

US Military

There is anecdotal evidence of US Military being at Sculthorpe in 1946/47. There had been some there in the Spring of 1944, but the War ended in May 1945 and Sculthorpe was still a few months away from being finished.

So why were they there in 1946/47?

The answer may lie with RAF Marham. In 1948 Sculthorpe became a satellite of Marham. There had been US Military and bombers at Marham in 1946, perhaps Sculthorpe was being sized up to see if it would be suitable for future use.

It is known that the US wanted use of the station in 1946 when it was thought that the USSR was considering invading Turkey because of a historic land swap and Soviet troops were still in occupation of Iranian oilfields.

Negotiations about the use of Sculthorpe were protracted and were sometimes delayed by other events. With the advent of the Berlin Airlift, agreement was reached and US bombers arrived at Sculthorpe in February 1949.