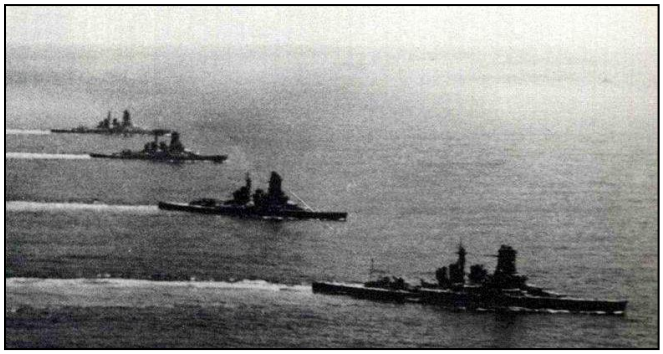
GUADALCANAL

November 13, 1942
1/2400 "General Quarters 3" Scenario

"The star shells rose, terrible and red. Giant tracers flashed across the night in orange arches...."

--Robert Leckie, US Marine private



BACKGROUND

After the allies landed troops on Guadalcanal Island in August 1942, they and the Japanese would fight a bitter six-month struggle for control that saw numerous engagements on land, sea and in the air. Henderson Field gave the allies control of the air during daylight hours, forcing the Japanese to conduct naval operations to reinforce, resupply and support their troops on the island at night – the fabled "Tokyo Express." These operations resulted in some of the most fearsome nighttime surface engagements of the war.

In October of 1942, when the allies caught wind of a large multi-pronged Japanese plan to reinforce their troops slated for mid-November, the new commander of the South Pacific Area – William "Bull" Halsey – assembled what limited surface combatant ships he could to throw at the enemy. Unfortunately, for the initial fight, that meant countering the expected Japanese battleships with only cruisers and destroyers.

In the early-morning hours of November 13, 1942, five American cruisers and eight destroyers would tangle with two Japanese battleships, one Japanese cruiser and eleven Japanese destroyers in what would become known as the First Naval Battle of Guadalcanal.

GAME LENGTH

There is no turn limit. Play until one side disengages.

TABLETOP

For 1/2400 scale ships, a flat playing area representing Ironbottom Sound of 6'x8' is suggested. The western table edge cannot be exited by any ships.

DEPLOYMENT

The Japanese enter their edge at 15 knots in their historical four columns. The fourth column, DD 4, enters behind BB11 in the center. No columns may maneuver until the US is visually spotted. Both forces begin "hidden" and out of range.

The American player may organize their force in any formation (including separate columns) and enter at 15 knots. The first six turns of movement should be pre-plotted on paper and this path must be followed until Japanese ships are detected with radar or visually.

SCENARIO NOTES

Because the Japanese were not expecting opposition and were planning a bombardment of Henderson Field with high-explosive shells, the first three times that each Japanese battleship fires its primary battery, any and all hits will automatically be considered non-penetrating. After that, they are considered to have brought up armor-piercing shells.

Japanese Admiral Abe is on board the Battleship Hiei. American Admiral Callaghan is on the cruiser San Francisco. American Admiral Scott is on the cruiser Atlanta. If any of these ships suffer a "bridge hit" critical, the admiral on board is considered killed.

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US NAVY BRIEFING

We may be outgunned, but the Japs have no idea we're coming for them in the dead of night. Hit them, and hit them hard. Force the enemy surface fleet to abort its mission and turn back up the Slot.

VICTORY: Earn the VP value of any enemy ships sunk or any ship reduced to 11 knots by the game's end. Earn 5 VP for any enemy Admiral killed. Earn 5 VP if the Japanese force does not make it off the American table edge to bombard Henderson Field.

DD Vanguard: Cushing, Laffey, Sterett, O'Bannon

DD Afterguard: Aaron Ward, Barton, Monssen, Fletcher

Heavy Cruisers: San Francisco, Portland

Light Cruisers: Atlanta, Helena, Juneau

JAPANESE IMPERIAL NAVY BRIEFING

The Emperor's brave soldiers require our support and reinforcement at Guadalcanal. Escort the battleships Hiei and Kirishima to bombard Henderson Field.

VICTORY: Earn the VP value of any enemy ships sunk. Earn 5 VP for any enemy Admiral killed. If any American ship is reduced to 11 knots by the game's end, roll a d6. On a roll of '1' it is considered sunk by our submarines.

