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COMBATIVE COMBAT REPORT OF GROUP 327-339

- A. **MISSION** : 327-339, 10 October 1944, 372nd Bomb Sq. (B) AAF, six of seven B-24's hit the secondary target.
- B. **TARGET** : Cracking Plant and Tank Farm in south central section of Balikpapan.
- C. **TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE** : 1107 I to 1109 I.  
: 20,500 to 20,600 feet true.
- D. **PBS' LTS' PERFORMANCE** : Excellent. 10 to 15 stray bombs in the water. Pattern started 2,500 feet east of the cracking plant on a 300° mag heading and fell across the tank farm and the north part of the cracking plant. 2 to 3 fires and heavy black smoke in the paraffin refinery. 1 fire 1,500 feet east of pier 6. Fires with a 20,000 foot column of black smoke at Pandanari.  
Enemy Losses--0 A/C:  
2 kills by PBS's near Manggar.  
2 kills by PBS's 20 miles east northeast of Manggar.  
At 1140 I while at 11,000 feet an unidentified enemy fighter was seen to explode, cause unknown.  
Friendly Losses:  
1 A/C holed by A/A (slightly damaged).  
1 A/C holed twice by 20 mm, once in the nose and once a foot from the pilot's knee. Pilot and co-pilot wounded (pilot seriously).
- E. **INTERCEPTION** : 7 to 10 enemy fighters (1 Tony, 2 Zekes, and the rest unidentified) intercepted from 1107 to 1140 I, attacking from about 20,000 feet true. (See diagrams)
- F. **BRIEF DETAILS** : A total of 11 passes were made on our squadron.  
1 pass straight down from 11 o'clock.  
1 pass from 11 o'clock low, breaking away low in a 360° turn.  
2 phosphorus bomb attacks from 11 o'clock high by 1 Tony and 1 Zeke at 1138 I and 1140 I.  
1 pass 11 o'clock high sprayed the formation then broke down to his right in front of B-1 and B-6.  
1 pass pass from 5 o'clock level.  
3 passes from 1 o'clock high, breaking off low.  
2 passes from 2 o'clock high, breaking off low.  
Enemy was not eager with most passes breaking off at 6 to 700 yards at least.
- G. **ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED** : Slight heavy A/A generally inaccurate with most of the bursts 800 feet low but on course. However a few bursts were on course and altitude.

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