



## SCENARIO 5: BATTLE OF KOMANDORSKI ISLANDS

26 MARCH 1943, Local Time: 0730

The Japanese are trying to run reinforcements to Attu Island. Bad weather has delayed the arrival of the Second Escort Force with the slow merchant *Sanko Maru*. Convoy D, escorted by Fifth Fleet, is marking time countermarching in a North/South course awaiting their arrival. The USN is steaming a roughly N/S patrol line to intercept these Japanese reinforcements. As dawn breaks and visual sightings begin to be made it is discovered that the expected Second Escort Force is not what is being seen.



### CONDITIONS

Light wind from SE. Cloud cover at 2500 ft.

Visibility: 30 Kyds

Weather Modifier: +2 for heavy seas

Initial Bearing: US Forces due south of  
IJN Forces

Initial Range: 25kyds

### HISTORICAL RESULT: American Victory

Fearing additional air and surface units in the area, the Japanese exercised extreme caution, choosing to keep the range open on the inferior forces visible. Both sides experienced engineering malfunctions and after a relatively short engagement, the Japanese forces withdrew.



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### AMERICAN FORCES:

#### **TG 16.6:**

*Richmond* - Omaha Class CL (Fleet/Cruiser Flag)

*Salt Lake City* - Pensacola Class CA

#### **DesDiv 14:**

*Bailey* (DD Flag), *Coghlan* - Benson Class DDs;

*Dale*, *Monaghan* - both Farragut Class DD

**Crew Quality:** *Salt Lake City*, *Dale*,  
*Monaghan* are Veteran.  
*Richmond*, *Coghlan*, *Bailey*  
are Trained.

**Damage Control:** Normal

**Radar:** *Coghlan/Richmond* are Type "B"

**Sonar:** DDs are Type "B"  
Cruisers are Type "A"

**Cohesion:** 15

**Initial Heading:** 350° T on a zig-zag course.

**Initial Speed:** 15 knots

**Formation:** Line ahead formation -  
*Bailey*, *Coghlan*, *Richmond*,  
*Salt Lake City*, *Dale*,  
*Monaghan*. Spacing is 2000  
yards between ships.

**Objective:** Intercept and stop Japanese reinforcements to Aleutian Island's. Inflict major damage on at least half of the transports.



### IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY

#### **Fifth Fleet (Northern Force):**

*Nachi* - Nachi Class CA (Fleet Flag);

*Maya* - Takao Class CA,

*Tama* - Kuma Class CL

#### **DesDiv 21:**

*Wakaba* (Flag), *Hatsushimo* - Hatshuharo Class DDs

#### **Convoy 'D':**

*Abukuma* - Nagara Class CL (Flag - destroyers & transports)

*Ikazuchi*, *Inazuma* - Akatsuki Class DDs;

*Asaka Maru*, *Sakito Maru* - AP Maru Class transports

#### **Second Escort Force:**

*Usugumo* - Fubuki Class DD (Flag);

*Sanko Maru* - AP Maru Class transport

**Crew Quality:** Warships are Veterans,  
Merchants are trained.

**Damage Control:** Warships are Normal,  
Merchants are Poor.

**Radar:** None

**Sonar:** DDs are Type "A"

**Cohesion:** 16

#### **Northern Force:**

**Initial Heading:** 000°

**Initial Speed:** 15 knots

**Formation:** Line ahead - *Nachi*, *Maya*, *Tama*,  
*Wakaba*, *Hatsushimo*, *Abukuma*,  
*Ikazuchi*, *Asaka Maru*, *Sakito*  
*Maru*, *Inazuma*.

Spacing is roughly 1000 yards  
between ships.

#### **Second Escort Force:**

**Initial Heading:** 270°

**Initial Speed:** 10 knots

**Formation:** Line ahead - *Usugumo*,  
*Sanko Maru*

#### **Range from**

**Northern Force:** 20 Kyds, due North

**Objective:** Escort transports to Attu. Disengage from American forces in an eastward direction. No transports suffer more than minor damage.