Battleship Division 11: Hiei, Kirishima

DD Squadrons 10 & 4: Nagara, Harusame, Yudachi

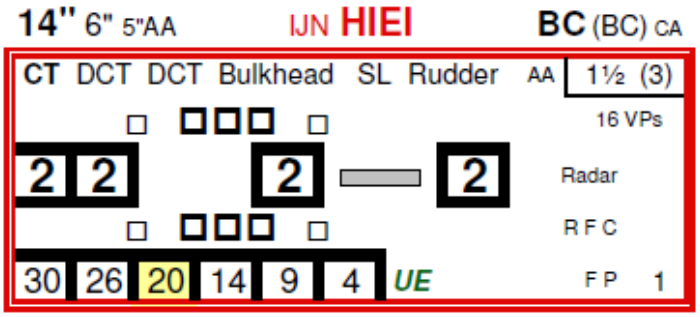
DD Division 4: Asagumo, Murasame, Samidare

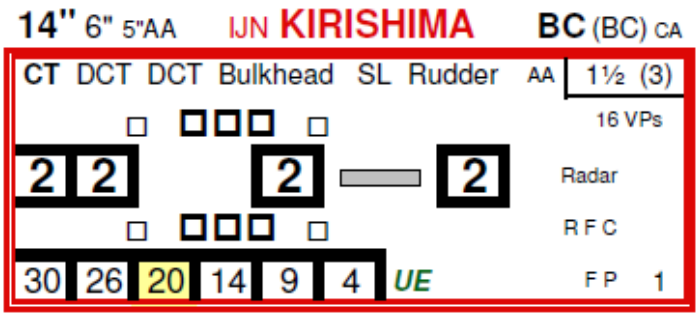
DD Division 6: Akatsuki, Ikazuchi, Inazuma

DD Divisions 16 & 61: Yukikaze, Amatsukaze, Terusuki

MAP

Battleship Division 11 – R.Adm. Hiroaki Abe





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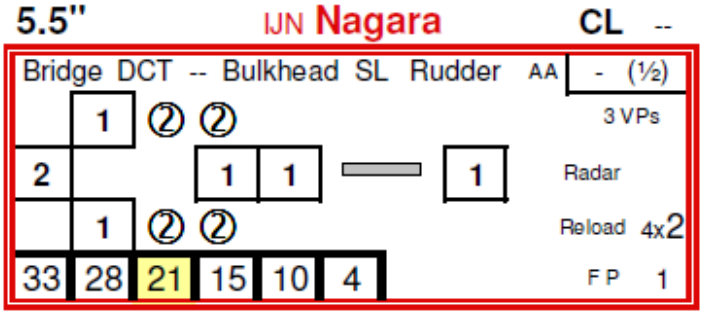
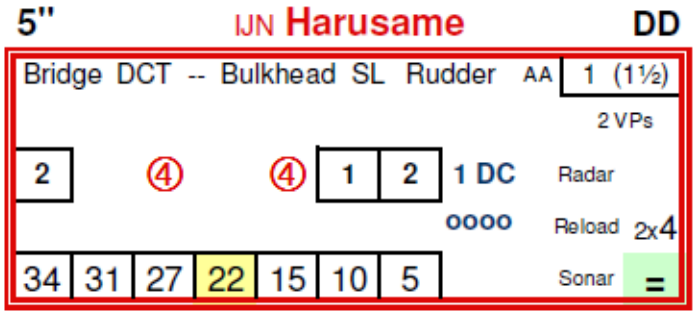
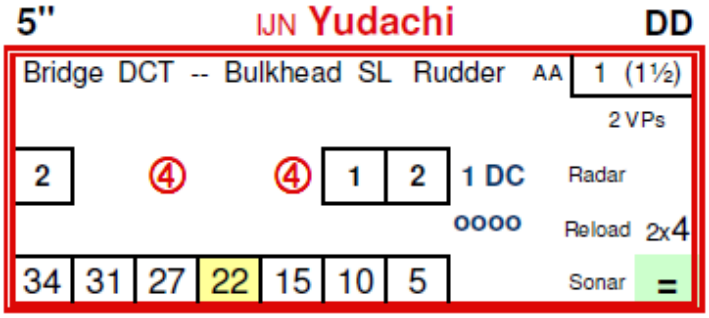
Elements of DD Squadrons 10 & 4 – R.Adm. Satsuma Kimura







