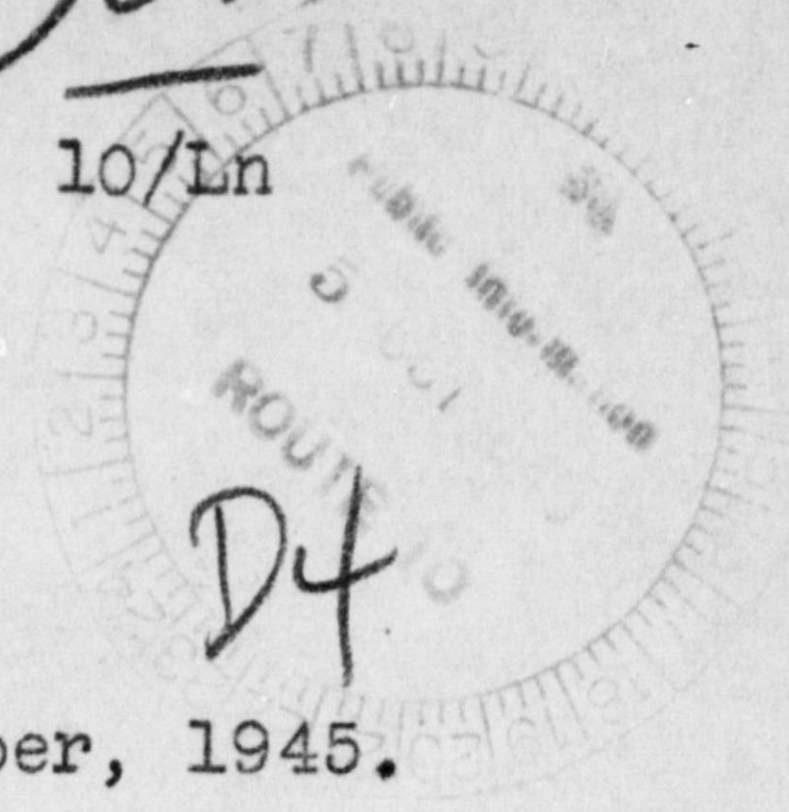


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Subject: Supplementary history of U.S.S. TERROR (CM-5),
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At 4 A.M. on 1 May 1945, while anchored in Kerama Retto, the TERROR was struck amidships on the superstructure deck by an explosives-laden Judy suicide plane. In the resultant explosion and fire, casualties were 42 killed, 4 missing and 120 wounded.

The fire was brought under control by ship's force in about an hour. Damage above the mine deck was extensive, but the machinery spaces were relatively undamaged.

During the next eight days, the staff of Rear Admiral Alexander Sharp, then Commander Minecraft, Pacific, was transferred to the Coast Guard cutter USS BIBB, emergency repairs were made alongside a repair ship in the Retto and the major portion of cargo and stores was unloaded.

The TERROR left Okinawa May 8 and arrived in San Francisco June 1. Repairs and improvements, particularly the adding of more anti-aircraft fire power, were begun a few days later at Mare Island Navy Yard.

On 15 June 1945, Commander Richard Tenney Spofford, USN, relieved Commander Horace W. Blakeslee, USN, as Commanding Officer of the TERROR.

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Repairs and preparations for sea were completed at Mare Island on 14 August 1945, the day the Japanese accepted unconditional surrender, and the TERROR sailed the following day.

She arrived at Buckner Bay, Okinawa, on 8 September 1945 and the next day Rear Admiral Arthur Dewey Struble, who had relieved Admiral Sharp on 30 August, was received aboard with his staff from the USS BIBB. Direction of minesweeping activities extending from Formosa to the Kuriles is now going forward from the TERROR.

On 16 September the TERROR, damaged to starboard by another ship at her Buckner Bay anchorage just prior to an anticipated sortie, safely rode out a violent typhoon at the anchorage.

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