

**Japanese Forces
Guadalcanal Landing
7 August 1942**

At Rabaul:

Tinian Air Group: Captain Saito
24 Zeros¹
2 Irvings (Nakajima J1N1)
2nd Air Group: CDR Yamamoto
15 Zeros
16 Vals (Aichi D3A)
Yokohama Air Group: Captain Miyazaki
6 Mavis (Flying boats)
Det.14th Air Group
2 Emilys (Flying boats)
4th Air Group: Captain Moritama
32 Betty (G4M1) Bombers

At Tulagi:

Yokohama Air Group: Captain Miyazaki
7 Mavis (Flying boats)
8 Rufe (Float planes)

8th Fleet: vice Admiral Mikawa

Heavy Cruisers:

IJN Chokai - Capt. Hayakawa

Cruiser Division 6: Rear Admiral Goto

IJN Aoba - Capt. Hisamune
IJN Furutaka - Capt. Tsutau
IJN Kako - Capt. Takahashi
IJN Kinugasa - Capt. Sawa

Cruiser Division 18: Rear Admiral Matsuyama

IJN Tenryu - Capt. Asano
IJN Yubari - Capt. Ban

Destroyer Division 29:

IJN Oite
IJN Yunagi
IJN Yuzuki
IJN Asakaze

Destroyer Division 30:

IJN Mutsuki - CDR Hatano
IJN Uzuki
IJN Yayoi
IJN Mochisuki

Submarine Squadron 7

IJN Jingei (Tender)

Submarine Division 13: Captain Miyazaki

IJN I-121 - LCDR Fujimori
IJN I-122 - LCDR Norita
IJN I-123 - LCDR Nakai

¹ Breakdown of "zero" aircraft between the Tinian Air Group and the 2nd Air Group are as follows:

24 A6M2 Model 21 Zeros (Zekes) (long ranged)
15 A6M3 Model 32 Zeros (Hamps) (short ranged)

Submarine Division 21: CDR Fijimoto

IJN RO-33

IJN RO-34 - LCDR Morinaga

Submarine Squadron 3: Captain Sasaki

IJN I-11 - CDR Shichiji

Submarine Division 11:

IJN I-171

IJN I-174

IJN I-176

IJN I-169

Land Forces at Guadalcanal:

11th Construction Unit (1,350 men)

13th Construction Unit (1,221 men)

81st Guard Unit & Kure 3rd Special Landing Force (247 men)

At Tulagi:

3rd Kure Special Naval landing Force (350 men)

At Gavutu-Tanambo:

Yokohama Air Group (342 men)

14th Construction Unit (144 men)

3rd Kure Special Naval Landing Force (1 platoon) (50 men)

8th Fleet Support Units:

7th Base Force

SCs 23, 32

85th Communications Unit

85th Submarine Base Unit

8th Base Force:

MSs 20

MSs 21

Sub Chaser divisions 21, 31, & 56

Gun Boat Division 5

81st, 82nd, & 84th Guard Divisions

8th Submarine Base Unit

8th Communications Group

8th Fleet Attached Units:

IJN Tsugara (Minelayer)

IJN Kiyokawa Maru (Seaplane tender)

3rd Kure Special Naval Landing Force

Sasebo 5th Special Naval Landing Force

10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th Airfield & Base

Construction Units (some of these are listed above)

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