

April 14.

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1500 - The U.S.S. West Virginia reported a torpedo passing her. We were sent to look for the sub. no results.



THE OKINAWA INVASION BATTLE BEGAN APR. 1, 1945. THE FIRST 2 WEEKS OF MY DIARY WERE LOST.

1845 - Sunset - Air attack  
Three planes shot down.

UNITED STATES NAVY

## Part of the Okinawa Campaign

April 15, 1945

- 0800 Left Okinawa.
  - 0900 Arrived at Kerama Retto. Went alongside a tanker and started fueling.
  - 1000 Completed fueling. Went alongside an L.S.T. to take on ammunition.
  - 1230 - Finished loading ammunition. Went alongside another L.S.T. to unload empty powder cases.
  - 1500 Left Kerama Retto and went to the transport area at Okinawa. Tried to get mail but could find none.
  - 1830 Went alongside the battleship Tennessee to transfer a marine that we had picked up in the water a few days before.
  - 1845 Enemy air attack. Two planes shot down.
  - 1900 Air attack. One plane shot down.
  - 2000 Air attack.
  - 2030 Air attack
  - 2130 Air attack. Three planes shot down.
  - 2200 Air attack. One suicide plane hit a destroyer.
- We took a screening position around the cruisers for the rest of the night.