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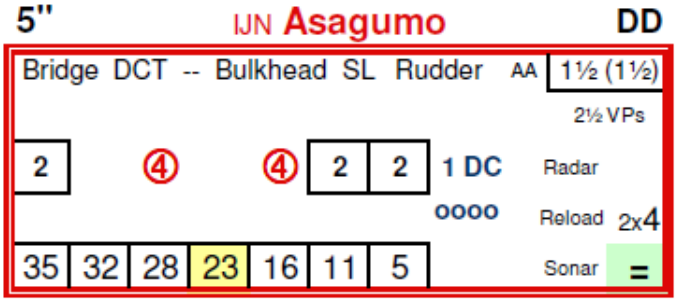
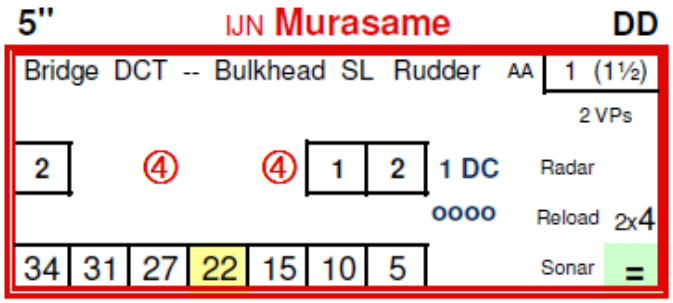
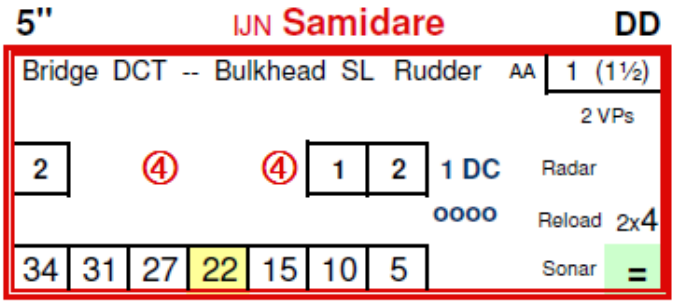
Elements of Destroyer Division 4 – R.Adm. Tamotsu Takama







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Destroyer Division 6 – Capt. Yusuke Yamada

5" IJN **Akatsuki** DD

Bridge	DCT	--	Bulkhead	SL	Rudder	AA	1 (2)
							2½ VPs

2 ③ ③ ③ 2 1 DC Radar

oooo Reload 2x3

34 31 27 22 15 10 5 Sonar =

5" IJN **Ikazuchi** DD

Bridge	DCT	--	Bulkhead	SL	Rudder	AA	1 (2)
							2½ VPs

2 ③ ③ ③ 2 1 DC Radar

oooo Reload 2x3

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5" IJN **Inazuma** DD

Bridge	DCT	--	Bulkhead	SL	Rudder	AA	1 (2)
							2½ VPs

2 ③ ③ ③ 2 1 DC Radar

oooo Reload 2x3

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Deck Log	**Targets/Range:**	**Akatsuki**	**Ikazuchi**	**Inazuma**
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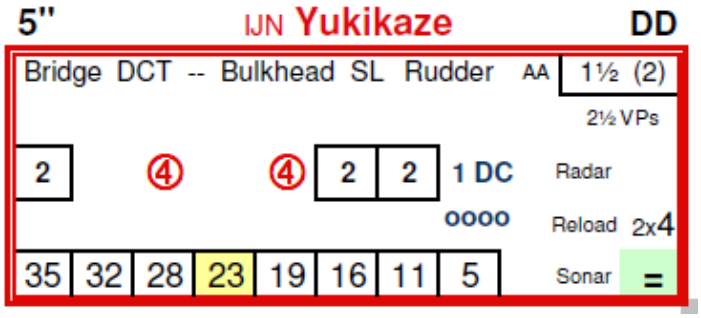
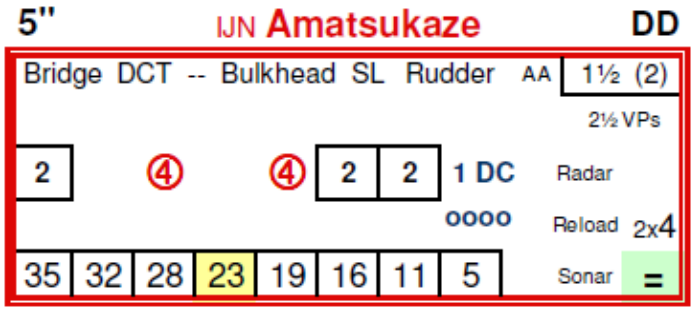
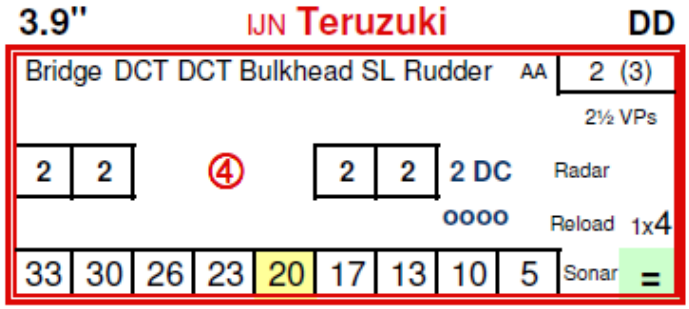
Elements of Destroyer Divisions 16 & 61 – Capt. Kiichiro Shoji







