the MAG-16 TAFDS fuel farms with a form of reveting to prevent further catastrophes such as at LZ Baldy.
- (6) Plans submitted for construction of a new west fuel farm at MMAF. Completion will probably be during the month of January 1970.
- 10. <u>Mase Operations</u>. During the month of December 1969, the following events took place:
- a. On 4 December 1969, the TAFDS and Airfield lighting systems at Quang Tri were invoiced over to the U. S. Army and receipted for by representives of of CO, 1st Infantry Brigade at Quang Tri.
- b. On 5 December the MAG-16 Crash Crew, TAFDS, and balance of support personnel moved from Guang Tri to Phu Bai.
- c. On 7 December at Oll5 Ol30, Marble Mountain was under mortar attack. Eight (8) confirmed hits in East Mat and TAFDS areas. 1 UH-1E, 1 CH-46, 1 NC-5, and 1 715 truck were damaged; additionally, 4 pieces of TAFDS hose were lost and a TAFDS man (BARNES) was slightly injured by shrapnel.
 - d. On 7 December at 2030, 4 mortar rounds hit the Army side of the field.
- e. On 9 December Crash Crew and detachment personnel/equipment were convoyed to LZ Baldy.
- f. On 17 December at 2230, received notification that TAFDS farm at LZ Baldy had burned. Loss amounted to 2-20,000 gallon and 2-10,000 gallon bags of JP Fuel. Other bags were damaged by bull dozers.
- g. On 24 December at 1200, new TAFDS farm was completed and in operation at IZ Baldy.

Crash Crew

a. Personnel

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility	28
(2) U. S. Army Augumentation	6
(3) An Hoa	8
(4) IE Baldy	9
(5) Phu Bai	26



Equipment

MAAF

- (1) Equipment assigned this section consists of: One (1) MB-1 Crash Fire Truck
 - Five (5) MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks (1) Pending survey
 - Two (2) M116A1
 - Two (2) 1700
 - Two (2) 7/T
 - Two (2) 530B Pumpers (1) pending survey

LZ BALDY

- One (1) MB-5 OSK
 - Two (2) II116Al (1) has a TAU Unit
 - One (1) 6x6

- (1) Two (2) M116A1 with TAU Units
 - One (1) MB-5 OSK
 - One (1) 6x6

PHU BAI

- (1) Two (2) M116Al with TAU Units
 - Four (4) MB-5
 - One (1) Water Tanker
 One (1) R/W Foamer
 One (1) 530-c
 One (1) Fire Truck

 - Two (2) P/up M-715
- c. Emergency Responses
 - (1) Marble Mountain Air Facility

Aircraft	Aircraft	Structural	Structural
Emergency Responses	Fires	Responses	Fires
18	0	5	0

1/C Hover Checks Standby Defuels Standby Washdowns

Air Freight and Passenger Section

a. The total monthly operations conducted by Marble Mountain ..ir Facility Air Freight Section during the month of December 1969 is as follows:

		PXX	JEIGHT	CUFT
An Hoa		478	53,868	1885
Phu Bai	*	468	74 , 994	5956
LZ Baldy		179	59 , 635	3511
Other		137	700	7 5
	TOTAL	862	189,193	11,427





Tower

a. The total monthly operations conducted by Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 68 during the month of December 1969 are as follows:

1. Air control

a.	MMAF Tower	SVFR IFR	24,061 1,258 8
		TOTAL	25 , 327
	MMAF GCA	VFR IFR TOTAL	681 63 744
b.	An Hoa Tower		4,232 396 4,628
	An Hoa GCA	VFR IFR TOTAL	46 0 46
c.	Baldy Tower	VFR	10,633

Weather

a. During the month of December 1969, the Weather Section continued to support all Marine Aircraft Group 16 operations in the Marble Mountain, An Hoa and LZ Baldy areas.

11: Food Service

a. There were approximately 216,680 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhalls during the month of December, which includes all normal meals and party rations. Bread and donuts for the month of December were issued from the Red Beach Bakery. The messhall is required to pick up the donuts three (3) times weekly and bread each day. Marble Mountain Messhall used approximately 5,700 pounds of flour for the preparation of pastries, pies, and bread rolls for party rations. Fresh and dry stores were procured from NSA.

b. As reported in last month's report a new scullery is being added to the Enlisted mess, but has not been completed as of yet. A new tin roof has been put on the Enlisted Messhall. Foundations have been laid around the G. I. Houses both at the "O" Mess and Enlisted Mess for cement. This is for when the area is washed down the spillage of garbage can be washed back in the G. I. Houses instead of being washed over the outside area. The extension on the Enlisted mess pot shack has been completed and now in operation.





c. On the job training and technical training was conducted for all mess personnel and properly recorded. Night snacks were furnished for all enlisted clubs for the month of December. As reported in last month's report the messhall is still unable to furnish for parties. The drainage problem in back of the Enlisted Mess remains the same. The area between the staff scullery and Enlisted mess needs a drainage system.

