

Battle of the Eastern Solomons
24 August 1942

Japanese Combined Fleet: Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto (aboard IJN Yamato)

Battleship:

IJN Yamato - Captain Takayanagi

Escort Carrier:

IJN Taiyo

Destroyer Division 7: Captain Konishi

IJN Akebono - LCDR Nakagawa

IJN Ushio - CDR Uesugi

3rd Fleet (Main Body): Vice Admiral Nagumo (aboard IJN Shokaku)

Carrier Division 1: Vice Admiral Nagumo

IJN Shokaku - Captain Arima

Embarked Strike Group: LCDR Seki

26 Zeros

27 Vals (Aichi D3A1)

18 Kates (Nakajima B5N2)

Embarked Strike Group: Lt. Takahashi

25 Zeros

27 Vals (Aichi D3A1)

18 Kates (Nakajima B5N2)

Destroyer Division 10: Captain Abe

IJN Kazegumo - CDR Yoshida

IJN Yugumo - CDR Semba

IJN Makikumo - CDR Fujita

IJN Akigumo - CDR Soma

Destroyer Division 16:

IJN Hatsukaze - CDR Takahashi

Unattacked:

IJN Akizuki

Close Support of Carriers (Vanguard Force): Rear Admiral Abe
(embarked IJN Hiei)

Battleship Division 11: Rear Admiral Abe

IJN Hiei - Captain Nishida

IJN Kirishima - Captain Iwabuchi

Cruiser Division 7: Rear Admiral Nishimura

IJN Kumano - Captain Tanaka

IJN Suzuya - Captain Kimura

Cruiser Division 8

IJN Chikuma - Captain Komura

Destroyer Squadron 10: Rear Admiral Kimura (embarked IJN Nagara)

IJN Nagara - Captain Naoi (Flagship)

IJN Nowaki - CDR Kora

IJN Maikaze - CDR Naksugi

Destroyer Squadron 17

IJN Tanikaze - CDR Katsumi

Detached Carrier Strike Force: Rear Admiral Hara (Embarked IJN Tone)

Light Carrier:

IJN Ryujo - Captain Kato
Embarked Strike Group: Notomi
23 Zeros
9 Kates (Nakajima B5N2)

Heavy Cruiser:

IJN Tone - Captain Anibe

Destroyer Division 16: Captain Sato

IJN Amatsukaze - CDR Hara
IJN Tokitsukaze - CDR Nakhara

2nd Fleet (Advanced Force): Vice Admiral Kondo (Embarked IJN Atago)

Heavy Cruisers:

Cruiser Division 4: Vice Admiral Kondo

IJN Atago - Captain Ijuin
IJN Maya - Captain Nabeshima
IJN Takao - Captain Asakura

Cruiser Division 5: Vice Admiral Takagi

IJN Myoko - Captain Miyoshi
IJN Haguro - Captain Mori

Screen:

Destroyer Squadron 4: Rear Admiral Takama (Embarked IJN Yura)

IJN Yura - Captain Sato

Destroyer Division 15: Captain Sato

IJN Kuroshio - CDR Ugaki
IJN Oyashio - CDR Arima
IJN Hayashio - CDR Kaneda

Destroyer Division 9: Captain Sato

IJN Minegumo - CDR Suzuki
IJN Natsugumo - CDR Tsukamoto
IJN Asagumo - CDR Iwahashi

Seaplane Carrier:

Carrier Division 11:

IJN Chitose - Captain Sasaki
7 Jakes & 15 Petes

Standby Force (Not at Sea):

IJN Junyo - Captain Ishii

Support Force:

IJN Mutsu - Captain Yamazumi

Destroyer Division 2: Captain Tachibana

IJN Harusame - CDR Kamiyama
IJN Samidare - CDR Matsubara
IJN Murasame - CDR Suenaga

Southeast Area Commander: Vice Admiral Tsukahara

8th Fleet (Outer South Sea Force): Vice Admiral Mikawa

Close Cover Force: vice Admiral Mikawa

IJN Chokai - Captain Kayakama

Cruiser Division 6: Rear Admiral tGotoAri

IJN Kinugasa - Captain Sawa
IJN Aoba - Captain Hisamune

IJN Furutaka - Captain Tsutau

Convoy Escort Force: Rear Admiral Tanaka

Destroyer Squadron 2: Admiral Tanaka (Embarked Jintsu)

IJN Jintsu - Captain Kozai

Destroyer Division 24: Captain Hirai

IJN Suzukaze - CDR Shibayama

IJN Kawakaze - CDR Wakabayashi

IJN Umikaze - CDR Sugitani

Destroyer Division 15:

IJN Kagero - CDR Yokoi

Destroyer Division 17:

IJN Isokaze - CDR Toshima

Destroyer Division 30: Captain Yasutake

IJN Yayoi

IJN Mutsuki - CDR Hatano

IJN Uzuki

Transport Force:

SS Kinryu Maru

SS Boston Maru

SS Daifuki Maru

Embarking 1,500 troops of Ichiki's 2nd Echelon and the
5th Yokosuka Special Naval Landing Force

Patrol Boats:

Nos. 1, 2, 34, & 35

Submarines in Solomons Area:

Submarine Squadron 1: Rear Admiral Yamazaki (Embarked I-9)

IJN I-9 - CDR Fujii

Submarine Division 2: Captain Imazato

IJN I-15 - CDR Ishikawa

IJN I-17 - CDR Niskino

IJN I-19 - CDR Kinashi

Submarine Division 4:

