

**American Forces
Guadalcanal Landing
7 August 1942**

Task Group 61.1.1:

USS Saratoga - Capt. Ramsey
Saratoga Air Group: 1 SBD-3 - CDR Felt
VF-5: 34 F4F-4 & 1 F4F-7 - LCDR Simpler
VB-3: 16 SBD-3 - LCDR Shumway
VS-3: 17 SBD-3 - LCDR Kirn
VT-8: 15 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 Group 61.1.2: Rear Admiral T.C.Kinkaid

USS Enterprise - Captain Cavis
Enterprise Air Group: 1 TBF-1 - CDR Leslie
VF-6: 26 F4F-4 & 1 F4F-7 - LCDR Bauer
VB-6: 17 SBD-3 - LCDR Davis
VS-5: 18 SBD-3 - LCDR Strong
VT-3: 14 TBF-1 - LCDR Jett

Screen: Rear Admiral S. Tisdale

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 Maury (DD401) - LCDR Sim
USS Gwin (DD433) - CDR Higgins
USS Benham (DD379) - LCDR Worthington
USS Ellet (DD398) - LCDR Gardner

Destroyer Division 22: CDR Holcomb

USS Grayson (DD435) - LCDR Bell
USS Monssen (DD436) - LCDR Smoot

Task Group 61.1.3: Rear Admiral Noyes

USS Wasp - Captain F.P.Sherman
Air Group 72: 1 TBF-1 - LCDR Beakley
VF-71: 30 F4F-4 - LCDR Shands
VB-71: 15 SBD-3 - LCDR Eldridge
VS-72: 15 SBD-3 - LCDR Snowden
VT-7: 9 TBF-1 - LCDR Romberg
Utility: 1 J2F-5

Screen:

USS San Francisco (CA38) - Capt. McMorris
USS Salt Lake City (CA) - Capt. Small

Destroyer Squadron 12: Capt. R.G.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
Fueling Group:
USS Platte (AO)
USS Cimarron (AO)
USS Kaskaskia (AO)
USS Sabine (AO)
USS Kanawah (AO)

Task Force 62: Rear Admiral R.K. Turner
Task Group 62.6: Rear Admiral V.A.C.Crutchley RN

Heavy Cruisers:
HMAS Australia - Capt. Farncomb, RAN
HMAS Canberra - Capt. Getting, RAN
USS Chicago (CA) - Capt. Bode, USN

Light Cruiser:
HMAS Hobart - Capt. Showers, RAN

Destroyer Squadron 4: Captain C.W.Flynn
USS Selfridge (DD357) - CDR Reynolds
USS Patterson (DD392) - LCDR Walker
USS Ralph Talbot (DD390) - LCDR Callahan
USS Mugford (DD389) - LCDR Young
USS Jarvis (DD393) - LCDR Graham

Destroyer Division 7: CDR L.B.Austin
USS Blue (DD387) - CDR Williams
USS Helm (DD388) - LCDR Carrol
USS Henley (DD391) - CDR Smith
USS Bagley (DD386) - LCDR Sinclair

Transport Group X-Ray: Capt. L.E.Refsnider

Division A: Capt. Theiss
USS American Legion (AP-35)
HQ/5th Marine Regiment
1/5th Marine Regiment
USS Fuller (AP-14)
3/5th Marine Regiment
USS Bellatrix (AK-20)
Mis Troops, including A Co, 1st Tank Battalion

Division B: Capt. C.P.McFeaters
USS Barnett (AP-11)
HQ/1st Marine Regiment
1/1st Marine Regiment
USS George F. Elliot (AP-13).
2/1st Marine Regiment
USS McCawley (AP-10)
3/1st Marine Regiment
USS Libra (AK-53)
Misc Troops, including HQ & Service Battery,
3/11th Marines

Division C: Capt. Refsnider
USS Hunter Liggett (AP-27)
HQ & Service tBattery, 5/11th Marines
USS Formalhaut (AK-22)
Equipment, 1st Engineer Battalion
USS Betelgeuse (AK-28) Befe
Equipment 3rd Defense Battalion

Division D: Captain P. B. Uchanan
USS Crescent City (AP-40)
HQ/2nd Marines
USS President Hayes (AP-39)
2/2nd Marine Regiment
USS President Adams (AP-38)
3/2nd Marine Regiment
USS Alhena (AK-26)
3/10th Marine Regiment

Transport Group Yoke: Capt. G.B. Ashe

Division E: Capt. Ashe
USS Neville (AP-16)
2/5th Marine Regiment
USS Heywood (AP-12)
1st Parachute Battalion
USS President Jackson (AP-37)
1/2nd Marine Regiment
USS Zeilin (AP-9)
3rd Defense Battalion

