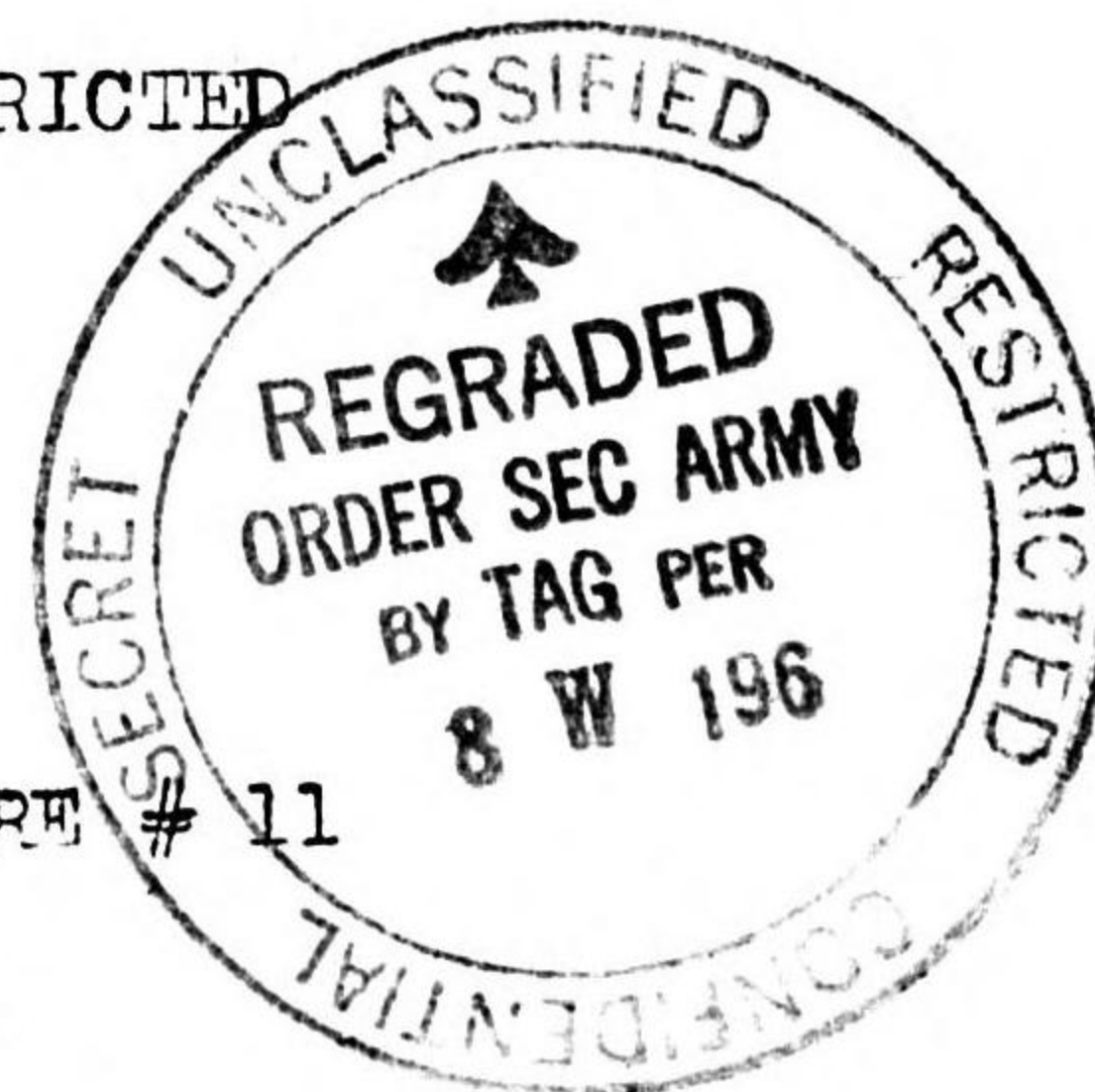


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ANSWER TO MILITARY ANALYSIS DIVISION QUESTIONNAIRE # 11

FORMOSA, NANSEI SHOTO - 1 June 44 - 15 March 45

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I. The chain of command and the Senior Officers of the Japanese Army Air Forces in FORMOSA and NANSEI SHOTO on 1 June 1944.

- a.)
- ( 206th HIKOSENTAI (Submarine Search Planes)-
  - ( A small number of planes conducted submarine
  - ( search from NANSEI SHOTO to FORMOSA
  - (
  - 1st KOKUGUN (TOKYO) ( 23d DOKURITSU HIKOCHUTAI (Fighters)-
  - ( Air defense of TAKAO and HEITO
  - (
  - ( 104th KYOKU HIKODAN -
  - ( Trained air force personnel.

B.) Senior Officers:

104th KYOKU HIKODAN CO.: Col HOSHI, Kometaro  
(Col HOSHI is available for interrogation on the above)

II. Relationship between the Army and Navy Air Forces.

on 10 June 1944 the 8th HIKOSHIDAN was organized and separated from the 1st KOKU GUN (TOKYO). It was placed under the command of the FORMOSA Army and made responsible for air operations in FORMOSA and NANSEI SHOTO. From the very beginning it conducted joint operations with the Naval Air Force.

