Japanese Strike Forces Attacking Force Z 10 December 1941

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Launched 0625	9 Reconnaissance planes under Lt. Makino departed Saigon to cover sector from 160° to 216°, distances 600 nautical miles.
0730	The following Air Attack Groups took off: <u>Genzan Air Attack Group</u> : Commander: LCDR Nakanishi 1st Squadron (9 torpedo attack medium bombers) Lt. Ishiahara 2nd Squadron (9 torpedo attack medium bombers) Lt. Taki 3rd Squadron (9 torpedo attack medium bombers with 500 lb bombs) Lt. Nikaido <u>Mihoro Air Group</u> 5th Squadron (8 medium bombers with two 250kg bombs ea) 6th Squadron (8 medium bombers with two 500kg bombs ea) 7th Squadron (8 medium bombers with two 500kg bombs ea) 8th Squadron (8 torpedo torpedo medium bombers) <u>Kanoya Air Attack Group</u> : 1st Squadron (8 torpedo medium bombers Type 1) 2nd Squadron (8 torpedo medium bombers Type 1) 3rd Squadron (8 torpedo medium bombers Type 1)
	Note: Genza Group from Saigon Bas, Nihoro and Kanoya Groups from THudomot. No comand relationship between three groups.
1150	Kanoya Air Attack Group found a destroyer. Some planes bombed it.
1200?	Radio received that "At 1145, located enemy BBs at 4°0' N and 103°55' E, course 60°" from No. 3 reconnaissance plane.
1245	Mihoro 5th Squadron bombed Repulse from an altitude of 3000 meters, hitting her 4th turret with a 250 kg bomb and setting it afire. Enemy anti-aircraft fire was very powerful, damaging five bombers.
1314- 1316	Genzan torpedo planes attacked Prince of Wale and Repulse (1st Squadron from starboard, 2nd Squadron from port), hitting Prince of Wales with three torpedoes, and Repulse with four torpedoes.
1327- 1328	Mihoro 8th Squadron torpedoed Repulse, scoring four hits.
1350- 1354	Kanoya Group attacked Prince of Wales and Repulse, hitting the Prince of Wales with five torpedoes and Repulse with seven torpedo.

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