

## October, 1945: Form 540 Mingaladon

357 Squadron, Mingaladon Detachment

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events				
Mingaladon	October	1945	Part I, Operations				
			During the month of October a total of 125 trips were flown. A number of these consisting of individual sorties to two DZ's on one trip, resulting in the high aggregate of 145 individual sorties for the month, out of these only 1 trip was unsuccessful, and this was a result of engine trouble developing soon after take off. The aircraft began to lose height badly and the crew were forced to jettison their load before finally ending at Bangkok after being airborne for 2 hrs 50 mins. The flights' efforts during this month as in the month before were devoted almost entirely to flying medical supplies, personnel and food into SIAM and carrying out P.O.W's. the only difference being that during this month a much larger area was covered than previously (see operational synopsis). A small number of sorties were also flown to the old Character area in Burma for the purpose of dropping food supplies and a number of nickels were dropped over towns in Siam. The weather during the month was continually good as can be gathered from the fact no sorties failed from this cause. No losses were sustained by the unit during the month and altogether a very successful record of sorties was shown.				
			Operational Synopsis for October 1945				
Code Name	Place or Area	Country	Position in Lat. & Long	Number of Sorties Flown			Remarks
				Su	Uns	Total	
--	Kanchanaburi	Siam		15	--	15	
--	Saraburi	Siam		18	--	18	
--	Nakon Pathon	Siam		21	1	22	The one failure was due to engine trouble.
--	Petchaburi	Siam		15	--	15	
--	Tamungmaung	Siam		20	--	20	
--	Bangkok	Siam		20	--	20	
--	Chumphorn			1	--	1	
--	Mytkyina			1	--	1	
DZ		Burma	18.36N 92.29E	1	--	1	
DZ		Burma	17.53N 97.17E	1	--	1	
	Tavoy	Siam		1	--	1	
	Ubon	Siam	15.14N 104.54E	1	--	1	
	Pakse (A/F)		15.10N 100.45E	1	--	1	
Mongoose Character	Kyundaw	Burma		8	--	8	
Otter DZ.2037		Burma	18.36N 97.03E	1	--	1	
Hyena		Burma	18.24N 97.17E	4	--	4	

Heavy Wolf	Kengtung (A/F)	Burma		2	--	2		
	Namsang (A/F)			2	--	2		
	Moulmein	Siam		5	--	5		
	(Selcta A/F) Singapore			2	--	2		
	Port Blair (A/F)			1	--	1		
	Mergui			2	--	2		
Walrus Blue		Burma	19.34N 97.04E	1	--	1		
		Grand	Total	144	1	145		
			Total Number of sorties flown in October 1945: - 145					
Mingaladon	October	1945						
			Part II Administration					
	Oct. 1st		A new officers' mess was opened today.					
	Oct. 1st		The D.F.M. was awarded to 1338669 F/S. Nelson, J. R. (now commissioned) authority London Gazette of 8/5/45.					
	Oct. 5th		A Pay parade was held in the Admin. block at 1400 hrs with F/O. Cumber and F/O. MacKey as witnessing officers.					
	Oct. 5th		The 1939-45 and Burma Star were awarded to F/S Thorne (1652917), and 942386 Cpl. Carr (P.O.R 59/45 of 19/9/45)					
	Oct. 7th		S/Ldr Turner assumes command of detachment vic S/Ldr. O'Brien DFC, (absent on duty) w.e.f. 7/10/45.					
	Oct. 12th		The C.O. and S.M.O. inspected 357 Sqdn living quarters today					
	Oct. 14th		S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien D.F.C. resumes command of 357 Sqdn. Detachment vic S/Ldr. C. A. Turner. w.e.f. 14/10/45					
	Oct. 14th		F/O. F. C. Cooke was awarded a bar to his D.F.C. and F/L. D. H. Hulme was awarded the D.F.C. Authority, London Gazette of 2/10/45					
	Oct. 23rd.		A clothing parade was held with F/O Hallett as witnessing officer.					
	Oct. 29th.		F/O. I. O. Hughes assumed duties as Education Officer w.e.f. 29/10/45/					
	October		Recreation					
			As in the previous month a certain number of inter-section and Squadron Football Matches were organised.					
Jessore	October	1945	RAF Officers POR's 6th, 20th, 21st, & 27th.					
			Postings					
			P/O. Floyd, D. M. 193017 Nav.				Posted to 357 Sqdn from RAF Poona w.e.f. 12/9/45	
			F/Lt. Hanes, E. A. 152121 GD.P.					
			F/O. Thompson, R. J. 167283 GD.P.					
			P/O. Lycett, D. J. K. 167626 A/B.					
			F/O. E. G. Reynard 164006 GD.P.					
			P/O. J. W. Rogers 167890 GD.P.					
			P/O. R. G. Hughes 167924 Nav.					
			P/O. D. C. Langley 167904 GD.A/B					
			F/O. J. M. R. Jones 57031 GD.W/Air					
			F/O. M. J. Reilly 52413 Tech/Arm				Posted to 357 Sqdn. 25/10/45.	
			P/O. P. Kershaw 197925 Nav.				Posted to 357 Sqdn. on grant of	

			commission in RAF VR wef 3/10/45
		P/O. C. C. Hood 915987 GD.NB.	Posted to 3.R.E.C. Worli wef 23/10/45
		P/O E. A. Wheelhouse 196400 GD/P.	Posted RAF Dalbungar wef 26/10/45
		Promotions	
		F/O. R. Carter SR141543 GD/NavB.	Promoted to F/Lt. w.e.f. 27/3/45.
		P/O. G. Hannah 190060 GD(W/Air)	Promoted to F/O w.e.f. 10/4/45
		P/O. R. M. Davies 166364 GD (WAG)	Promoted to F/O w.e.f. 8/3/45
		P/O. P. L. Dalington 181792 GD(P)	Promoted to F/O w.e.f. 11/5/45
		Metals and Decorations	
		F/O. F. C. Cooke, DFC 187366 GD/P Awarded bar to DFC Auth. C.R.O's 8/10/45.	
		F/Lt. D. H. Hulme 141559 GD/NB Awarded DFC Auth C.R.O's 8/10/45.	
		R.C.A.F. Officers POR's 23th October '45.	
		Postings	
		P/O. V. R. Woodland J95593 GD WAG	Posted from 357 Sqdn. to B.R.D. Worli wef 20/10/45.
		F/Lt. B. G. Hewson J10354 GD/P	
		F/O. G. A. Mackey J45823 GD/Nav	
		F/O. F. B. Spence J46787 GD/WAG	
		F/O. J. A. Tarzwell J45944 GD/Nav	
		F/O. R. Pomazon J40764 GD/WAG	
		F/O. R. Sinclair J46521 GD/Nav	
		P/O. V. R. Woodland J95593 GD/WAG	
		Appointments	
		P/O. V. R. Woodland J95593 GD/WAG	Appointed to commissioned Rank as P/O in GD Branch RCAF wef 26/7/45.
		357 SD Sqdn Statement of Personnel Strength as of October 31st 1945.	
		Airmen	Officers
		RAF	Total
		642	71
			713
		For Wing Commander,	
		Commanding 357 SD Squadron RAF	