Major World War II US Maritime Losses – The War with Japan

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Scope: The following table includes all the maritime events known to me in the US war with Japan that meet one of these two criteria:

- The event resulted in 30 or more American deaths.
- The event resulted in the death of a *Pottawattamie Area WW II Dead Roster* member, indicated by a star (or stars) in the first column.

In addition, I include

- major explosions at port facilities.
- a few ships that lost fewer than 30 US personnel. Such ships are not boldfaced.

About the table:

- This table is largely chronological.
- Ships that survived are noted in the second column.
- For damaged ships which sank later, I include both dates.
- Personnel losses are generally approximate.
- Sources are provided in Big Pigeon's *WWII US > WWII at Sea*.

Loss Date **Ship** **US Dead**	**Where Lost** **Cause**
Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Territory	
7 Dec 1941 ☆☆ battleship **USS *Arizona*** (BB-39) 1,177 dead	Pearl Harbor ship exploded
7 Dec 1941 battleship **USS *California*** (BB-44) 98 dead	Pearl Harbor ship settled to bottom later raised & repaired
7 Dec 1941 battleship **USS *Nevada*** (BB-36) 50 dead	Pearl Harbor ship settled to bottom; later raised & repaired
7 Dec 1941 ☆☆ battleship **USS *Oklahoma*** (BB-37) 429 dead	Pearl Harbor aerial torpedoes & bombs ship capsized; later raised; sank while being towed to mainland
7 Dec 1941 battleship **USS *Utah*** (BB-31) 58 dead	Pearl Harbor ship settled to bottom; later raised & repaired
7 Dec 1941 ☆ battleship **USS *West Virginia*** (BB-48) 106 dead	Pearl Harbor aerial torpedoes & bombs, settled to bottom; later raised & repaired
7 Dec 1941	Pearl Harbor

battleship **USS *Nevada*** (BB-36) 60 dead	aerial torpedo & bombs, beached returned to service
7 Dec 1941 destroyer USS *Shaw* (DD-373) 24 dead	Pearl Harbor three bombs, later repaired
Allied loss of Dutch Indies Most of the US Asiatic Fleet escaped from the Philippines and was subsequently destroyed at sea in the Netherlands East Indies.	
19 Feb 1942 ☆☆ destroyer **USS *Peary*** (DD-226) 88 dead, 54 lived	Darwin, Australia five dive bomber bombs
19 Feb- 2 Mar 1942 destroyer USS *Stewart* (DD-224)	damaged in Battle of Badung Strait ship scuttled 2 Mar 1942 in dry dock at Surabaya, Java, Dutch Indies; later salvaged by Japanese
27 Feb 1942 old aircraft carrier **USS *Langley*** (CV-1) 16 dead, 485 lived	south of Java bombers 1 Mar: Langley crew transferred to USS *Pecos* ship scuttled by USS *Edsall*
28 Feb 1942 ☆☆ heavy cruiser **USS *Houston*** (CA-30) 707 dead, 378 captured	Sunda Strait, between Sumatra & Java hit by four torpedoes
1 Mar 1942 auxiliary oiler **USS *Pecos*** (AO-6) over 400 dead	S of Java carrier-based dive bombers majority of the dead from USS *Langley*
1 Mar 1942 destroyer USS *Pope* (DD-225) 1 dead, crew captured	Second Battle of the Java Sea, NE of Surabaya, Java air and surface attack
1 Mar 1942 ☆ destroyer **USS *Edsall*** (DD 219) ??? dead eight captured & later executed remainder of crew & Air Force passengers died	430 miles south of Java dive bombers & surface fire
2 Mar 1942 gunboat **USS *Asheville*** (PG-21) ~159 dead, one lived	300 miles south of Java en route Tjilatjap, Java to Fremantle, Australia destroyer surface fire
2 Mar 1942 destroyer **USS *Pillsbury*** (DD-227) all 116 dead	south of Java surface fire from cruisers *Takao* and *Atago*

