

IWO JIMA RADIO STATION AGAIN STRUCK BY TYPHOON

The Coast Guard radio and loran station at Iwo Jima was struck by a typhoon on October 9, considerable damage being done to several of the buildings, but loran transmissions were off the air for only 13 hours and 34 minutes.

A preliminary report indicated that ends were blown out of quonset huts, sheet-metal covering peeled off, and windows destroyed and that water damage was extensive. Seas were very heavy and there was torrential rain. Wind indicator broke at 160 miles per hour.

The promptness with which loran service was restored was highly commendable in view of the damage to buildings and electrical equipment.

This station was also seriously damaged by a typhoon on August 15, 1946, and the Okinawa station in the same chain experienced a typhoon in October 1946.