

Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands
26 October 1942

Japanese Fleet: Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto (Aboard IJN Yamato
in Truk)

Support Force: Vice Admiral Kondo

Advanced Force, 2nd Fleet: Admiral Kondo

Cruiser Division 4: Admiral Kondo

IJN Atago (CA)

IJN Takao (CA)

Cruiser Division 5: Rear Admiral Omori

IJN Myoko (CA)

IJN Maya (CA)

Battleship Division 3: Vice Admiral Kurita

IJN Kongo (BB)

IJN Haruna (BB)

Carrier Division 2: Rear Admiral Kakuta

IJN Juyno (CV)

20 Zeros (21 authorized)

17 Vals (18 authorized)

7 Kates (9 authorized)

IJN Hiyo (CV)¹

Screen

IJN Isuzu (CL)

Destroyer Division 15

IJN Kagero (DD)

IJN Oyshio (DD)

IJN Kuroshio (DD)

IJN Hayashio (DD)

Destroyer Division 24

IJN Kawakaze (DD)

IJN Suzukaze (DD)

IJN Umikaze (DD)

Destroyer Division 31

IJN Naganami (DD)

IJN Takanami (DD)

IJN Makinami (DD)

Main Body, 3rd Fleet Vice Admiral Nagumo

Carrier Division 1:

IJN Shokaku (CV)

20 Zeros (27 authorized)

21 Vals (27 authorized)

24 Kates (18 authorized)

1 Judy (2 authorized)

IJN Zuikaku (CV)

20 Zeros (27 authorized)

23 Vals (27 authorized)

20 Kates (18 authorized)

IJN Zuiho (CVL)

20 Zeros (21 authorized)

¹ Detached October 22 with destroyers IJN Isonami & IJN Inazuma.

6 Kates (6 authorized)

Screen

IJN Kumano (CA)

Destroyer Division 16

IJN Amatsukaze (DD)

IJN Hatsukaze (DD)

IJN Tokitsukaze (DD)

IJN Yukikaze (DD)

Destroyer Division 4

IJN Arashi (DD)

IJN Miakaze (DD)

Unattached:

IJN Teruzuki (DD)

IJN Hamakaze (DD)

Vanguard, 3rd Fleet: Rear Admiral Abe

Battleship Division 11: Admiral Abe

IJN Hiei (BB)

IJN Kirishima (BB)

Cruiser Division 7: Rear Admiral Nishimura

IJN Suzuya (CA)

Cruiser Division 8: Rear Admiral Hara

IJN Tone (CA)

IJN Chikuma (CA)

Screen: Rear Admiral Kimura

IJN Nagara (CL)

Destroyer Division 10

IJN Akigumo (DD)

IJN Makikumo (DD)

IJN Yugumo (DD)

IJN Kazegumo (DD)

Destroyer Division 17:

IJN Isokaze (DD)

IJN Tanikaze (DD)

IJN Urakaze (DD)

Advanced Expeditionary Force: Vice Admiral Komatsu

(As fo 26 October)

"KO" (A) Unit: Submarine Squadron 2

I-7

Submarine Division 7

I-1

I-2

I-3

Submarine Division 6

I-4

I-5

Submarine Division 11

I-174

I-175

I-176

I-17

I-31

I-172

'OTSU" (B) Unit: Submarine Squadron 1:

I-9

Submarine Division 2

I-15

I-21

I-24

Southeast Area Force: Vice Admiral Kusaka

25th Air Flotilla - 67 Zeros²

26th Air Flotilla - 64 Bettys & 27 Vals

Seaplanes & float planes not included in strengths.

US Forces:

South Pacific Area, South Pacific Force: Vice Admiral Halsey

TF 61: Rear Admiral Kincaid

USS Enterprise (CV)

Air Group 10 - 1-TBF-1

VF-10 31 F4F-4

VB-10 10 SBD-3

VS-10 13 SBD-3

VT-10 9 TBF-1

USS South Dakota (BB-57)

Cruiser Division 4:

USS Portland (CA)

USS San Juan (CL-54)

Destroyers: Capt. Cecil

USS Porter (DD-356)

USS Mahan (DD-364)

Destroyer Squadron 10:

USS Cushing (DD-376)

USS Preston (DD-)

USS Smith (DD-378)

USS Maury (DD-401)

USS Conyngham (DD-371)

USS Shaw (DD-373)

TF 17: Rear Admiral Murray

USS Hornet (CV)

Air Group 8 - 1-TBF-1

VF-72 32 F4F-4

VB-8 15 SBD-3

VS-8 9 SBD-3

VT-6 15 TBF-1

Screen: Rear Admiral H.H.Good

USS Northampton (CA)

USS Pensacola (CA)

USS San Diego (CL-53)

USS Juneau (CL-119)

Destroyers: CDR A.E.True

USS Morris (DD-417)

USS Anderson (DD-411)

² Strength as of 31 October.

USS Hughes (DD-410)
USS Mustin (DD-413)
USS Russell (DD-414)
USS Barton (DD-599)

TF 64: Rear Admiral W.A.Lee

USS Washington (BB-56)
USS San Francisco (CA-38)
USS Helena (CL)
USS Atlanta (CL)
USS Aaron Ward (DD-483)
USS Benham (DD-379)
USS Fletcher (DD-445)
USS Lansdown (DD-486)
USS Lardner (DD-487)
USS McCalla (DD-488)

TF 63: (Landbased aircraft)

On Guadalcanal

26 F4F-4
20 SBD-3
6 P-400
6 P-39
2 TBF-1

On Espirtu Santo

24 F4F-4
39 B-17
12 Hudsons (RNZAF)
32 PBY's
5 OS2U
USS Curtiss (Seaplane tender)
USS Mackinac (Seaplane tender)

At New Caladonia

15 P-38
36 P-39
16 B-26
13 Hudsons (RNZAF)

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