

Movement Order 357 Squadron

Information

- (1) To supplement the operational efforts of No. 200 Squadron, four (4) Liberators, complete with aircrew and ground personnel will move to Minneriya (Ceylon) on 20th May, 1945. Details of personnel appear in Appendix "A"; details of air lift in Appendix "B".
- (2) Command and Control – The Flight will be under the command of S/Ldr. O. A. H. Sims, of 357 Squadron, and will be directly responsible to the Officer Commanding; No. 200 Squadron.
- (3) Maintenance – the NCO i/c detachment servicing party will be responsible to the Engineer Officer, 200 Squadron, who will supervise all maintenance.
- (4) Air Movement – The whole detachment will move by air on 20th May, 1945; Liberators to fly direct to Minneriya, and Dakotas to stage through St. Thomas' Mount.
- (5) Administration – Personnel are to take all personal kit with them, including bedding and mosquito nets. Officers to take camp kits.

Date: 17th May, 1945

Wing Commander,
Commanding 357 Squadron, R.A.F.

357 Detachment
Minneriya

Appendix "A"

Nominal Roll of Personnel

Officer in charge of Detachment – S/Ldr. O. A. H. Sims

(1) Aircrew

Crew No. 1		Crew No. 2	
C.1490	S/L. O. A. H. Sims	131571	F/Lt. G. Smith
R.195421	Sgt. Gray, N. A.	1599594	F/S. Taylor, R. F.
C.4277	S/L. D. D. Wilson	1396833	W/O. Smith, ? S.
1577877	F/S. Hopkins, D. J.	1301866	F/S. Tate, J.
J.48181	P/O. F. E. Draper	1217738	W/O. Powell, L. J.
J.48177	P/O. A? Fisk?maurice	658246	W/O. Smith, H. R.
J.47457	P/O. J. M. Flanagan	3041232	Sgt. Stott, J.
J.47453	P/O. G. D. Hercus	J.45348	P/O. MacDougald, P? O.
Crew No. 3		Crew No. 4	
J.12779	F/O. A. F. Timmermans	J.23275	F/O. W. J. C. Jackson
R.217478	Sgt. Dellis, D. L.	J.44392	F/O. E. H. Mercer
J.47344	P/O. J. J. P. Perron	J.45134	P/O. G. F. MacKelvie
J.47321	P/O. ? W? Reeve	J.45192	P/O. A. E. Duff
J.47871	P/O. W. P. McLeod	1342742	F/S. Laird, T.
J.27869	P/O. C. Faulkner	R.266024	Sgt. Bale, J. G?
R.279733	Sgt. Andrews, H. ?	J.45350	P/O. J. L. Beirnes?
R.278843	Sgt. Giesbrecht, R.	R.281231	Sgt. Astle, P. ?
		R?77617	Sgt. Patterson, ?

Total: 18 Officers
15 SNCOs

Total: 33

(2) Ground Personnel

NCO i/c Ground Personnel – 546463 Sgt. Langfield, F. H. (F.2A)

(i) "A" Flight

Fitter IIE		Fitter IIA	
541196	Sgt Goodson	546463	Sgt. Langfield
643585	Cpl. Eckford	1223508	Cpl. Rainbow
Flight Mechanic E.		Flight Mechanic A.	
1646046	LAC Trehane	1479008	LAC Burn
1450449	LAC Davey	1526726	LAC Robinson
1585486	LAC Harris	1891319	LAC Mills
1640016	LAC Gibbs	1900357	AC Byrne
1396430	LAC Folkard		
1402738	LAC Burley		
1237956	LAC Botten		
1636986	LAC Cooke		

1092318	AC Lyon		
3008021	AC Sharpe		
1860315	AC Taylor		
1615115	LAC Vials		

(ii) R. & I. Echelon

Fitters IIE.		Fitters IIE.		Fitters IIA.	
907404	Sgt Evans	1298191	Cpl Cavill	1175220	Sgt Blu??ell
957451	Cpl Hunn?	1345876	LAC Stitt	1052267	Cpl Hooley
1721694	LAC Nye	1636806	LAC Baxter	1351909	LAC Essam
1620717	AC. Hill	1711763	LAC Messenger	1375099	LAC Verg?uen
1276465	AC. Burley				
Electricians		Instrument Repairers			
1697047	LAC Greaves (E.I)	3001253		LAC Coiley (I.R.II)	
1481825	LAC Thorpe II	1268252		LAC Haynes (I.R.II)	
3021573	AC. Avery II				

(iii) H.Q.

14361751	LAC. Tyler (ACH/GD)	1656753	LAC. Platt (DMT)
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(iv) Wireless Section		(v) Armament Section	
1044926	Sgt. Dixon, H. J. (i/c)	1063708	Cpl Higgins (Fitt/Arm)
1570958	AC. Russell	1407910	LAC March (Fitt/Arm)
3005837	LAC Waldie	2213206	LAC Thorpe (Arm)
3005566	AC. Bland	1617124	LAC Duffield (Arm)
3208074	AC. Davis, A. E.	1484982	LAC Hoyle (Arm/Gun)
		1612404	LAC Tong (Arm)
		2209151	AC. Elson (Arm/Asst)

Summary: Ground Personnel
 S.N.C.Os ... 5
 Airmen ... 47 Total ... 52

 Aircrew
 Officers ... 18
 SNCOs ... 15 Total ... 33