

**Japanese Fleets  
December 1941**

Combined Fleet:

1st Battleship Division:

IJN Nagato  
IJN Mutsu  
IJN Yamato

24th Converted Cruiser Division:

IJN Hokoku Maru  
IJN Aikoku Maru  
IJN Kiyoshima Maru

11th Seaplane Tender Division:

IJN Mizoho  
IJN Chitose

4th Submarine Squadron:

IJN Kinu

18th Submarine Division:

I-53, I-54, I-55

19th Submarine Division:

I-56, I-69, I-70

21st Submarine Division:

RO-33, RO-34

Nagoya Maru

5th Submarine Squadron:

IJN Yura

28th Submarine Division:

I-59 & I-60

29th Submarine Division:

I-62 & I-64

30th Submarine Division:

I-65 & I-66

IJN Rio-de-Janeiro Maru

IJN Yura

1st Combined Communications Force:

Tokoyo Communications Unit  
Takao Communications Unit  
Chichijima Communications Unit  
Okinawa Communications Unit  
3rd Communications Unit  
4th Communications Unit  
5th Communications Unit  
6th Communications Unit

Attached;

Settsu  
Takasago Maru  
Yakaze  
Akashi  
Uragami Maru  
Asahi Maru  
Muroto  
Yusho Maru  
Chiyoda

1st Patrolboat Division  
Kure 1st & 2nd Special Landing Unit  
Yokosuka 2nd Special Landing Unit  
Yokosuka 3rd Special Landing Unit  
Yokosuka 1st Special Landing Unit

1st Fleet:

2nd Battleship Division:

IJN Ise  
IJN Hyuga  
IJN Fuso  
IJN Yamashiro

3rd Battleship Division:

IJN Kongo  
IJN Haruna  
IJN Kirishima  
IJN Hiei

6th Cruiser Division:

IJN Aoba  
IJN Kinugasa  
IJN Kako  
IJN Furutaka

9th Cruiser Division:

IJN Kitakami  
IJN Oi

1st Destroyer Squadron

IJN Abukuma

6th Destroyer Division

IJN Ikazuchi, Inazuma, Hibiki, Akatsuki

17th Destroyer Division

IJN Urakaze, Isokaze, Tanikaze, Hamakaze

21th Destroyer Division

IJN Hatsuharu, Menchi, Hatsushino, Makaba

27th Destroyer Division

IJN Ariake, Yugure, Shiratsuyu, Shigure

3rd Destroyer Squadron:

IJN Sendai

11th Destroyer Division

IJN Fubuki, Shirayuki, Hatsuyuki

12th Destroyer Division

IJN Murakumo, Shinonome, Shirakumo

19th Destroyer Division

IJN Isomami, Urakami, Shikimami, Ayanami

20th Destroyer Division

IJN Amagiri, Asagiri, Yugiri, Sagiri

3rd Carrier Division:

IJN Hosho  
IJN Zuiho  
IJN Mikazuki  
IJN Yukaze

Attached:

Shinsho Maru

2nd Fleet:

4th Cruiser Division:

IJN Atago

IJN Maya  
 IJN Takao  
 IJN Chokai  
5th Cruiser Division:  
 IJN Haguro  
 IJN Myoko  
 IJN Nachi  
7th Cruiser Division:  
 IJN Mogami  
 IJN Mikuma  
 IJN Suzuya  
 IJN Kumano  
8th Cruiser Division:  
 IJN Tone  
 IJN Chikuma  
2nd Destroyer Squadron  
 IJN Jintsu  
8th Destroyer Division  
 IJN Asahio, Oshio, Michishio, Arashio  
15th Destroyer Division  
 IJN Kuroshio, Oyashio, Hayashio, Natsushio  
16th Destroyer Division  
 IJN Hatsukaze, Yukokaze, Amatsukaze, Tokitsukaze  
18th Destroyer Division  
 IJN Kasumi, Arare, Kagero, Shiranui  
4th Destroyer Squadron:  
 IJN Naka  
2nd Destroyer Division  
 IJN Murasame, Yudachi, Harusame, Samidare  
4th Destroyer Division  
 IJN Arashi, Kagikaze, Nowake, Maikaze  
9th Destroyer Division  
 IJN Asagumo, Yamagumo, Natsugumo, Minegumo  
24th Destroyer Division  
 IJN Umikaze, Yamakaze, Kawakaze, Suzukaze  
  