12. Base Services/Utilities

- a. <u>Water Point</u>. During the month of December 1969, the Utilities Water Point distributed a total of 3,776,740 gallons of potable water. Of this a total of 105,133 gallons were distributed to other units outside of MAG-16.
- b. Paint Shop. During the month of December 1969, the Utilities Paint Shop completed a total of 27 work orders. Signs were painted for HAMS-16, ISO, and MAG-16 Messhalls.
- c. <u>Electric Shop</u>. During the month of December 1969, the Utilities Electric completed a total of 76 work orders. Power was connected to the MAG-16 MARS Station. Flourescent light fixtures were installed at CCS. HAMS-16 Avionics and VMO-2 Administration buildings were relamped. All electrical discrepancies on the Fire Marshall's Report were repaired. Minor electrical repairs were made throughout the MAG-16 area. The Utilities Section Electric Shop has a man at An Hoa as a generator operator to supply emergency power for flight line and a man is also supplied for off duty hours to answer any electrical problems that arise. The Electric Shop completed the above with a total of eighteen men.
- d. Plumbing Shop. During the month of December 1969, the Utilities Plumbing Shop completed a total of 24 work orders. Sinks were installed at Dental and MAG-16 CO's trailer. The X-Ray machine at the Medical Department was moved to a new location. The walkin refer at the Staff Club was disconnected. Many smaller jobs were also completed, such as repairs to the enlisted showers, repairing leaks and unstopping drains at the mess halls.
- e. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of December 1969, the Utilities Section Refrigeration Shop completed a total of 34 work orders. Most of these were repairs on the air conditioners in the officer living area. Uater coolers and refrigerators were also repaired. Hany units were sent to China Beach Refrigeration Shop for repairs.
- f. Base Laundry. During the month of December 1969, the Base Laundry processed a total of 2,786 bundles of clothing. An additional 7,350 pounds of organizational gear was also processed for a total of 52,275 pounds of clothing processed. The individual bundle service remains open to all ranks.





Carpenter Shop. During the month of December 1969, the Utilities Carpenter Shop completed a total of 102 work orders. Embarkation boxes were built for HJH-463 and Crash Crew. The main gate was enclosed with plexiglass. The entire exterior covering at Heavy Equipment was replaced and a new wet garbage hut at the Officer's Messhall was constructed. Blast wall revetments for ROK Marine detachment was completed. Security fencing was installed at HJH-364 and HJH-463's armories. The construction of a door for HJH-361, baffle around a compressor at HJH-167 hanger, supply shelves for MJG-16 Medical Department and a log book box for VJMO-2 Maintenance were also completed. Cubby hole boxes for Base Operations, shelves and cabinets for the Medical Department, pigeon hole and MJRS Gram boxes were also built. Partitions and walls were removed at MJG-16 Medical Department. Many small work orders were completed throughout the living area. A total of 100 sheets of plywood were issued for self help projects. The Carpenter Shop completed the above with a total of 43men.

13. Heavy Equipment

- a. <u>Maintenance</u>. For the month of December 1969, the maintenance section opened twelve (12) work orders. Out of this number eight (8) were closed out. Two (2) remain open from the month of November.
- b. Operations. The operations section completed 437 equipment requests. Of this total the following break down is submitted.

Art		3000lb forklift	28
C-40		4000lb forklift	60
RTF		6000lb forklift	173
H-150-C		15000lb forklift	0
72-31M		Scooploader	71
M-12		Grader	2
√abco		${ t Grader}$	17
M-160		Crane, Anthony	0
M-180		Crane, Bay City	0
325-TC		P&H Crane	83
D-4		Dozer	4
	TOTAL		437

14. Ordnance. During the month of December 1969, the MABS-16 Ordnance section issued a total of 11,097 Thite Phosphorus and High Explosive reckets. 773,600 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 1,550 rounds of restricted ammunition was transferred to MAG-11 Ammo Dump for disposition. Received by MAG-16 Ordnance during the month of December, 1,700 White Phosphorus rockets.





15. Exchange. During the month of December 1969, the Exchange and Facilities sales totaled as listed below:

Exchange	\$96,760.97
James E. LEE	5,799.75
Saehan Laboratories	4,657.60
Huynh PHUNG Laundry & Gift Shops	6 , 751.20
LOC SVP LTD Barber Shops	1,806.50
SAX Tailor	14,493.00
Photo & Engraving	2 , 744 . 35
Kong YONG Laundry	6,440.30
Kim YONG Portrait	173.00
Harilela's Tailor	6,523.50

Total

\$136,882.32





AN HOA AIRFIELD COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR THE LIGHTH OF DECEMBER 1969

