

Jan 30-31 Could not enter Massacre Bay - Storm

Feb 1 1944 (1800) Under way for Paramushiro

Feb 3 1944 (2030) general quarters -

Feb 4, 1944 (0200) chemical alarm -

(0230) commencing firing -

Entered harbor at 15 knots -

Continuous firing for 45 min.

Feb 7, 44 Atter - refuel ship -

Feb 8 - Could not enter Swaps Cove

- Storm -

Feb 9 - Entered Cold Bay and Swaps Cove

Adak - 1600 - refuel ship -

Commenced repair work -

Feb 15-20 - Tender period - continued repair

Feb 27 - Strip ship left for Atter -

Feb 28 - Storm - could not enter Massacre

Bay -

March 4 Entered Massacre Bay at 0900

refuel ship (ammunition ^{did not have time})

Underway for Paramushiro

at 1800 - Bright night -

March 2. At Sea - Calm - large swells

15 knots (1500) Strong wind

water breaking over stern too -

main deck unsafe to walk aft.

Scuttle butt is: We are heading south

of Paramushiro to intercept a Jap convoy

and two destroyers - sink them

March 4, Approached Shimushiro
at approx 0100 - went South of it into
OKHOTSK Sea - in search of Jap convoy -
Cruiser + 3 other cons. remained in
Pacific. At 0230 split to hunt convoy
at 0330 formed scouting line - no luck.
Sea began to get rough by 0930 approx
Paramushiro - Heavy blow - turned south
to hunt convoy - later to bomb
Paramushiro.

They continue north to
bombard Paramushiro (we shall
know Sat. morn)
March 3, Seas calmed quite a bit
8-12 knots since last night. Dose to
our destination.

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March 4-1944 - At 1930 all exercises were cancelled once again - Searching for convoy again on Pacific side of Kiril Island. Returned north toward Paramushiri to bombard - One hour to go for bombardment - Paramushiri about 20 miles away. Again a heavy blow - sea very rough. So exercises called off at 1930. Fuel going low. So once again back to Atter. Racks all set back for normal sleeping.

March 5 - (0400) Regular steaming watch and ship's routine. 151K Atter -

Although we did not do any damage to the enemy this time - the trip itself was well worth our discomfort. We were again the first task force (Squad 49 of T.F 94) to cruise around in Tojo's back yard (from Shimushiro approx 300 miles south of Paramushiro to north of Paramushiro). No doubt we will be back.

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