

**Japanese High Speed Convoy and Bombardment Group  
Arriving at Guadalcanal  
12 October 1942**

High Speed Convoy

Escorts:

IJN Samidare (DD)  
IJN Harusame (DD)  
IJN Yudachi (DD)  
IJN Murasame (DD)  
IJN Ariake (DD)  
IJN Shiratsuyu (DD)  
IJN Shigure (DD)  
IJN Akizuki (Anti-Aircraft DD)

Convoy:

8 High Speed Merchants carrying  
16th Infantry Regiment  
230th Infantry Regiment (2 bns)  
4th Maizuru Special Naval Landing Force (824 men)  
1 100mm Artillery Battery  
1 150mm Artillery Battery  
1 AA Battalion  
1st Independent Tank Company  
Misc. Supplies & Munitions  
Total 4,500 men

Bombardment Group: Rear Admiral Kurita

IJN Kongo (BB)  
IJN Haurna (BB)  
IJN Isuzu (CL)  
IJN Oyashio (DD)  
IJN Kuroshio (DD)  
IJN Hayashio (DD)  
IJN Umikaze (DD)  
IJN Kawakaze (DD)  
IJN Suzukaze (DD)  
IJN takanami (DD)  
IJN Makinami (DD)  
IJN Naganami (DD)

US Forces Engaging Bombardment Group

Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 3: LCDR Montgomery

PT 38  
PT 60  
PT ? (number unknown)  
PT ? (number unknown)

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

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