3rd Fleet:  
16th Cruiser Division:  
 IJN Ashigara  
 IJN Nagara  
 IJN Kuma  
17th Minelayer Division:  
 IJN Itsukushima  
 IJN Yaeyama  
 IJN Tatsumiya Maru  
5th Destroyer Squadron:  
 IJN Natori  
5th Destroyer Division:  
 IJN Asakaze, Harukaze, Matsukaze, Hatakaze  
22nd Destroyer Division:  
 IJN Satsuki, Minazuki, Fumizuki, Nagatsuki  
6th Submarine Squadron:  
 IJN Chogei  
9th Submarine Division:  
 I-123 & I-124

13th Submarine Division:  
I-121 & I-122

12th Seaplane Tender Division:  
Kamikawa Maru  
Sanyo Maru

1st Base Force:  
IJN Aotaka

21st Minesweeper Division:  
assigned ships unknown

1st Subchaser Division:  
assigned ships unknown

2nd Subchaser Division:  
assigned ships unknown

12th Subchaser Division:  
assigned ships unknown

Ikushima Maru

1st Converted Gunboat Division:  
assigned ships unknown

51st Converted Gunboat Division:  
assigned ships unknown

52nd Converted Gunboat Division:  
assigned ships unknown

Myoko Maru  
Kimishima Maru

1st Defense Unit:  
1st Communication Unit:  
IJN Tsukushi

1st Survey Unit  
1st Harbor Master's Office:  
Hakusan Maru

2nd Base Force:  
IJN Nakataka

21st Torpedo Boat Division:  
Assigned ships unknown

11th Minesweeper Division:  
Assigned ships unknown

20th Minesweeper Division:  
Assigned ships unknown

Minesweeper No. 19  
Assigned ships unknown

Minesweeper No. 20  
Assigned ships unknown

21st Subchaser Division:  
Assigned ships unknown

31st Subchaser Division:  
Assigned ships unknown

Tatsuharu Maru  
Shinko Maru  
Nichiyu Maru  
Sanuki Maru  
Sumanoura Maru  
Seian Maru  
Imizu Maru

2nd Converted Gunboat Division:

Assigned ships unknown  
3rd converted gunboat Division:  
Assigned ships unknown  
53rd Converted Subchaser Division:  
Assigned ships unknown  
54th Converted Subchaser Division:  
Assigned ships unknown  
Kenryu Maru  
Kumagawa Maru  
2nd Defense Unit:  
2nd Communications Unit:  
2nd Survey Unit:  
Kyodo Maru No. 36  
2nd Harbor Master's Unit:  
Hakozaki Maru  
32nd Special Base force:  
24th Special Base force:  
24th Special Base Force  
24th Communications Unit  
Attached:  
Yambiko Maru

4th Fleet:

IJN Kashima  
18th Cruiser Division:  
IJN Tenryu  
IJN Tatsuta  
19th Minelayer Squadron:  
Okinoshima  
Tokiwa  
Tsugaru  
Tenyo Maru  
Mogamigawa Maru  
6th Destroyer Division:  
IJN Yubari  
29th Destroyer Division  
IJN Oite, hayate, Asamage, Yumagi  
30th Destroyer Division  
IJN Mutsuki, Kisaragi, Yayoi, Mochizuki  
7th Submarine Squadron:  
IJN Jingei  
26th Submarine Division:  
RO-60 , RO- 61, RO-62  
27th Submarine Division:  
RO-65 , RO-66, RO-67  
33rd Submarine Division:  
RO-63, RO-64, RO-68  
24th Air Flotilla:  
IJN Chitose Air Group  
Yokahama Air Group  
IJN Kamoi Air Group  
Goshu Maru  
3rd Base Force:  
3rd Base Force  
Converted Gunboat Division:

assigned ships unknown  
Fukutama Maru  
15th Converted Gunboat Division:  
assigned ships unknown  
55th Converted Subchaser Division:  
assigned ships unknown  
3rd Defense Unit  
16th Air Group