On 25 July 1944 the 8th HIKOSHIDAN came under the operational command of the Commander of the Combined Fleet.

On 25 October 1944 it was released from the operational command of the Commander of the Combined Fleet and thereafter it conducted joint operations with the Naval Air Force.

III. 1. The role assigned to FORMOSA and NANSEI SHOTO on 1 June 1944:

- (a) The preparation of a base for future air operations.
  - (b) The training of air crew personnel.
  - (c) The maintenance of air routes for the supply of aircraft to the Southeast and Southwest areas.
2. As a result of the loss of the MARIANAS, FORMOSA and NANSEI SHOTO became the first line of defense.
3. This was increasingly true after the loss of PALAU and ULITHI.
4. The reasons underlying the decision to reinforce FORMOSA were as follows:
- (a) The loss of the MARSHALLS in March 1944.
  - (b) The loss of SAIPAN in July and August 1944.

(Note) The decision was made by Imperial Headquarters.

5. The development of the Plan.

This plan was carried out sketchily as an emergency measure. We further

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hopefully planned to prepare concrete and underground positions, but the shortage of materials and shipping prevented us from reaching this goal. We completed our dispersal and concealment just after the end of 1944.

- IV. The strength of the Army Air Forces in FORMOSA and NANSEI SHOTO is shown in Appendix No. 1.
- V. The strength of the Army RENSHUTAI in this area is also shown in Appendix No. 1. The training of aircrew personnel in FORMOSA stopped in December 1944.
- VI. The losses of aircraft in FORMOSA and NANSEI SHOTO

/TN: The following chart was omitted/

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## APPENDIX NO. 1

AIR STRENGTH IN FORMOSA AND THE NANSEI SHOTO, 1 JUNE 1944 - 15 MARCH 1945

<u>T R A I N I N G   U N I T S</u>			<u>C O M B A T   U N I T S</u>		
1 June 1944			Planes		
6th KYOIKU HIKOTAI(fighter):	about 30 planes		23rd Ind. HIKOCHUTAI(fighter):	10	
8th " " "	" 30 "				
9th " "(heavy bomber fighter):	" 24 "		206th Ind. HIKOTAI (Anti-sub-patrol)	25	
20th " " (fighter):	" 30 "				
21st " " "	" 30 "				
22nd " " "	" 30 "				
TOTALS:	" 174 "				35
NO TOKKOTAI					
15 Sep 1944					
6th KYOIKU HIKOTAI	about 30 planes		23rd Ind. HIKOCHUTAI(fighter):	10	
8th " " "	" 30 "		206th Ind. HIKOTAI (Anti-sub patrol)	25	
9th " " "	" 24 "				
20th " " "	" 30 "				
21st " " "	" 30 "		14th HIKOSENTAI(Heavy Bomber)	10	
22nd " " "	" 30 "				
3rd RENSEI HIKOTAI	" 15 "		3rd HIKOSENTAI (twin-engine light bomber):	25	
			20th HIKOSENTAI (fighter)	25	
			29th " "	25	
TOTALS	" 199 "				120
NO TOKKOTAI					
10 Oct 44					
6th KYOIKU HIKOTAI	about 30 planes		23rd Ind. HIKOCHUTAI (fighter)	10	
8th " " "	" 30 "		206th " HIKOTAI (anti-sub):	25	
9th " " "	" 24 "		14th HIKOSENTAI(heavy bombers):	15	
20th " " "	" 30 "		3rd " (twin-engine light bomber)	25	
21st " " "	" 30 "		29th " (fighter)		
22nd " " "	" 30 "		16th Ind. HIKOCHUTAI (Hq Recce planes):	5	
3rd RENSEI HIKOTAI	" 30 "				
TOTALS	" 204 "				130
NO TOKKOTAI					
10 Jan 45					
8th KYOIKU HIKOTAI	ABOUT 40 planes		23rd Ind. HIKOCHUTAI(fighter)	10	
			206th " HIKOTAI(anti-sub):	25	
			105th HIKOSENTAI (fighter):	15	
			108th " (transport):	10	
			46th Ind. HIKOCHUTAI ( Anti-sub patrol)	5	
			20th HIKOSENTAI (Fighter)	10	
			10th " (Hq Recce planes)	5	
3rd RENSEI HIKOTAI	" 30 "				
TOTALS	" 70 "				80
TOKKOKI					
30					
15 Mar 1945					
8th KYOIKU HIKOTAI	" 40 "		23rd Ind HIKOCHUTAI (fighter)	10	
			105th HIKOSENTAI(fighter):	15	
			108th " (Transpt):	10	
			29th " (fighter):	15	
			20th " ( " ):	15	
			17th " ( " ):	10	
			19th " ( " ):	10	
			10th " (Hq Recce planes)	5	
			46th independent HIKOCHUTAI (anti-sub patrol):	40	
			47th do.		
			48th do		
			49th do		
3rd RENSEI HIKOTAI	" 30 "				
TOTALS	" 70 "				130
TOKKOKI					
80					