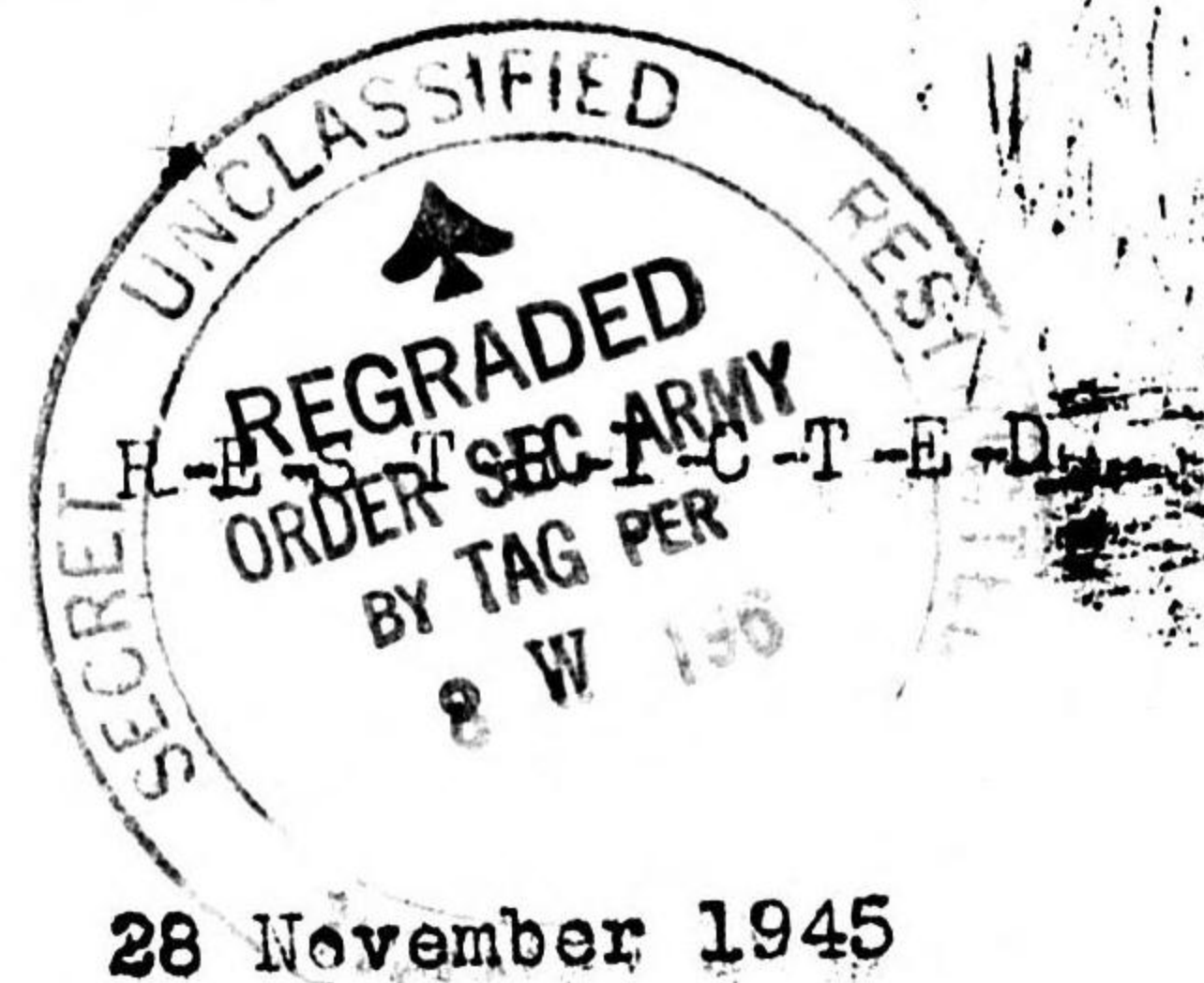


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VOLCANO and BONIN ISLANDS, 1 June 1944 to 15 Aug 45.

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I. Operations of the Army Air Force in the BONINS and VOLCANO ISLANDS:

(1) Operations of the HAMAMATSU RIKUGUN HIKOBUTAI against IWO JIMA:

<u>Month & Day</u>	21 May	1 June	21 June	24 June
<u>Time</u>	2120	0205-0210	2040 (Departure)	0030
S : No of Planes	6 heavy	2 heavy	2 heavy	2 heavy
t : sent out to	bombers	bombers	bombers	bombers
r : attack the				
c : <u>target</u>				
n : No of planes	3	2		2
g : attacking the				
t : target				
h :				
<u>Results</u>	6 installa- tions burnt 2 installa- tions blown up.	4 installa- tions burnt 1 installa- tion blown up.		excellent results
<u>Losses</u>	3 failed to return.	None	None	2 failed to return.
<u>Summary</u>	1 Successful surprise at- tack. 2 No fighter interception 3 Intense AA fire.	1 Intense AA fire. 2 Fired on by small ships. 3 Intercepted by fighters.	Returned be- cause of bad weather.	One plane forced down.

Note: This table was based on memory as there is no way to obtain the exact details. However the chart should clarify the following text.

(2) After the Allied forces landed in the MARIANAS, IWO JIMA was made a refueling base for operations of the HAMAMATSU KYODO, HIKOSHIDAN and the 110th HIKOSENTAI.

(3) In January 1944 1 CHUTAI of the 23rd HIKOSENTAI (about 10 fighter planes) was sent to IWO JIMA to escort convoys and conduct anti-submarine patrols.

II. The Japanese Army and Navy Air Forces carried out joint operations.

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