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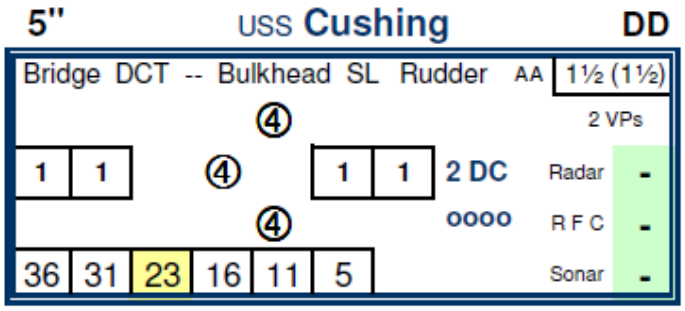
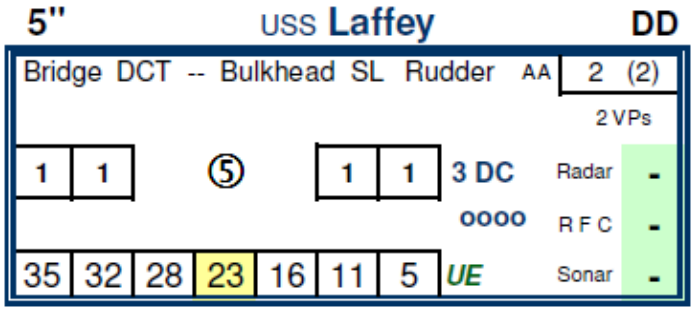
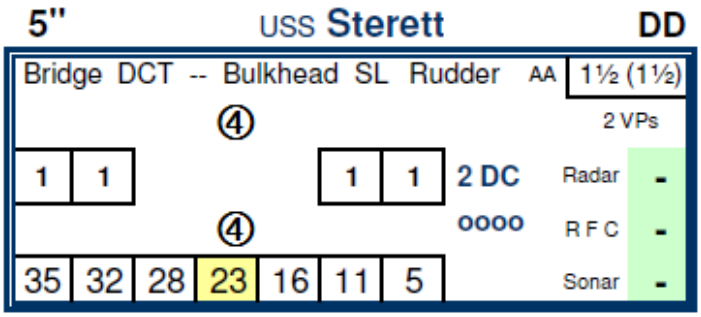
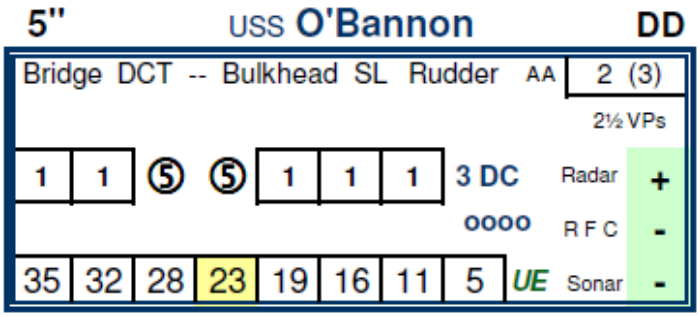
US Navy Vanguard