4th Base Force

Koei Maru  
5th Converted Gunboat Division  
assigned ships unknown  
6th Converted Gunboat Division  
assigned ships unknown  
14th Minesweeper Division:  
assigned ships unknown  
56th Converted Subchaser Division:  
assigned ships unknown  
57th Converted Subchaser Division:  
assigned ships unknown  
58th Converted Subchaser Division:  
assigned ships unknown  
4th Air Defense Unit  
17th Air Group:

5th Base Force:

5th Base Force:  
7th Converged Gunboat Division:  
assigned ships unknown  
Shoei Maru  
15th Converted Minesweeper Division:  
assigned ships unknown  
59th Converted Subchaser Division:  
assigned ships unknown  
60th Converted Subchaser Division:  
assigned ships unknown  
5th Defense Unit:  
5th Guard Unit:  
18th Air Group:

6th Base Force:

6th Converted Gun Boat Division (deactivated July)  
Hakfaisan Maru  
Mitsushima Maru  
Toyotsu Maru (detached in February)  
16th Converted Minesweeper Division  
63rd Converted Subchaser Division  
65th Converted Subchaser Division  
62nd Converted Subchaser Division  
64th Converted Subchaser Division (deactivated Feb 42)  
6th Defense Unit (deactivated April 1942)  
51st Guard Unit (deactivated April 1942)  
52nd Guard Unit (deactivated April 1942)  
53rd Guard Unit (deactivated April 1942)  
61st Guard Unit (assigned in May 1942)

62nd Guard Unit (assigned in May 1942)  
63rd Guard Unit (assigned in May 1942)  
64th Guard Unit (assigned in May 1942)  
65th Guard Unit  
19th Air Group  
6th Submarine Base Unit (assigned in Feb 1942)

8th Special Base Force:

Minesweeper No. 20 (assigned in March 1942)  
5th Converted Gunboat Division (assigned in Feb 42)  
56th Converted Subchaser Division (assigned in Feb 42)  
6th Communications Unit (assigned in Feb 42)  
8th Submarine Base Unit (assigned in Mar 42)  
81st Guard Unit (assigned in April 42)  
82nd Guard Unit (assigned in April 42)

2nd Surface Escort Group:

Noshiro Maru (assigned April 1942)  
Choun Maru (assigned April 1942)  
Kinjozan Maru (assigned April 1942)

Attached:

4th Harbor Master's Office  
Kiyokawa Maru  
Shoei Maru  
Yamabato Maru  
Hikawa Maru  
Kongo Maru  
Kinryu Maru  
Maizuru - 2nd Special navy Landing Unit

5th Fleet:

21st Cruiser Division:

IJN Tama  
IJN Kiso  
IJN Kimikawa Maru

22nd Picket Boat Squadron

Akagi Maru  
Awata Maru  
Asaka Maru

7th Base Force:

Chichijima Air Group

10th Converted Gunboat Division:

Assigned ships unknown

17th Converted Minesweeper Division:

Assigned ships unknown

66th Converted Subchaser Division:

Assigned ships unknown

7th Defense Unit:

Attached:

Sagi  
Hato  
Shoei Maru  
Hong Kong Maru  
Kimikawa Maru

6th Fleet:

1st Submarine Squadron:  
1st Submarine Division:  
I-15, I-16, I-17  
2nd Submarine Division:  
I-18, I-19, I-20  
3rd Submarine Division:  
I-21, I-22, I-23  
4th Submarine Division:  
I-24 & I-25

