

**Tactical Grouping of Japanese Naval Forces**  
**20 October 1944**

**COMBINED FLEET**: Admiral Toyoda

Task Force Main Body (Ozawa Force): Vice Admiral Ozawa

3rd Carrier Division:

IJN Zuikaku (CV)  
IJN Chitose (CVL)  
IJN Chiyoda (CVL)  
IJN Zuiho (CVL)

4th Carrier Division:

IJN Hyuga (BB)  
IJN Ise (BB)

31st Destroyer Squadron:

IJN Isuzu (CL)

41st Destroyer Division:

IJN Shimotsuki (DD)

43rd Destroyer Division:

IJN Maki (DD)  
IJN Kuwa (DD)  
IJN Sugi (DD)  
IJN Kiri (DD)

61st Destroyer Division:

IJN Akitsuki (DD)  
IJN Hatsutsuki (DD)  
IJN Wakatsuki (DD)

Independent

IJN Oyoda (CL)  
IJN Tama (CL)

First Striking Force (Kurita Force): Vice Admiral Kurita

First Task Group

4th Cruiser Division:

IJN Atago (CA)  
IJN Takao (CA)  
IJN Maya (CA)  
IJN Chokai (CA)

1st Battleship Division:

IJN Yamato (BB)  
IJN Musashi (BB)  
IJN Nagato (BB)

5th Cruiser Division:

IJN Myoko (CA)  
IJN Haguro (CA)

2nd Destroyer Squadron

IJN Noshiro (CL)  
IJN Snimakaze (DD)

2nd Destroyer Division:

IJN Hayashimo (DD)  
IJN Akishimo (DD)

31st Destroyer Division:

IJN Kishinami (DD)  
IJN Okinami (DD)  
IJN Asahimo (DD)

IJN Naganami (DD)  
32nd Destroyer Division:  
IJN Hamanami (DD)  
IJN Fujinami (DD)  
Second Task Group (Kurita Force):  
3rd Battleship Division:  
IJN Kongo (BB)  
IJN Haruna (BB)  
7th Cruiser Division:  
IJN Kumano (CA)  
IJN Suzuya (CA)  
IJN tone (CA)  
IJN Chikuma (CA)  
10th Destroyer Squadron:  
IJN Yahagi (CL)  
IJN Nowaki (DD)  
IJN Kiyoshimo (DD)  
17th Destroyer Division:  
IJN Urakaze (DD)  
IJN Isokaze (DD)  
IJN Yukikaze (DD)  
IJN Hamakaze (DD)  
Third Task Group (Nishimura Force):  
2nd Battleship Division  
IJN Yamashiro (BB)  
IJN Fuso (BB)  
4th Destroyer Division  
IJN Mitsushio (DD)  
IJN Asagumo (DD)  
IJN Yamagumo (DD)  
Independent  
IJN Mogami (CA)  
IJN Shigure (DD)

SOUTHWEST AREA FORCE: Vice Admiral Mikawa

2nd Striking Force (Shima Force): Vice Admiral Shima

21st Cruiser Division:  
IJN Nachi (CA)  
IJN Ashigara (CA)  
1st Destroyer Squadron  
IJN Abukuma (CL)  
7th Destroyer Division:  
IJN Akebono (DD)  
IJN Ushio (DD)  
18th Destroyer Division:  
IJN Shiranuhi (DD)  
IJN Kasumi (DD)  
21st Destroyer Division:  
IJN Wakaba (DD)  
IJN Hatsuharu (DD)  
IJN Hatsushimo (DD)  
16th Cruiser Division:  
IJN Aoba (CA)  
IJN Kinu (CL)  
IJN Uranami (DD)

5th Base Air Force (1st Air Fleet): Vice Admiral Onishi  
35 operational aircraft

6th Base Air Force (2nd Air Fleet): Vice Admiral Fukudome  
200 operational aircraft

Philippine Force  
composition unknown

Advance Submarine Force: Vice Admiral Miwa  
approximately 33 submarines, of which 19 were available  
for Sho Operaiton No. 1.

The Reports of General MacArthur, Japanese Demobilization Bureau  
Records.

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