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US Navy Afterguard

5" USS **Aaron Ward** **DD**

Bridge	DCT	--	Bulkhead	SL	Rudder	AA	2 (2)
							2 VPs

1	1	⑤	1	1	3 DC	Radar	-
					oooo	R F C	-

35	32	28	23	16	11	5	UE	Sonar	-

5" USS **Barton** **DD**

Bridge	DCT	--	Bulkhead	SL	Rudder	AA	2 (2)
							2 VPs

1	1	⑤	1	1	3 DC	Radar	-
					oooo	R F C	-

35	32	28	23	16	11	5	UE	Sonar	-

5" USS **Monssen** **DD**

Bridge	DCT	--	Bulkhead	SL	Rudder	AA	1½ (1½)
							2 VPs

1	1	⑤	⑤	1	1	3 DC	Radar	-
						oooo	R F C	-

35	32	28	23	16	11	5	UE	Sonar	-

5" USS **Fletcher** **DD**

Bridge	DCT	--	Bulkhead	SL	Rudder	AA	2 (3)
							2½ VPs

1	1	⑤	⑤	1	1	1	3 DC	Radar	+
							oooo	R F C	-

35	32	28	23	19	16	11	5	UE	Sonar	-

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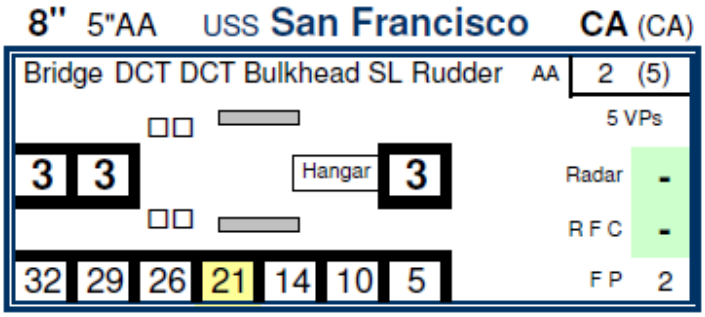
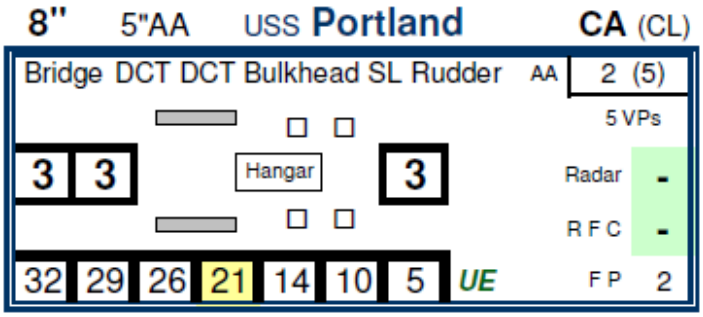
US Navy Heavy Cruisers





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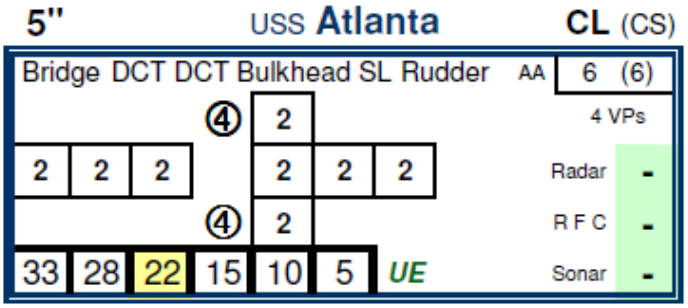
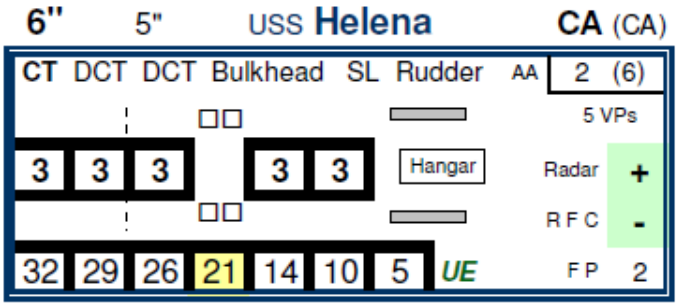
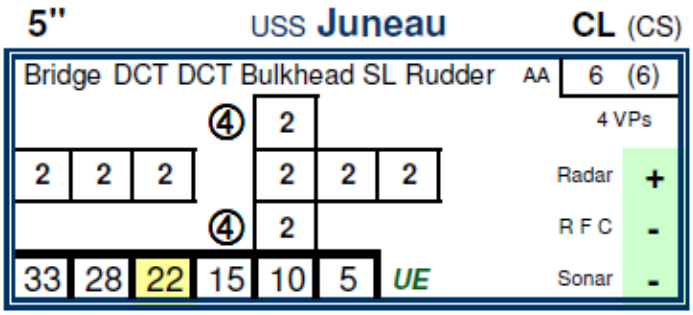
US Navy Light Cruisers







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