

**Japanese Air Forces  
Sho-Go Operations  
July 1944**

**ARMY AIR STRENGTH**

Northeastern Area:

- 1st Air Division
  - 1 Fighter Regiment
  - 2 Heavy Bomber Regiments
  - 1 Reconnaissance Regiment
  - Sho-Go, No. 1 - Strategic Reserve\*
  - Sho-Go, No. 2 - Strategic Reserve
  - Sho-Go, No. 3 - Strategic Reserve
  - Sho-Go, No. 4 - Total Strength

Japan Proper:

- 10th Air Division
  - 7 Fighter Regiments
  - 1 Reconnaissance Regiment
  - Sho-Go, No. 3 - Total Strength
- 11th Air Division
  - 4 Fighter Regiment
  - Sho-Go, No. 3 - Total Strength
- 12th Air Division
  - 2 Fighter Regiments
  - 1 Reconnaissance Regiment
  - Sho-Go, No. 3 - Total Strength
- Air Training Army
  - 8 Fighter Regiments
  - 2 Heavy Bomber Regiments
  - 1 Light Bomber Regiment
  - 2 Reconnaissance Regiment
  - Sho-Go, No. 1 - 2 Fighter & 1 Heavy Bomber Regts
  - Sho-Go, No. 2 - Main Force
  - Sho-Go, No. 3 - Total Strength
  - Sho-Go, No. 4 - 2 Fighter, 1 Lt Bomber, 1 Heavy Bomber,  
1 HQ Reconnaissance Regiment

Formosa:

- 8th Air Division
  - 4 Fighter Regiments
  - 1 Heavy Bomber Regiment
  - 1 Light Reconnaissance Regiment
  - Sho-Go, No. 1 - 1 Fighter, 1 Light & 1 Heavy Bomber Regt
  - Sho-Go, No. 2 - Total Strength
  - Sho-Go, No. 3 - 1 Heavy Bomber Regiment
  - Sho-Go, No. 4 - Strategic Reserve

Philippines:

- 4th Air Army
  - 5 Fighter Regiments
  - 2 Heavy Bomber Regiments
  - 2 Light Bomber Regiments
  - 2 Assault Regiments
  - 1 Light Reconnaissance Regiment
  - Sho-Go, No. 1 - Total Strength
  - Sho-Go, No. 2 - 2 Fighter, 1 Assault, 1 Heavy Bomber  
& 1 Hq Reconnaissance Regiments

Sho-Go, No. 3 - 2 Fighter, 2 Assault, & 2 Heavy Bomber  
Regiments  
Sho-Go, No. 4 - Strategic Reserve

China:

5th Air Army  
5 Fighter Regiments  
2 Light Bomber Regiments  
2 Reconnaissance Regiments  
Sho-Go, No. 1 - 2 Fighter Regiments  
Sho-Go, No. 2 - 2 Fighter Regiments  
Sho-Go, No. 3 - 2 Fighter & 2 Light Bomber Regiments  
Sho-Go, No. 4 - Strategic Reserve

**NAVY AIR STRENGTH**

Philippines

First Air Fleet  
4 Attack Units  
5 Fighter Units  
1 Reconnaissance Unit  
Sho-Go, No. 1 - Entire Strength  
Sho-Go, No. 2 - Entire Strength  
Sho-Go, No. 3 - Strategic Reserve  
Sho-Go, No. 4 - Strategic Reserve

Formosa and Nansei Islands

Second Air Fleet  
4 Attack Units  
7 Fighter Units  
2 Reconnaissance Units  
Sho-Go, No. 1 - Major Strength  
Sho-Go, No. 2 - Entire Strength  
Sho-Go, No. 3 - Major Strength  
Sho-Go, No. 4 - Element

Homeland

Third Air Fleet  
3 Attack Units  
5 Fighter Units  
1 Reconnaissance Unit  
Sho-Go, No. 1 - Strategic Reserve  
Sho-Go, No. 2 - Major Strength  
Sho-Go, No. 3 - Entire Strength  
Sho-Go, No. 4 - Major Strength

Hokkaido

12th Air Fleet  
4 Attack Units  
2 Fighter Units  
Sho-Go, No. 1 - Strategic Reserve  
Sho-Go, No. 2 - Strategic Reserve  
Sho-Go, No. 3 - Major Strength  
Sho-Go, No. 4 - Entire Strength

Homeland:

Third Fleet  
2 Mixed Units (carrier planes)  
3 Attack Units  
4 Fighter Units  
1 Reconnaissance Unit

Sho-Go, No. 1 - 2 Mixed Units (carrier planes)  
Sho-Go, No. 2 - 2 Mixed Units (carrier planes)  
Sho-Go, No. 3 - 2 Mixed Units (carrier planes)  
Sho-Go, No. 4 - 2 Mixed Units (carrier planes)

Southwest Area

13th Air Fleet

2 Attack Units

1 Fighter Unit

Sho-Go, No. 1 - 2 Attack & 1 Fighter Units

Sho-Go, No. 2 - none

Sho-Go, No. 3 - Strategic Reserve

Sho-Go, No. 4 - Strategic Reserve

China

China Area Fleet

2 Mixed Units (carrier planes)

Sho-Go, No. 1 - none

Sho-Go, No. 2 - 2 Mixed Units

Sho-Go, No. 3 - Strategic Reserve

Sho-Go, No. 4 - Strategic Reserve

\* Each Sho-Go plan shown here indicates the forces to be used in 1 that plan.

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