Battle of the Coral Sea, east of Australia	
7 May 1942 ✯destroyer **USS *Sims*** (DD-409) 176 dead, 15 lived	Coral Sea aerial bombs
7-11 May 1942 oiler **USS Neosho** (AO-23) ~ 264 dead	Coral Sea aerial bombs ship scuttled by USS *Henley*
8 May 1942 ✯carrier **USS *Lexington*** (CV-2) 216 dead	Coral Sea air attack ship scuttled
Battle of Midway, west of Hawaii	
4-7 Jun 1942 fleet carrier **USS *Yorktown*** (CV-7) 141 dead	off Midway air & submarine attack
6 Jun 1942 destroyer **USS *Hammann*** (DD-412) 84 dead	off Midway submarine I-168 torpedo while alongside *Yorktown*
Friendly Fire - mine field at entrance to Espiritu Santo Harbor, New Hebrides (neither captain was warned of the mine field)	
4 Aug 1942 destroyer USS *Tucker* (DD-374) 3 dead	struck one mine & sank
26 Oct 1942 liner SS *President Coolidge* 2 dead, 5,340 lived	struck two mines, captain beached ship to avoid further loss of life
US Invasion of Guadalcanal	
8-9 Aug 1942 destroyer **USS *Jarvis*** (DD-393) all 233 dead	8 Aug: Ironbound Sound - damaged by aerial torpedo, 14 dead 9 Aug: 85 miles SW of Guadalcanal en route to Australia for repairs, sunk by aerial torpedoes
Battle of Savo Island near Guadalcanal	
9 Aug 1942 heavy cruiser **USS *Quincy*** (CA-39) 370 dead	Ironbottom Sound, NE of Savo Is.
9 Aug 1942 heavy cruiser **USS *Vincennes*** (CA-44) 332 dead	Ironbottom Sound, east of Savo Is.
9 Aug 1942 ✯ heavy cruiser **USS *Astoria*** (CA-34)	Ironbottom Sound, SE of Savo Is.

219 dead	
Other August and September 1942 losses in Ironbound Sound	
22-23 Aug 1942 destroyer USS *Blue* (DD-387) nine dead	Ironbottom Sound, NE of Savo Is. destroyer Kawakaze torpedo ship scuttled
30 Aug 1942 destroyer/high-speed transport **USS *Colhoun*** (DD 85/APD-2) 51 dead	Ironbottom Sound, NW of Luna Pt. bombs
5 Sep 1942 destroyer/high-speed transport **USS *Little*** (DD-79/APD-3) 61 dead	Ironbound Sound, NW of Luna Pt. surprised by destroyers shelling Henderson Field
5 Sep 1942 destroyer/high-speed transport USS *Gregory* (DD-78/APD-4) 11 dead	Ironbound Sound, NW of Luna Pt., surprised by destroyers shelling Henderson Field
Battle of the Eastern Solomons ~ 200 miles north of Guadalcanal	
24 Aug 1942 fleet carrier **USS *Enterprise*** (CV-6) 74 dead	north of Santa Isabel Is. hit by three bombs USS *Enterprise* survived
Both the United States and the Japanese Empire suffered major losses while reinforcing and resupplying their forces on Guadalcanal. Below are the three actions where the US suffered its worst losses bringing in supplies and reinforcements. The second action was a US victory because of significant Japanese losses.	
Action 1, escorting 7th Marine Regiment to Guadalcanal IJN submarine I-19 fired a six-torpedo spread off San Cristobal Is., SE of Guadalcanal	
10 Sep 1942 carrier **USS *Wasp*** (CV-7) 193 dead	hit by three I-19 torpedoes scuttled by USS *Lansdowne*
destroyer USS *O'Brien* (DD-415) 10 Sep-19 Oct 1942 maybe zero dead	hit by one I-19 torpedo resulting structural damage; later left war zone for repairs in San Francisco; bottom split & sank en route from Suva to Pago Pago
10 Sep 1942 battleship USS *North Carolina* (BB-55) ~ 10 dead	hit & holed by one submarine I-19 torpedo USS *North Carolina* survived out of commission for a few months
Action 2, Battle of Cape Esperance near Guadalcanal Task Force 64 was escorting the 164th Infantry Regiment to Guadalcanal	

11-12 Oct 1942 destroyer **USS *Duncan*** (DD-485) 81 dead, 195 lived	Ironbottom Sound, north of Savo Is. *Duncan* attacked enemy warships, was crippled by enemy fire; sank the next day.
12 Oct 1942 light cruiser **USS *Boise*** (CL-47) 107 dead	Ironbottom Sound, north of Savo Is. struck by naval shells USS *Boise* survived
Action 3 – transporting barges loaded with aviation fuel from Espiritu Santo to Guadalcanal enemy air attack SE of San Cristobal	
15 Oct 1942 ☆ fleet tug **USS *Vireo*** (AM-52) ? dead	ship abandoned intact; most of the 68-man crew died on the *Meredith* USS *Vireo* survived
15 Oct 1942 ☆ destroyer **USS *Mered*ith** (DD-434) 186 dead, 87 lived	hit by 14 bombs and seven torpedoes from *Zuikaku* aircraft
Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands, east of Guadalcanal	
27 Oct 1942 carrier **USS *Hornet*** (CV-8) 140 dead	north of Santa Cruz Is. carrier-based aircraft bombs & torpedoes abandoned and then sunk by Japanese destroyers
26 Oct 1942 destroyer USS *Porter* (DD-356) 15 dead	north of Santa Cruz Is. hit by a torpedo, probably from a ditched US torpedo bomber scuttled by USS *Shaw*
26 Oct 1942 carrier **USS *Enterprise*** (CV-6) 44 dead	north of Santa Cruz Is. carrier-based aircraft USS Enterprise survived
26 Oct 1942 destroyer **USS *Smith*** (DD-378) 57 dead	north of Santa Cruz Is. hit by Japanese torpedo plane USS *Smith* survived
Naval Battle(s) of Guadalcanal (treated as two separate battles) heavy losses on both sides, but US strategic victory	
First Naval Battle of Guadalcanal	
13 Nov 1942 ☆ destroyer **USS *Barton*** (DD-599) 164 dead, 42 lived	Ironbottom Sound, SE of Savo Is. destroyer *Amaksukaze* torpedo attack
13 Nov 1942 destroyer **USS *Monssen*** (DD-436) 130 dead	Ironbottom Sound, SE of Savo Is. naval gunfire
13 Nov 1942 destroyer **USS *Cushing*** (DD-376)	Ironbottom Sound, SE of Savo Is. naval gunfire

