

September 1945: Form 540

358 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
R.A.F. Jessore			I-Operations
	1		Operations Order No. 126
	2		Aircraft of 159 and 356 Squadron commenced operating on S.D. Duties, in conjunction with this Squadron from Jessore.
	5		Operations Order No. 127
	7		Operations Order No. 128
	10		Operations Order No. 129
	11		Operations Order No. 130
	13		Operations Order No. 131
	15		Operations Order No. 132
	17		Operations Order No. 133
	19		Operations Order No. 134
	21		Operations Order No. 135
	23		Operations Order No. 136
	25		Operations Order No. 137
	29		Operations Order No. 138
			Operational Summary.
			Hostilities having ceased, the Squadron's main work for the month was devoted to assisting in P.O.Ws.. Camps were located and personnel with medical, clothing and food supplies were dropped in their vicinity, often with a waving cheering crowd of P.O.Ws at the reception end.
			Weather steadily improved as the month progressed, and it is notable that only 2 sorties this month were unsuccessful for reason of weather, against 10 unsuccessful last month for this reason.
			A number of S.D. sorties were ordered during the month to keep parties in the field supplied pending their withdrawal, and it was noticeable that the location of DZs became progressively easier as parties were able to move with more freedom and more into the open. This is reflected in the fact that only 3 sorties this month failed for lack of reception at DZ. By the end of the month parties were beginning to wind up their activities and last visits by crews to certain DZs had taken place.
			In the third week Canadian crews said goodbye to the Squadron en route for home, and whilst wishing them luck the Squadron will feel the absence of S/L. Fayle, F/L. Ellinor and F/O. Free and their crews.
			The Squadron's record of operations for the month stands very high indeed.
			II-Administration.
	28		S/Ldr. S. J. Pollock, DFC assumed Command of the Squadron vice W/Cdr. E. C. Badcoe, DFC (on course).
			III-Personel.
	7		Two new crews (Captains F/O. L. Marsh and P/O. D. Abercrombie) arrived on the Squadron from R.A.F. Kolar.
	9		In view of the fact that the 2 crews who arrived on the 7th were surplus to requirements authority was given by H.Qs. Burma to transfer these crews to 159 Squadron. Crews proceeded today.

	14		F/O. I. N. Wilson and crew completed Operational tour on the Squadron and were put up for disposal.
	20		Notification of R.C.A.F. unscrambling received. All R.C.A.F. personnel to be at BRD. Worli by the end of the month.
			F/Lt. R. L. Husband and crew classified as Operationally tour expired.
			Personnel Strength at End of Month:
			Officers 93 S.N.C.Os. 253 B.O.Rs. 407. I.O.Rs. 1 E/Fs. 77.
			IV-Honours and Awards
	15		Information received that 1554259. W/O. Tucker, C. E. had been awarded the D.F.M. Authy: London Gazette dated 8.5.45.
			V-General.
	4		The Commanding Officer (W/Cdr. E. C. Badcoe) and F/O. T. Reader (Adjt) proceeded to AHQ. Burma on duty. Returned same day.
	11		An E.N.S.A. concert "Variety Cyclone" gave shows on 11th, 12th and 13th in the Station Canteen.
	24		A photograph of Squadron personnel was taken with aircraft in background.
	26/27		Owing to there being no operational commitments to fulfill the Squadron 'Stood Down' with the exception of essential duty personnel, on the 26th and 27th. September 1945.
	27		The A.O.C., AHQ. Burma (Air Marshal Sir Hugh Saunders, KBE, CB., MC., DFC., M.M.) visited the station.
			Navigation and Signals officers Operational Records attached. Appendices 14 & 15.
			(H. P. Legg)
			Squadron Leader, Commanding,
			No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.