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TACTICAL PROBLEM I-1934-SR.

1856-A

MANEUVER DETAIL

Director

Captain MacFall

Assistant for

Operations
Moves
Communications
Gunnery
Assistant for Gunnery
Historian
Master Plot
(Torpedoes and Submarines)
Assistant for Submarines
Air
Assistant for Air
Assistant on Master Plot

Commander Battle
Commander Battle
Commander Cogswell
Colonel Cutts
Lt.Colonel Santschi
Mr. Whittier
Commander Rankin
Commander Rankin
Commander Hein
Commander Douglas
Commander Wood
Mr. Wilson

Umpires

Moves: BLUE
ORANGE

Captain Bemis
Commander Nixon
Captain Towers
Commander Coman

Communications: BLUE
ORANGE

Commander Gillam
Commander Emmerson

Smoke:

Commander Shonerd
Commander Waddell

Gunfire Scorers:

Chief Scorer

Lt.Comdr. Moon

BLUE Scorers -----

Commander Kauffman
Commander Hilliard
Commander Hedrick
Commander Bright
Lt.Comdr. McGuigan (CC)
Commander Hogg
Captain Stewart
Captain Holeman (MC)
Commander Riefkohl
Major J.W. Jones
Commander Van de Carr

ORANGE Scorers -----

Damage Recorders:

Chief Recorder

BLUE
ORANGE

Captain Stewart
Captain Holeman (MC)
Commander Bright

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Player Detail

BLUE

O.T.C. and Combatline	Commander Clement
Staff	Commander Barry
Comdesdiv 3	Major Jenkins
Com Light Forces and Comdrudiv 6	Captain Richardson
Comcrudiv 2	Commander Gray
Comdesron 1	Commander Van Valkenburgh
Comdesdiv 1	Commander Dessez
Comdesdiv 2	Commander R.C. Smith
Comsubs and C.O. SS-157	Commander Barr
C.O. SS-158	Major Hartle
C.O. SS-159	Lt.Col. Utley
ComAir	Commander Carpender
Aide for Air	Major Strong
ComConvoy	Commander James
Comdesdiv 8	Commander Le Clair
Comdesdiv 9	Commander Maloney

BLUE

SECRET

BLUE Reenforcements
BB-35, Flagship

Battle Plan
No. 1

Latitude 4°-30' North
Longitude 149°-00' E.
7 January 193-

TASK ORGANIZATION

- (a) Battle Line
BBs Thirty-three, Thirty-four, Thirty-five
Desdiv Three
- (b) Light Forces, Rear Admiral LFB
Crudivs Two, Six
Desron One less Desdiv Three
- (c) Aircraft, Commander ACB
All VO and VS
- (d) Submarines
SS One fifty-seven, One fifty-eight, One fifty-nine
- (e) Convoy, Rear Admiral C
Train Vessels
Desdivs Eight, Nine

1. Mission. To safeguard reenforcements during our advance in order to ensure their safe and timely arrival.
Information. Enemy plane sighted us South of SATAWAN ISLAND six January zero seven hundred. Our submarines report a detachment of enemy battle cruisers, eight CAs, five CLs, about seventeen destroyers, transiting SAN BERNARDINO STRAITS at seventeen hundred six January standing Eastward.
Assumptions. Assume above detachment will attack us, probably during daylight, by first concentrating all of his forces on our escort and then on the convoy. That he will endeavor to take advantage of the superior gun range of his battle line.
2. This force will destroy or drive off enemy attacking forces by fighting defensively on interior lines near convoy, by keeping interposed between enemy and our convoy, by counter attacking at favorable opportunities, and by liberal use of smoke to offset enemy superior gun range, in order to safeguard the reenforcements.
3. (a) Battle Line. Engage any enemy force within range prior to ranging enemy battle line, then engage enemy battle line.
(b) Light forces. Defend own battle line and convoy. Lay smoke screens to cover own forces as ordered by O.T.C. Attack enemy battle line if and when ordered by O.T.C.
(c) Aircraft. Deny enemy plane spot. Provide plane spot for own CAs. Keep own forces advised of enemy movement. Lay smoke curtains as ordered by O.T.C.
(d) Submarines. Attack at all favorable opportunities. Targets in order of preference, enemy CCs, CAs, CLs.
(e) Convoy. Defend convoy. Zigzag and use smoke at discretion. Disperse and seek safety in flight if and when ordered by O.T.C.
(x) Surface combatant units maintain interior lines; keep interposed between enemy and convoy; avoid being drawn too far away from convoy. O.T.C. will order changes of course to draw enemy battle line over our submarines. Avoid interference with our effective fire by smoke.

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5. Annexed plans are effective. O.T.C. in BB Thirty-five.
Use minus nine time. Communication Plan 1 A.

Vice Admiral, BLUE Navy
Commander BLUE Reenforcements

Annexes:

1. Cruising Dispositions I and II.
2. Approach Dispositions I and II.
3. Battle Dispositions I and II.
4. Retirement Dispositions I and II.
5. Communication Plan 1 A.

