

**Japanese Forces in Central Solomons
New Georgia
15 June 1943**

Central New Georgia Sector:

1st New Georgia Area (RAdm Minoru Ota)

Ground Units

8th Combined SNLF¹ Headquarters
Kure 6th SNLF, 14cm Flat Trajectory Gun Btry (2 guns)
Yokosuka 7th SNLF, 12cm Flat Trajectory Gun Btry
(2 guns)
Yokosuka 7th SNLF, 8cm Flat Trajectory Gun Platoon
(4 guns)
Kure 6th SNLF, Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Company
21st Anti-Aircraft Unit
17th Pioneers
131st Pioneers

Look Out Units

Banieta: 1st Platoon, 8th CSNLF Lookout Company
Visuvisu: 1st Squad, Kure 6th SNLF Lookout Platoon
Ramada: 2nd Squad, Kure 6th SNLF Lookout Platoon
Mburongo: 3rd Platoon, 8th CSNLF Lookout Company
Munda Area: 4th Platoon, 8th CSNLF Lookout Company

Boat Units

8th CSNLF Landing Craft Company
Shipping Company (Army), New Georgia Sector

2nd New Georgia Area (MajGen Nobru Sasaki)

Ground Troops

229th Infantry (less 3rd Co; 7th Co less 1 platoon)
2nd Bn, 10th Independent Mountain Artillery (less
5th & 6th Btrys)
Rendova Defense Unit
7th Co (less 1 platoon), 229th Infantry
(Lt. Toshio Suzuki)
2nd Co., Kure 6th SNLF (under Lt(jg) Gonshiro Funada)
Dragons Defense Unit (CDR Saburo Okumura)
Kure 6th SNLF (less detachments)
2nd Bn, 13th Infantry (plus 12th Co & 1 Plat.
Yokosuka 7th SNLF & Det 3rd MG Co.)

Munda Army Anti-aircraft Defenses

(Col. Shunichi Shiroto)
15th Field Anti-aircraft Artillery
41st Field AA Battalion (less 2nd Btry)
31st Independent Field AA Battalion
27th Machine Cannon Company
3rd Field Searchlight Battalion
(less 2nd btry)

Munda Reserve: (Major Masaji Kamiya)

1 platoon, 7th Co., 229th Infantry
60th Independent Radio Platoon (less 1 squad)
2nd Field Hospital, 38th Division

¹ SNLF stands for "Special Naval Landing Force."

Det. 17th Army Military Police

Western New Georgia Sector (Kolombangara)

Army Ground Troops (Colonel Satoshi Tomonari)
13th Infantry (less 2nd Bn. 12th Co., & 1 Plat 3rd
MG Co.)
6th Battery, 10th Independent Mountain Artillery
Naval Ground Troops (CDR Koshin Takeda)
Yokosuka 7th SNLF (less detachments)
19th Pioneers
Kolombangara Army Anti-aircraft Defenses
(Major Toshio Yamanaka)
58th field AA Battalion (less 1st Battery)
22nd Field Machine Cannon Co.
23rd Field Machine Cannon Co.
2nd Btry, 3rd Field Searchlight Battalion

Eastern New Georgia Sector

Viru Area (1st Lt. Takagi)
3rd Co., 229th Infantry (less 1 platoon)
Kure 6th SNLF Anti-aircraft Machine Gun Co.
Yokosuka 7th SNLF, 8cm Flat Trajectory Gun Squad
2nd Platoon, 8th CSNLF Lookout Co (at Tetipari)
Wickham Area (under Lt(jg) Yamamoto)
1st Co., Kure 6th SNLF
1 platoon, 3rd Co., 229th Infantry

Rentz, J.N., Marines in the Central Solomons, Historical Section Division of Public Information, Headquarters, USMC, 1951.

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