Division 12: CDR H.W. Hadley
USS Little (APD-4)
HQ/1st Raider Battalion
A Co., 1st Raider Battalion
USS McKean (APD-5)
D Co., 1st Raider Battalion
USS Gregory (APD-3)
C Co., 1st Raider Battalion
USS Calhoun (APD-2)
B Co., 1st Raider Battalion

Fire Support Group

Task Group 62.3:

Fire Support Group I: Capt. F.L. Reifkohl

Heavy Cruisers:

USS Vincennes (CA) - Capt. Riefkohl
USS Quincy (CA) - Capt. Moore
USS Astoria (CA) - Capt. Greenman

Destroyers:

USS Hull (DD350) - LCDR Stout
USS Dewey (DD349) - LCDR Chillingworth
USS Ellet (DD398) - LCDR Gardner
USS Wilson (DD408) - LCDR Price

Task Group 62.4: Rear Admiral N. Scott

USS San Juan (CL54) - Capt. Maher
USS Monssen (DD436) - CDR Smoot
USS Buchanan (DD484) - CDR Wilson

Task Group 62.5 (Minesweepers): CDR W.H. Hartt

USS Hopkins - LCDR Coe
USS Trever - LCDR Agnew
USS Zane - LCDR Wirtz
USS Ssouthard - LCDR Cochran
USS Hovey - LCDR Heald

Task Force 63: Rear Admiral H.S.McCain

At Efate:

11 Bomb Group: Col. Saudners
26th Bomb Squadron: Major Sewart
5 B-17's
VMF-212
5 F4F-3A
4 PBY-5
3 OS2U

At Espiritu Santo:

VMO-251: Lt. Col. Hart
15 F4F-3/3P
VMF-212
11 F4F-3A
98th Bomb Squadron: Maj. Rasmusson
6 B-17
Curtis (AV-4), VP-23 (Lt. Ogden)
10 PBY-5
3 OS2U

At New Caladonia:

67th Fighter Squadron: Cpt. D.D.Brannon
38 P-39/400's
42nd Bomb Squadron: Major Manierre
10 B-17
69th Bomb Squadron: Colonel rich
10 B-26
2 PBY-5
No. 9 Bomer Squadron (RNZAF)
6 Hudsons
3 OS2U

At Nandi, Fijis:

431st Bomb Squadron: Major Pharr
12 B-17
70th Bomb Squadron: Major Stefonowic
12 B-26
70th Fighter Squadron: Major H.vicellio
17 P-39/400's
No. 9 Bomber Sqn (RNZAF): Squadron Leader Grigg
12 Hudsons
No. 9 Fighter Sqn (RNZAF): Squadron Leader Roberts
3 Singapores
9 Vincents

Ndeni, Malaita:

USS MacFarland (AVD-14) - LT. Cobb
VP-11
VP-14 - 6 PBY
VP-14 in process of withdrawing & primarily engaged
in ferrying aircraft.

At Tongatabu:

69th Fighter Squadron: 1st Lt. Caldwell
24 P-39-400's

At Samoa:

VMF-111: Cpt. Torry
18 F4F
VMO-151: Major Hurst
17 SBC
10 OS2U

Task Force 42 (in Brisbane): Capt. R.W./Christe
Submarine Division 201

SS-37 - LCDR Baskett
SS-38 - LCDR Munson
SS-39 - LCDR Brown
SS-40 - LCDR Gambacorta
SS-41 - LCDR Hartman

Submarine Division 41

SS-42 - LCDR Nauman
SS-43 - LCDR Hanon
SS-44 - LCDR Moore
SS-45 - LCDR Eddy
SS-46 - LCDR Lynch
SS-47 - LCDR Davis

Allied Air Forces southwest Pacific Area: Major General G.C. Kenney
19th Bomb Group: Lt. Col. Carmichael (supporting landings)
16 B-17

Submarines Deployed To Truk:

USS Drum - LCDR Rice
USS Grayling - LCDR Olsen
USS Greenling - LCDR Bruton
USS Grenadier - LCDR Carr
USS Gudgeon - LCDR Stovall
USS Tambor - LCDR Ambruster

Frank, R.B., Guadalcanal, The Definitive Account of the Landmark Battle, Random House, New York, 1990

Lenton, H.T., Navies of the Second World War, American Fleet and Escort Destroyers 2, Doubleday & Co. Inc., Garden City, NJ, 1971.

Jane's Fighting Ships of World War II, Military Press, NY, 1989.

Copyright GFN 1991