- 1. During the month of December 1969, the MNG-16 Detachment supported all transient aircraft with the following services, crash, fire, rescue, weather, refueling, ordnance and Air Traffic Control.
- 2. During the month of December, An Hoa Combat Base received only occasional light sniper fire on two occasions. This sniper fire was in the MATCU-68 area, there were no casualties.
- 3. A brief description of activities are as follows.
- a. Weather. The Weather Section provided meteorological services to the 5th Marine Regiment, Air Traffic Control Tower, and Marble Mountain Air Facility.
- b. Communications. The Communications Section provided its normal functions as a radio link between An Hoa Airfield and Marble Mountain Air Facility. Traffic consisted of weather reports and general administrative messages.
- c. Crash Crew. Crash Crew continued to provide it's function as Crash, Fire and Rescue Services to An Hoa Combat Base. The section leader conducted the monthly fire inspection on 17-18 December for the 5th Marine Regiment. Crash Crew responded to the following:
 - 4Dec69 UHlC with hydraulic failure
 - 12Dec69 Fire in 5th Marine Mess Hall
 - 13Dec69 CH-46 with blade tip damage.
 - 26Dec69 CH-46 electrical fire
 - 29Dec69 Cobra hydraulic failure
 - 31Dec69 Cobra hydraulic failure
- d. TAFDS. The TAFDS Tection provided JP-4 and Aviation Gasoline refueling services to all aircraft requesting same.

	115/145 AvGas	<u>JP-4</u>
NO. GAL REC'D	0	99,615
NO. GAL ISSUED	6,586	121,129
NO. GAL ON HAND	3,606	37,071

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e. Ordnance. The MAG-16 Detachment provided Ordnance support for all aircraft requesting same.

TYPE	ISSUED	ON HAND
HE ROCKET	553	421
WP ROCKET	116	162
7.62 Belted	20,600	36,000 rds
•50 Belted	0	2,124 rds
Red Smoke	47	33 Grenades
Green Smoke	41	19 Grenades
40mm Belted	250	850 rds

f. MATCU-68. During the month of December 1969 Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 68 provided services at An Hoa Airfield. These services consisted of Control Tower, Ground Control Approach, and TACAN. Airfield operations for the month are as follows.

	FIXED WING	HELICOPTER	\underline{GCA}
VFR	220	3,951	4 6
Special	16	460	





LZ BAIDY COLLIAND CHRONOLOGY FOR DECEMBER 1969

- 1. During the month of December 1969, the MAG-16 Detachment supported all transient aircraft with crash, fire, rescue services, weather, refueling services and Air Traffic Control Services.
- 2. During the reporting period, there were no incidents with the enemy.
- 3. Construction was completed on the four revetments for MATCU and Crash Craw Equipment.
- 4. A brief description of activities are as follows.
- a. <u>Veather</u>. The weather section provided meterological services to the 7th Marine Regiment, Air Traffic Control Tower and Marble Mountain Air Facility.
- b. <u>Communications</u>. Continued to function as radio link between Baldy and MTAF. <u>Communication</u> traffic consisted of weather and general administrative messages.
- c. Crash Crew responded to the following standbys after setting up on 10 December 1969.
 - 10Dec69 Lumber stacked on Amtrack caught fire. Hot spot responded. 10Gal H20
 - 10Dec69 Trash can exploded at Whiskey Battery. No agent used.
 - 11Dec69 Stand-by on CH-53D, no assistnace required.
 - 16Dec69 CH-46 down with transmission trouble, no assistance required.
 - 16Dec69 CH-46 dumped fuel, hot spot stood by.
 - 17Dec69 Crash Crew to 60,000 gallon JP-4 fuel fire at TAFDS. 38,400
- gallons of finished foam and light H2O were used. Also used were: FKP 2,070lbs $_{\rm co}$ 75lbs
 - 20Dec69 Stand-by on CH-53 with gear problems, no assistance required
 - 20Dec69 Stand-by on burn off at TAFDS
 - 21Dec69 Stand-by on UH-lE no hydraulics, no assistance required.
 - 21Dec69 Stand-by on controlled burning at TAFDS.
 - 21Dec69 40 gallons of water used to extinguish controlled burning at TAFDS.
 - 22Dec69 Stand-by on UH-1E with tail rotor problems. No assistance required.
 - 27Dec69 Shower fire at aid station extinguished with 5 lb CO2 bottle.
- 27Dec69 Tar fire at aid station extinguished with two 151b PKP bottles. Hot spot responded to cool tar.
 - 30Dec69 Hot spot responded to fire in TAFDS area. It was controlled burning.

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d. $\overline{\text{TMFDS}}$. The TMFDS section provided JP-4 refueling services to all aircraft requesting this service.

NO. GAL REC'D

<u>P-4</u> 272,042

MO. GAL ISSUED

9 3 3 %

181,731

NO. GAL ON HAND

50,346

LOST IN FIRE

99,622

e. MATCU-68. MATCU continues to provide Air Traffic Control Services at LZ Baldy. Aircraft operations for the month.

FIXED WING 60

HELICOPTER 10,573