Distribution:

By Guard Boat to:

Commanding Officers of combatant ships
Task Force Commanders
Unit Commanders
Leaders of Train columns.

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Lieutenant Commander
Flag Secretary.

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COMMUNICATION PLAN 1-A

BLUE

175	Battle Line			
175	Comdesdiv 3 to	2160	Desdiv 3	
175	Desdiv 3			
215	Comcrudiv 2 to	2015	Crudiv 2	
4015				
215	Comcrudiv 6 to	2115	Crudiv 6 to	615 Spotter
4015				715 Spotter
				815 Spotter
215	Comdesron 1 to	425	ComDesdiv 1 to	2130 Desdiv 1
OTC to 4015		425	ComDesdiv 2 to	2145 Desdiv 2
		500	Convoy	
215	Comdr Convoy to	500	Comdesdiv 8 to	2175 Desdiv 8
		500	Comdesdiv 9 to	2190 Desdiv 9
245	Comsubdiv to	245	Submarines	
245	Submarines			
545	Fighters and Smokers			

The Commander of any unit shifted from one group to another must change his frequency so as to be able to communicate with his new Commander.

The frequency with which he communicates with his unit is not changed.

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Player Detail

ORANGE

O.T.C. and Combaterdiv 1	Commander Cooke
Staff	Commander Stone
Comdesdiv 4	Major Bull
Com Light Forces and Comcrdiv 3	Lt.Col. Matthews
Comcrdiv 7	Commander Deem
ComConvoy Raiding Force and Comcrdiv 6	Captain Furlong
Comdesron 1	Commander MacFarlane
Comdesdiv 1	Major Stephenson
Comdesdiv 2	Commander Esler
Comdesdiv 3	Commander Coffman
Comsubs and C.O. Sub. I-61	Commander Leighton
C.O. Sub. I-62	Lt.Col. Baird
C.O. Sub. I-64	Captain Hine (SC)
Comair	Commander Zacharias
Aide for Air	Major Coulter

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ORANGE

SECRET

Eastern Detachment
CC-3, Flagship.

Battle Plan
No. 1

Latitude 12-00 N.,
Longitude 127-00 E.,
7 January, 193-.

TASK ORGANIZATION

(a) Battle Line

Batcrudiv One
Desdiv Four

(b) Light Forces, Rear Admiral OD

Crudiv Three
Desron One

(c) Submarines, Captain OSEA

Subron Three, Subdiv Seven less AS-Three

(d) Convoy Attack Group, Vice Admiral OCA

Crudivs Six and Seven.

1. Mission. To destroy BLUE Reenforcements, in order to prevent their reaching the PHILIPPINES prior to the capture of MANILA BAY.
Information. Contained in Eastern Detachment Operation Order No. One.
Assumptions. That our battle line outranges that of the enemy, and that our best range is twenty-six thousand yards.
That the enemy battle line has a gunnery advantage at ranges under twenty-two thousand yards.
That our three battle cruisers are generally superior to two BLUE battleships at moderate ranges.
That our heavy cruisers are greatly superior to BLUE cruiser strength, and outrange BLUE battleships.
That the enemy will endeavor to prevent our use of the long range advantage by employment of destroyer and aircraft smoke screens and denial to us of plane spot.
That the enemy will endeavor to destroy or drive off attacking units or delay the attack in carrying out his primary mission of protecting the convoy.
That if the escort is destroyed the convoy will seek safety by scattering.
2. This force will destroy BLUE Reenforcements; by attacking BLUE battleships at favorable ranges and simultaneously attacking convoy by Convoy Attack Group from opposite direction, by using Light Forces to protect own battle line, and by attacking all available objectives with submarines.
3. (a) Battle Line maintain gun range near twenty-six thousand yards; if BLUE battle line is reduced by diversion or damage, close range.
(b) Light Forces protect Battle Line. When directed attack enemy battleships.
(c) Submarines attack all available objectives. Enemy battle line is primary objective.
(d) Convoy Attack Group attack convoy from direction opposite to that of Battle Line. Time attack to coincide with attack by own Battle Line. Engage at long ranges BLUE battleships interposed between convoy and Convoy Attack Group.

(x) Commander Eastern Detachment will direct the execution of this plan by signal and will inform the Commander Convoy Attack Group when he expects to bring enemy battleships under fire. Battle Line will seek approach from northwesterly direction. Aircraft from Convoy Attack Group and Light Forces protect Battle Line spotting planes. Pursuit Plan will be designated by the Officer in Tactical Command as necessary.

4. Train remain at PELEWS.
5. Rendezvous AFIRM-PELEWS, BAKER-GUAM. Officer in Tactical Command in CC-Three. Use contributory plans annexed.

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Vice Admiral, ORANGE Navy
Commander Eastern Detachment.

Annexes:

- A. Approach Dispositions Nos. 1, 2.
- B. Battle Dispositions Nos. 1, 2.
- C. Pursuit Plans Nos. 1, 2.
- D. Battle Radio Frequency Plan.

Distribution:

Task Group Commanders
Unit Commanders
Commanding Officers

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Commander,
Flag Secretary.