I-9  
Heian Maru

2nd Submarine Squadron:  
7th Submarine Division:  
I-1, I-2, I-3  
8th Submarine Division:  
I-4, I-5, I-6

IJN I-7  
IJN I-10  
Santos Maru

3rd Submarine Squadron:  
11th Submarine Division:  
I-74, I-75  
12th Submarine Division:  
I-68, I-69, I-70  
20th Submarine Division:  
I-71, I-72, I-73

IJN I-8  
Yasukuni Maru

Southwest Area Fleet:

First Southern Expeditionary Fleet:

Kashii  
Shimushu

9th Base Force:

1st Minesweeper Division  
Assigned Units unknown

11th Subchaser Division:  
Assigned Units unknown

Sagara Maru  
Eiko Maru  
Chosa Maru

91st subchaser Division:  
Nojima Maru

91st Guard Unit:  
91st Communications Unit:

11th Special Base Force:  
Eifuku Maru  
81st Communications Unit

China Area Fleet:

1st China Expeditionary Fleet:

IJN Ataka  
IJN Uji  
IJN Seta



IJN Katata  
IJN hira  
IJN Hozu  
IJN Atami  
IJN Futami  
IJN Fushimi  
IJN Sumida

Hankow Guard Unit

KiukiangGuardUnit

Hankow Area Special Base Force:

2nd China Expeditionary Fleet:

15th Escort Squadron:

IJN Isuzu

IJN Saga

IJN Hashidate

IJN Hiyodori

IJN Kasasagi

Kosho Maru

4th Converted Minesweeper Division

3rd China Expeditionary fleet:

IJN Inate

11th Torpedo Boat Division

Shori Maru

Nihokai Maru

Tsingtao Area Special Base Force:

Hainan Naval Guard district:

1st Torpedo Boat Division

Hainan Guard Unit

Yokosuka 4th Special Naval landing Unit

Maizuru 1st Special Naval landing Unit

Sasebo 8th Special Naval landing Unit

15th Guard Unit

16th Guard Unit

Hainan Communications Unit

Shanghai Area Base Force:

IJN Toba

IJN Kuri

IJN Tsuga

IJN Hasu

Chushan Island Guard Unit

Nanking Guard Unit

13th Converted Gun Boat Division:

14th Converted Gun Boat Division:

Nihonkai Maru

1st Converted Motor-Gunboat Division:

2nd Converted Motor-Gunboat Division:

Shanghai Harbor Master'sOffice

Attached:

Shanghai Special Naval landing Unit

IJN Izumo

IJN Tataba

Muro Maru

Hafusa

1st Air Fleet:

1st Carrier Division:  
IJN Akagi  
IJN Kaga  
7th Destroyer Division  
IJN Akebowo, Ushio, Sazanami

2nd Carrier Division:  
IJN Soryu  
IJN Hiryu  
23rd Destroyer Division  
IJN Kikuzuki, Yuzuki, Uzuki

4th Carrier Division:  
IJN Ryujo  
IJN Shoho  
3rd Destroyer Division  
IJN Shoikaze, Hokaze

5th Carrier Division:  
IJN Shokaku  
IJN Zuikaku  
IJN Oboro  
IJN Akigumo

11th Air Fleet:

21st Air Flotilla:  
Kanoya Air Group  
toko Air Group  
1st Air Group  
Katsuragi Maru

22nd Air Flotilla:  
Bihoro Air Group  
Wosan Air Group  
FujikawaMaru

23rd Air Flotilla:  
Takao Air Group  
Tainan Air Group  
3rd Air Group  
Komaki Maru

34th Destroyer Division:  
Rion Maru  
Keiyo Maru  
Kamogawa Maru

Kure Naval District:

6th Submarine Division:  
RO-57, RO-58, RO-49

Attached:  
I-52

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