

**British Convoy Actions in the Barent Seas  
December 1942**

Convoy JW51B (departed Loch Ewe on 22 December)

- 14 Merchantment
- HMS Bramble (minesweeper)
- HMS Blankney (DD)
- HMS Chiddington (DD)
- HMS Ledbury (DD)
- HMS Hyderabad (Corvette)
- HMS Rhododendron (Corvette)
- HMS Circe (Corvette)
- HMS Northern Gem (trawler)
- HMS Vizalma (trawler)

17th Destroyer Flotilla (joined off Iceland)

- HMS Onslow
- HMS Bulldog (damaged in storm on 24 Dec and returned)
- HMS Achates (topmast sprung 24 Dec in storm)
- HMS Oribi
- HMS Obedient
- HMS Obdurate
- HMS Orwell

Force R (joined action on 31 December)

- HMS Jamacia (CA)
- HMS Sheffield (CA)

Notes: Hyderabad & Rhododendron & two trawlers were to go all the way to Russia. The three DDs of the escort and Circe would depart just east of Ideland where the fleet destroyer escort would join the convoy and take it to Russia

German Forces:

- U354 (sited convoy)

Attack Forces:

- Admiral Hipper (CA)
- Friedrich Eckholdt (DD)
- Richard Beitzen (DD)
- Z 29 (DD)
- Lützow (CA)
- Theodor Riedel (DD)
- Z30 (DD)
- Z31 (DD)

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