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The proceedings, findings, opinions and recommendations of the investigation in the attached case involving atrocities committed by Japanese forces in the Bonin Islands are approved.

This investigation represents the difficult work of approximately eight (8) months. Due to the complicated chain of command which existed in the Japanese forces on Chichi Jima, the serious nature of crimes committed, the attempts of concealment of the true disposition of American flyers by Japanese commanders, and the non-availability of willing witnesses such as natives and proselytes, this board of investigation was considered mandatory as a simple investigation could not have uncovered the full facts.

It is recommended that all guilty parties be tried by a Hilitary Commission for their crimes in violation of the rules of war and their structies against humanity.

It is further recommended that those guilty of enting human flesh of captured Americans be tried for cannibalism if for no other purpose than to enlighten the Japanese people on the true character of their military men in responsible command positions.

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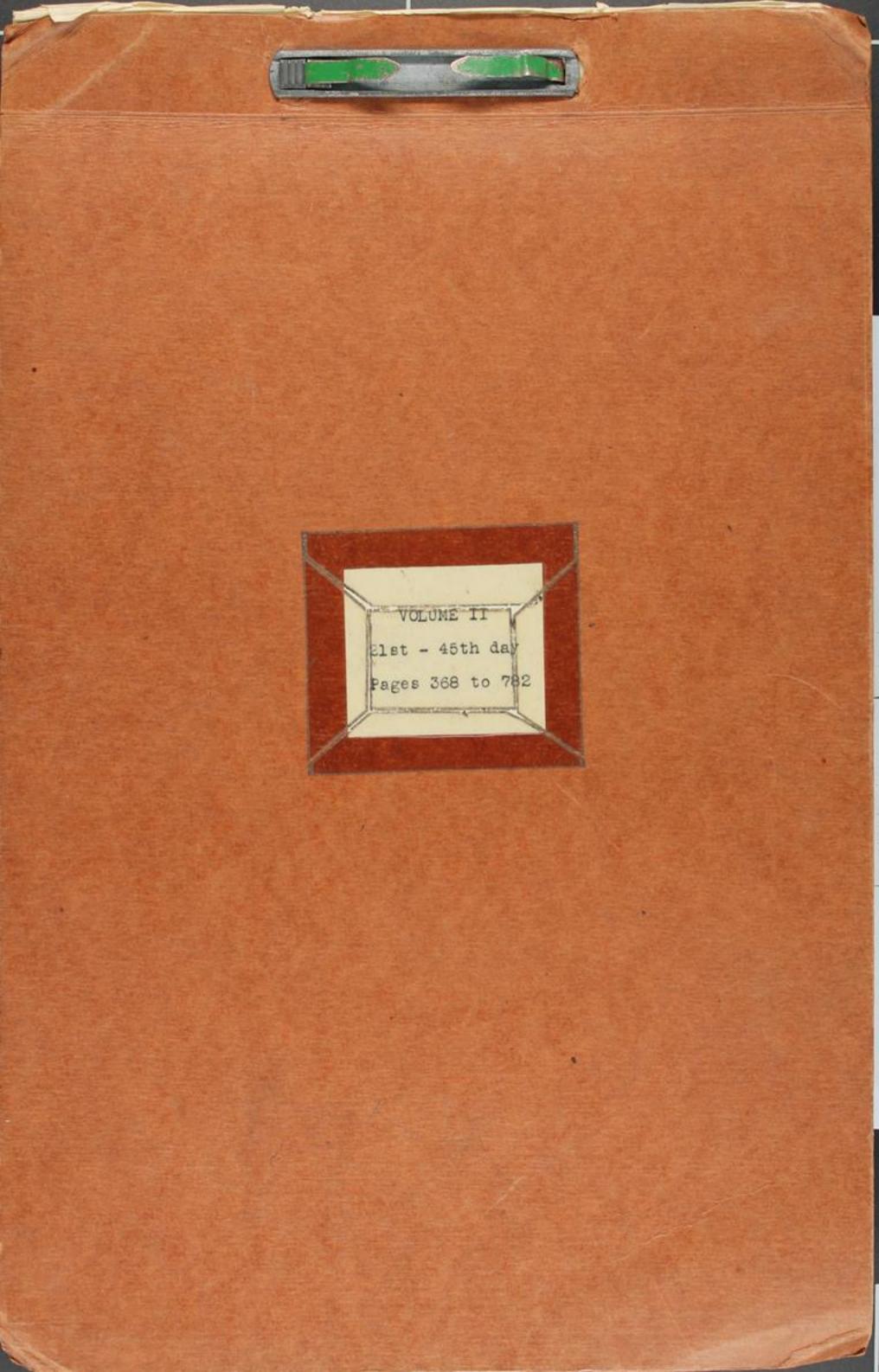
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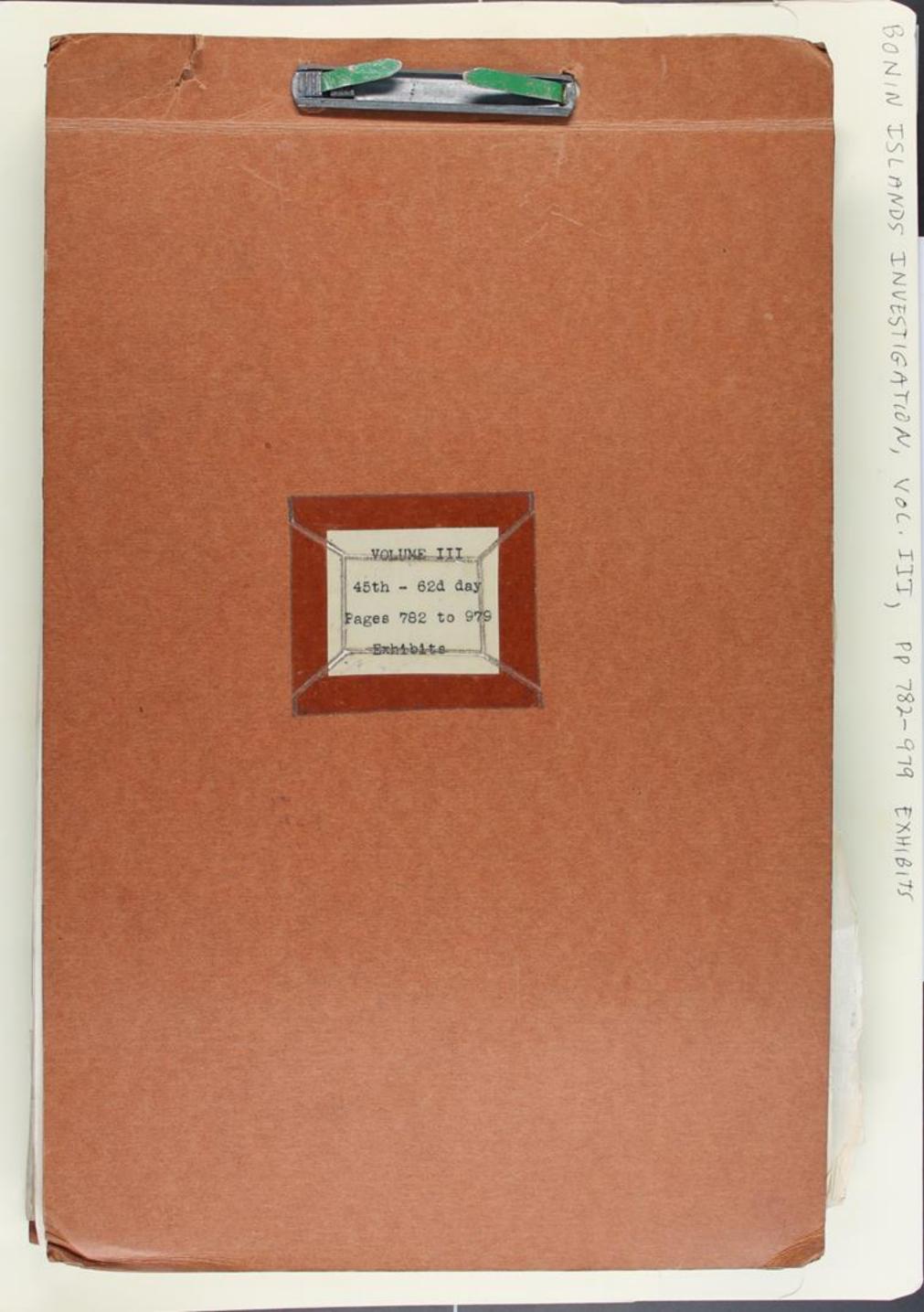
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