

**Battle of Cape Esperance  
11 October 1942**

Japanese Bombardment Group: Rear Admiral Goto

Cruiser Division 6

IJN Aoba (Capt. Hisamune)  
IJN Furutaka (Capt. Tsutau)  
IJN Kinugasa (Capt. Sawa)

Destroyer Division 11

IJN Fubuki  
IJN Hatsuyui

Reinforcement Group:

Seaplane Carriers:

IJN Nisshin  
IJN Chitose

Destroyer Division 9

IJN Asagumo  
IJN Natsugumo  
IJN Yamagumo

Destroyer Division 11

IJN Murakumo  
IJN Shirayuki

Unattached:

IJN Akizuki

American Task Force 64: Rear Admiral Norman Scott

USS San Francisco (CA38)  
USS Boise (CA)  
USS Salt Lake City (CA)  
USS Helena (CA)

Destroyer Squadron 12: Captain R.G.Tobin

USS Farenholt (DD491)  
USS Duncan (DD485)  
USS Laffey (459)  
USS Buchanan (DD484)  
USS McCalla (488)

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