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372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
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NARRATIVE COMBAT REPORT OF MISSION # 807-342

- A. MISSION NO. : 807-342, 18 October 1944, 372nd Bomb Sq (H) AAF, four of seven B-24s of this squadron bombed the primary target area.
- B. TARGET : Oil refinery, Balikpapan, Borneo. Since there was complete cloud cover, four of our A/C, by individual runs, dropped over the target area on ETA from Cape Karang. 1 A/C jettisoned safe at 00° 25' S 123° 00' E from 16,000 feet at 1030 I. 1 A/C jettisoned safe at 00° 00' 123° 00' E from 8000 feet I at 1030 I. 1 A/C jettisoned safe at 01° 06' S 118° 07' E from 16,100 feet I at 1136 I.
- C. TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE : 1030 to 1136 I  
8000 feet I to 16,000 feet I.
- D. RESULTS OF BOMBING : Unobserved. Mission cannot be rated. No damage to our aircraft nor injury to personnel.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF COMBAT : Nil.
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED : Nil.
- H. PHOTOS : Nil.
- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS : Base to 00°00' - 123° 00' E to 00°00' - 123° 00' E to Cape Karang 00°35' S - 118°45' E to IP to target. Route back direct to Middleburg Island and thence to base. Nil sightings.
- J. WEATHER ENROUTE: : Base to Celebes; visibility 25-35 miles, alto-cumulus .4 base at 15,000-16,000 feet. Fracto-cumulus .4 tops 6000, winds 210° at 8 kts.  
123° E to rendezvous (Cape Karang); visibility 15 miles, winds 210° at 8 kts. Alto-cumulus .4 base at 15,000-16000 feet, cirro-stratus .5 base 20,000-22,000 feet.  
Rain encountered near Cape Karang, cumulo-congestus and cumulo-nimbus .4, tops 15,000-16,000 feet.  
Cape Karang to 118°30'E; same weather  
118°30'E to target; Solid frontal weather, visibility nil. Tops 25,000 feet estimated. Weather seemed to be moving westward.  
Cape Karang to base; winds 80°, 16-20 kts., visibility 30-40 miles. Alto stratus .4 base 15,000 feet, Fracto-cumulus .5 tops 5000 feet.

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NARRATIVE COMBAT REPORT OF MISSION # 307-542, 372ND BOMB SQ (E) AAF      CONT'D---E

- L. TYPE AND NUMBER : RTA on Primary; 4 A/C each dropped 5 X 500<sup>lb</sup> GP bombs.  
OF BOMBS DROPPED : Jettisoned; 2 A/C each jettisoned 5 X 500<sup>lb</sup> GP bombs and one  
OVER TARGET : A/C jettisoned 5 X 500<sup>lb</sup> GP bombs. All bombs had 1/10 sec. nose  
and .025 sec. tail fusing. Ammunition expended for test firing  
only.
- K. GENERAL REMARKS : Our fighter cover executed a well-timed rendezvous at Cape  
Karang and the formation left the RP exactly on schedule.

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P Capt. Mc Ilwain  
CP Lt. Patrick  
N Po. Burns  
D Lt. Rodabaugh  
M T/Sgt. Mc Nally  
R S/Sgt. Westlund  
L T/Sgt. Kendall  
B S/Sgt. Gillum  
H S/Sgt. Simmons  
T S/Sgt. Bissell

AP. 0867

P Lt. Muller  
CP Lt. Kenyon  
N Po. Biden  
D Lt. Klein  
M T/Sgt. Walter  
L S/Sgt. Haulton  
R T/Sgt. Van Geen  
B S/Sgt. Connolly  
T S/Sgt. De Busman  
H S/Sgt. Borneman

AP. 0862

P Lt. Kimble  
CP Lt. Courtois  
N Lt. Royce  
D Lt. Pfirman  
M Sgt. Powers  
H S/Sgt. Mc Clintic  
L Sgt. Walters  
B Sgt. Vogel  
R Sgt. Brass  
T S/Sgt. Mc Gaughey  
F Sgt. Leary

AP. 1364

P Lt. Liljedahl  
CP Lt. Schuster  
N Lt. Williams, T.K.  
B Lt. Mayer  
M Sgt. Yates  
H Sgt. Taylor  
L Sgt. Mc Cue  
B Sgt. Jeter  
T Sgt. Oakley  
R Sgt. Rehrobusch

AP. 1400

P Lt. Steffy  
CP Lt. Morgan  
N Lt. Lystad  
B Lt. St. John  
M T/Sgt. Harris  
L S/Sgt. Sabina  
H T/Sgt. Wintringham  
T S/Sgt. Bredensteiner  
B S/Sgt. Murphy  
R S/Sgt. Wikel  
F S/Sgt. Bura

AP. 0829

P Lt. Bowles  
CP Lt. French  
N Lt. Gualis  
B Lt. Scott, C.A.  
M T/Sgt. Minns  
H S/Sgt. Caputo  
L T/Sgt. Connelly  
T S/Sgt. Tabor  
R S/Sgt. Geris

AP. 1352

P Lt. Mc Kessie  
CP Lt. Koenig  
N Lt. Olson  
B Lt. Zeller  
H T/Sgt. Smith, A.H.  
R S/Sgt. Fields  
B T/Sgt. Harfee  
L S/Sgt. Lightle  
T S/Sgt. Hicks  
H S/Sgt. Fournaing  
F Pvt. Davis