IJN I-26 - CDR Yokota

Submarine Division 35 :

IJN I-31

IJN I-33

Submarine Squadron 7: Rear Admiral Yoshitomi (Embarked IJN Jinjei)

Submarine Division 13: Captain Miyazaki

IJN I-121 - LCDR Fujimori

IJN I-122 - LCDR Norita

IJN I-123 - LCDR Nakai

Submarine Division 21: CDR Fijimoto

IJN RO-34 - LCDR Morinaga

Submarine Squadron 3: Captain Sasaki

IJN I-11 - CDR Shichiji

Submarine Division 11:

IJN I-174

IJN I-175

11th Air Fleet: Vice Admiral Tsukahara
25th Air Flotilla (5th Air Attack Force): Rear Admdiral Yamada
Tinian Air Group (Zeros)
2nd Air Group (Zeros & Vals) (? & Aichi D3A1)
4th Air Group (Bettys)
Yokahama Air Group (Mavis)
Detachment/14th Air Group (Emilys)

26th Air Flotilla (6th Air Attack Force): Vice Admiral Yomagata
6th Air Group (Zeros)
Misawa Air Group (Bettys)
Kisarazu Air Group (Bettys)

Total Air Strength of the 11th Air Fleet on 24 August was 51 Zeros, 41 Bettys, 9 Vals (Aichi D3A1), 2 Irvings, 8 Mavis, & 3 Emilys.

Americans:

Pacific Fleet: Admiral C.W.Nimitz

South Pacific Area, South Pacific Force: Vice Admiral R.L.Ghormely

Task Force 61 (Carrier Groups): Vice Admiral F.J.Fletcher

Task Force 11: Vice Admiral F.J.Fletcher

USS Saratoga - Capt. Ramsey
Saratoga Air Group: 1 SBD-3 - CDR Felt
VF-5: 27 F4F-4 & 1 F4F-7 - LCDR Simpler
VB-3: 17 SBD-3 - LCDR Shumway
VS-3: 15 SBD-3 - LCDR Kirn
VT-8: 13 TBF-1 - LCDR Larsen

Screen: Rear Admiral C.H.wright

USS Minneapolis (CA36)- Capt. Lowry
USS New Orleans (CA32)- Capt. Delany

Destroyer Squadron 1: Captain Brewer

USS Phelps (DD360) - LCDR Beck (Flagship)

Destroyer Division 2: CDR McInerney

USS Farragut (DD348) - CDR Hunter
USS Worden (DD352) - LCDR Pogue
USS MacDonough (DD351) - LCDR Dennet
USS Dale (DD353) - LCDR Rorschach

Task Force 16: Rear Admiral T.C.Kinkaid

USS Enterprise - Captain Cavis
Enterprise Air Group: 1 TBF-1 - CDR Leslie
VF-6: 28 F4F-4 - LCDR Bauer
VB-6: 17 SBD-3 - LCDR Davis
VS-5: 18 SBD-3 - LCDR Strong
VT-3: 15 TBF-1 - LCDR jett
Utility Unit: 1 F4F-7

Screen:

USS North Carolina (BB55) - Capt. Fort
USS Portland (CA33) - Capt. DuBose
USS Atlanta (CL104) - Capt. Jenkins

Destroyer Squadron 6: Capt. Sauer

USS Balch (DD363) - LCDR Tiemroth

USS Benham (DD379) - LCDR Worthington
USS Maury (DD401) - LCDR Sim
USS Ellet (DD398) - LCDR Gardner
Destroyer Division 22: CDR Holcomb
USS Grayson (DD435) - LCDR Bell
USS Monssen (DD436) - LCDR Smoot

Task Force 18: Rear Admiral Noyes (Not in action)
USS Wasp - Capt. Forest P. Sherman
Wasp Air Group: 1 TBF-1 - CDR Beakley
VF-71: 25 F4F-4 - LCDR Shands
VB-71: 13 SBD-3 - LCDR Eldridge
VS-72: 13 SBD-3 - LCDR Snowden
VT-7: 9 TBF-1 - LCDR Romberg
Also aboard 1 VT8 TBF & 1 J2F

Screen: rear Admiral N. Scott
USS San Francisco (CA38) - Capt. McMorris
USS Salt Lake City (CA) - Capt. Small
USS San Juan (CL-54) - Capt. Maher

Destroyer Squadron 12: Capt. Tobin
USS Farenholt (DD491) - LCDR Seaward
USS Aaron Ward (DD483) - LCDR Gregor
USS Buchanan (DD484) - LCDR Wilson

Destroyer Division 15: Capt. Warlick
USS Lang (DD399) - LCDR Wilfong
USS Stack (DD406) - LCDR Greenacre
USS Sterett (DD407) - LCDR Coward

Destroyer Squadron 4: Capt. Flynn
USS Selfridge (DD357) - CDR Reynolds

Task Force 63: Rear Admiral J.S.McCain

At Guadalcanal:

VMF-223 13 F4F-4 - Major Smith
VMSB-232 11 SBD-3 - Lt. Col. Magrum
67th Fighter Sqn 5 P-400 - Cpt. Brannon

Search & Attack Aircraft:

11th Bomb Group 24 B-17E & F Colonel Saunders
VP-11 about 16 PBV-5 &
VP-14 2 PBV-5 (+2 on 8/24)
VP-23 12 PBV-5
VP-72 3 PBV-5

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