



SCENARIO 4: BATTLE OF JAVA SEA

27 FEBRUARY 1942, Local time: 1620

As the Japanese were bombing Pearl Harbor, their military steamroller landed in Malaya, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. Borneo with her rich oil fields was next on the list, and is now in their hands. They are looking toward their outward boundary; Indonesia and Java with their rich bounty, and with an eye of the final establishment of the Asian hemisphere as a Japanese dominated area of influence called the "Greater East Co-Prosperity Sphere."

To resist this effort was an ad hoc force of Allied ships, known as ABDA Force (American, British, Dutch, Australian). This force of Allied ships fought on, but they are hampered by a lack of common doctrine, language and codes. At the end of February 1942, this force attempted to intercept the Japanese troop transports heading for Java.

CONDITIONS

Wind: Southeast, Light
Sighting Range: unlimited
Cloud cover: High overcast, fair
Weather Modifier: 0 (no modifier)

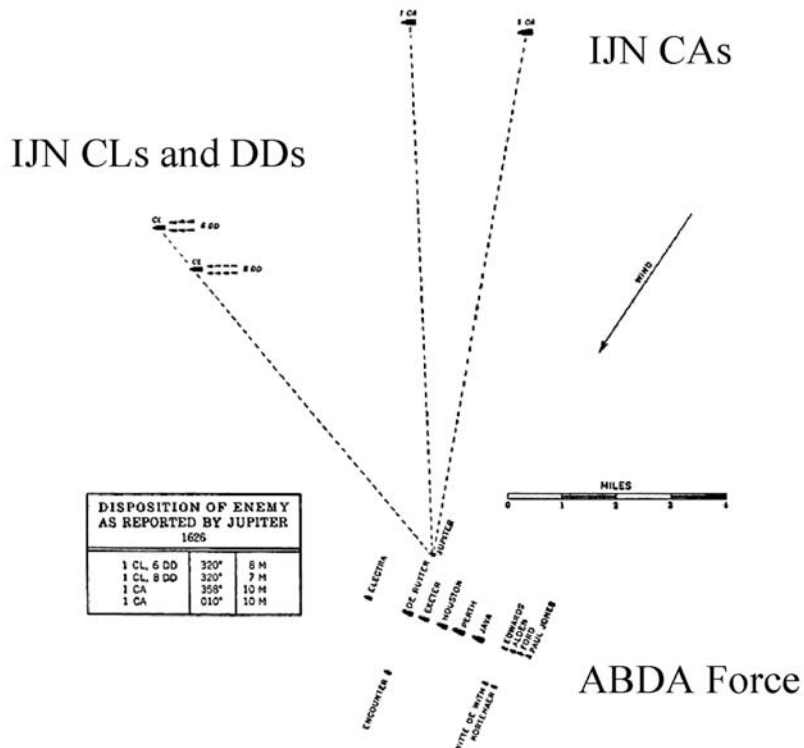
HISTORICAL RESULT: Japanese victory

The loss of the Battle of Java Sea dashed Allied hopes for holding the Far East. Unable to stop the Japanese fleet, they were also unable to oppose the landings on Indonesia or Java. Allied ships surviving this battle were run down and destroyed including *Houston*, *Exeter*, and *Perth*.

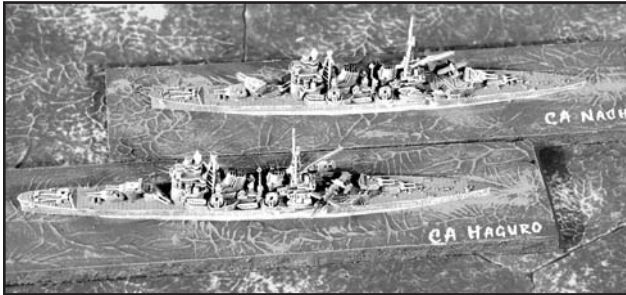
Japanese doctrine of using their 'long lance' torpedoes was proved during this battle; the ability to disrupt an opponent's fleet with long range torpedo fire, then close to the kill with guns. While the use of 'long lance' proved itself many times during the next two years, Japanese surface warfare doctrine never proved itself again as well as here.

DISPOSITION OF ENEMY AT FIRST CONTACT BATTLE OF JAVA

27 February
(As Reported by JUPITER, 1626)



Scenario 4: Battle of Java Sea



IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY

Fifth Fleet (Northern Force):

Heavy Cruisers: *Nachi* CA (Fleet Flag),
Haguro CA

1st Destroyer Squadron:

Naka CL (Squadron Flag); *Yudachi*, *Samidare*,
Murasame, *Harusame*, *Yamakaze* and
Kawakaze - all *Shiratsuyu* Class DDs

2nd Destroyer Squadron:

Jintsu CL (Squadron Flag); *Minegumo*,
Asagumo, *Ushio* - all *Ashashio* Class DDs;

Yukikaze, *Tokitsukaze*, *Amatsukaze*, *Hatsukaze*
- all *Kagero* Class DDs;

Sazanami - *Yugumo* Class DD

Crew Quality: Veteran
Damage Control: Normal
Radar: None
Sonar: DDs are Type "A"
Cohesion: 16
Initial Heading: 270
Initial Speed: 20 knots
Formation: (see map)

Objective: Escort and transit of transports carrying landing forces to Java. Intercept and destroy any Allied naval forces trying to prevent landings. Inflict major damage on at least four of the ABDA cruisers.

ALLIED FORCES

Cruisers:

De Ruyter - *De Ruyter* Class CL (Fleet Flag)(Dutch)
Java - *Sumatra* Class CL (Dutch),
Perth - *Perth* Class CL (Australian),
Exeter - *Exeter* Class CA (British),
Houston - *Northampton* Class CA (American)

DesDiv 58/59 (American):

John D. Edwards (Flag), *Paul Jones*, *John D. Ford*, *Alden* - all "flush decker" *Wilkes/Clemson* Class DDs

British Destroyers:

HMS Electra (Flag), *HMS Encounter* - "E" Class DDs
HMS Jupiter - "J" Class DD

Dutch Destroyers:

Witte de With - *Van Galen* Class DD (Flag),
Kortenaer - *Van Ghent* Class DD

Crew Quality: *Exeter*: veteran, others trained
Damage Control: Normal
Radar: *Exeter*: Type "A", others: none.
Sonar: British DDs are Type "B",
Dutch & US DDs are Type "A"
Cohesion: 14
Initial Heading: 320
Initial Speed: 18 knots
Formation: (see map)
Note: *Houston* has 3 hits on "X" turret.

Objective: Intercept and stop Japanese landing forces 50 miles NW of Surabaya. Inflict major damage on both Japanese heavy cruisers, or on at least one third of the IJN force (six ships).