

**Japanese & American Land Based Airforces in Guadalcanal Area  
20 September 1942**

Japanese at Rabaul

25th Air Flotilla

45 Zeros (long ranged)  
26 Zeros (short ranged, could not reach Guadalcanal)  
5 Vals  
6 Flying Boats  
1 Land Based Reconnaissance Plane

26th Air Flotilla:

31 Bettys  
3 unknown bombers

American at Guadalcanal:

36 FrF-4  
25 SBD  
7 TBF  
3 P-400

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

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