

The ATR 71 was decommissioned November 1946. The ATR 71 was struck from records, March 1947. Sold to George Milburn, Seattle WA, May 1948.

Officers serving on the 71 included;
LT J.B. Walker Commanding. Promoted to LT in late 1945.
Lt (jg) Edward X. Madruga Exec. Officer.
Lt (jg) Frank Kerestesi.
Ensign Edward T. Walsh Jr.
Warrant Officer (Machinist) Harold J. Newton.

War diaries for the ATR 71 indicate that she was severely battered in a typhoon, 14 September to 15 September 1945. This was either Typhoon Ursula or Typhoon Ida. Both storms raged concurrently during this time.

12 September 1945. Depart Ulithi, enroute to Buckner Bay Okinawa.

13 September 1945. Barometer falling, wind increasing, sea moderate.

14 September 1945. Typhoon warning received. Barometer dropped to 28.40. Seas rough, wind speed estimated 100 knots. Position 300 miles north-northwest of Ulithi. Water in all bilges, ship rolling heavily, salvage locker flooded to sea level. Damage to both masts, salt water grounded out electrical circuits and essential motors on the evaporator system. An 8000 lb anchor secured to the deck broke loose, damaging the capstan, engine room ventilator, and deck. All life rafts, drying rack, oil drum storage and miscellaneous gear lost overboard. Vessel was forced to change course, heading into the wind and sea and following it as it shifted around through north, east and south.

15 September 1945. USS ATR-83, under the command of LT. D. J. Coughlin received orders to proceed immediately to the assistance of the USS ATR-71 in response to a distress call.

16 September 1945. USS ATR-83 sighted the USS ATR-71 and took station 500 yards to port. Accompanied the ATR 71 on her return to Ulithi for repairs.

18 September 1945. Moored along side the USS Prairie (AD 15) for repairs. Ulithi.

26 September 1945. Ulithi. Entered dry dock (ARD 23) for repairs. Workmen from the ARD 23 replaced sheathing on the port bow.

Contribution made in the memory of CMM Ray Sullivan, salvage diver, machinist and boiler operator USS ATR-71.