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DD392/A9-4
Serial 012U.S.S. PATTERSON,
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San Francisco, Calif.,
6 February 1945.C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-LWAR DIARY FOR JANUARY 194511 January 1945 Cont'd

Position:	0800	17-14.0 N	119-21.0 E
	1200	17-23.0 N	119-38.0 E
	2000	17-23.0 N	119-24.0 E

12 January 1945

The formation conducted fueling operations during the day with this ship being serviced by the WINOOSKI. At 1708 disposition 5R was taken by T.U. 74.4.1 as the units that had joined the previous day departed to form a separate group. This vessel took station #7 (6090) of a 12 ship screen with the guide remaining in the MAKIN ISLAND bearing 270°T, distant 6000 yards. The WINOOSKI and HARMON joined this force for night steaming.

Position:	0800	17-05.0 N	119-10.0 E
	1200	17-30.0 N	119-21.0 E
	2000	17-43.0 N	119-26.0 E

13 January 1945

At 0830 made radar contact on bogies bearing 250°T, distant 30 miles, closing. Other ships in company had the bogies, but one ship reported them to be friendly. When range had closed to ten miles they were picked up by the main battery director Fox Dog radar, both contacts still believed to be friendly planes. The two contacts split, main battery control remaining on one which seemed to be circling out of range. At 0900, a bridge lookout reported a plane diving at the SALAMAUA. Before any warning could be given the SALAMAUA was hit by a bomb. The plane missed the ship and crashed in the water alongside. This ship went to General Quarters and proceeded to station in 5-V formation. Task Group was on course 025°T, at speed 10 knots. Soon a second plane, believed to be an Oscar, was observed diving on the formation from 285°T. Some AA fire was observed directed toward this plane and it pulled out of it's dive. Commenced firing with main battery when range was 8000 yards, expending 10 rounds of 5"/38 Cal. AA common. No further attack developed on this group. Secured from General Quarters at 0430.

Position:	0800	16-50.0 N	119-20.0 E
	1200	17-17.0 N	119-30.5 E
	2000	17-50.0 N	119-49.5 E

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Continued air operations as before. During the morning some

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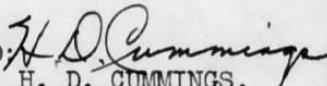
USS WINOOSKI

12 January 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	16 56 15 N	17 16 30 N	18 00 00 N
Longitude	119 13 15 E	119 21 30 E	119 38 00 E

Steaming in Task Unit 78.11.1. C.T.U. 78.11.1 in this ship. Course 337° true; speed 10 knots. At 0100 C/C to 293° true. At 0402 C/C to 270° true. At 0700 reported to C.T.G. 77.4 for duty. At 0720 C/C to 000° true. At 0900 took station for fueling. On course 020° true; speed 8 knots. At 0905 USS MAURY(DD 401) made fast to starboard side. At 0925 USS HOGGATT BAY(CVE 75) made fast to port side. At 1012 USS MAURY cast off, having received 2024 bbls of Navy Fuel Oil. At 1025 USS TALBOT(DD 390) made fast to starboard side. At 1128 USS TALBOT cast off, having received 1538 bbls of Navy Fuel Oil. At 1204 USS ULVERT M. MOORE(DE 442) made fast to starboard side. At 1241 USS HOGGATT BAY cast off, having received 7,247 bbls of Navy Fuel Oil and 20,000 gallons of Gasoline. At 1329 USS ULVERT M. MOORE cast off, having received 1,047 bbls of Navy Fuel Oil. At 1344 USS PATTERSON(DD 392) made fast to starboard side. At 1417 C/S to 9 knots. At 1445 USS PORTLAND(CA 33) made fast to port side. At 1535 USS PATTERSON cast off, having received 1,524 bbls of Navy Fuel Oil. At 1559 USS HELM(DD 388) made fast to starboard side. At 1717 USS HELM cast off, having received 1,400 bbls of Navy Fuel Oil. At 1740 USS GRIDLEY(DD 388) made fast to starboard side. At 1826 USS PORTLAND cast off, having received 7,762 bbls of Navy Fuel Oil. At 1840 USS GRIDLEY cast off, having received 700 bbls of Navy Fuel Oil. Fueling operations were very difficult due to rough sea. At 1945 joined Task Group 77.4.1. On course 000 true; speed 10 knots. C.T.G. 77.4.1 in USS MAKIN ISLAND. At 1946 C/S to 8 knots. At 1952 C/C to 160° true. At 2017 C/S to 12 knots. At 2152 C/S to 13 knots.

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