~70 dead	
13 Nov 1942 ☆☆ destroyer **USS *Laffey*** (DD-459) 59 dead, 188 lived	Ironbottom Sound, SE of Savo Is. naval gunfire & torpedo
13 Nov 1942 ☆ light cruiser **USS *Atlanta*** (CL-51) 172+ dead	Ironbottom Sound. SE of Savo Is. torpedo
13 Nov 1942 ☆ light cruiser **USS Juneau** (CL-52) 687 dead	hit by torpedo in Ironbound Sound & withdrew to east; sunk west of San Cristobal Is., SE of Guadalcanal by submarine I-26 torpedo
13 Nov 1942 ☆☆heavy cruiser **USS *San Francisco*** (CA-38) 92 dead	Ironbottom Sound naval gunfire USS *San Francisco* survived
Second Naval Battle of Guadalcanal	
early 15 Nov 1942 destroyer **USS *Preston*** (DD-379) 116 dead	Ironbottom Sound, south of Savo Is. naval gunfire
early 15 Nov 1942 destroyer **USS *Walk*e** (DD-416) 78 dead. 151 saved	Ironbottom Sound, south of Savo Is. torpedo & naval gunfire
15 Nov 1942 destroyer USS *Benham* (DD-397) zero dead	Ironbottom Sound destroyer torpedo ship scuttled by USS *Gwin*
15 Nov 1942 battleship **USS *South Dakota*** (BB-57) 40 dead	Ironbottom Sound naval gunfire USS *South Dakota* survived
Battle of Tassafaronga, north of NW coast of Guadalcanal major US defeat by an inferior Japanese force	
30 Nov 1942 ☆ heavy cruiser **USS *Minneapolis*** (CA-36) 37 dead	Ironbottom Sound, SE of Savo Is. two destroyer torpedoes USS *Minneapolis* survived
30 Nov 1942 ☆ heavy cruiser **USS *New Orleans*** (CA-32) 183 dead	Ironbottom Sound, SE of Savo Is. destroyer torpedo USS *New Orleans* survived
30 Nov 1942 heavy cruiser **USS Pensacola** (CA-24) 125 dead	Ironbottom Sound, south of Savo Is. destroyer torpedo USS *Pensacola* survived
30 Nov-1 Dec 1942 heavy cruiser **USS *Northampto*n** (CA-26)	Ironbottom Sound, south of Savo Is. destroyer torpedo

50 dead, 773 lived	
1943 in-transit losses to Japanese submarines	
14 Aug 1943 ☆ Liberty ship **SS *M. H. De Young*** unknown dead	en route from San Francisco to Australia near Fiji, South Pacific IJN submarine I-19 torpedo SS *M. H. De Young* survived
11-12 Nov 1943 troopship **SS *Cape San Juan*** 115 Army passengers dead 0 crew dead	en route, unescorted, from San Francisco to Townsville, Australia 300 miles SE of Fiji, South Pacific IJN submarine I-21 torpedo
Operation Ke, Japanese withdrawal from Guadalcanal, and later Japanese air attacks on Guadalcanal area	
30 Jan 1943 heavy cruiser **USS *Chicago*** (CA-29) 62 dead, 1049 saved	Battle of Rennell Is., SE of Guadalcanal two aerial torpedoes; taken under tow; four more aerial torpedoes
1 Feb 1943 ☆ destroyer **USS *De Haven*** (DD-469) 167 dead	Ironbound Sound, east of Savo Is. aircraft bombs
7 Apr 1943 ☆ destroyer **USS *Aaron Ward*** (DD 483) 27 dead	Ironbound Sound escorting LST-449 aircraft bombs sank in shoals near Tulagi
7-8 Apr 1943 ☆replenishment oiler **USS *Kanawha*** (AO-1) 19 dead	Tulagi anchorage, near Guadalcanal dive bomber attack
Battle of the Bismarck Sea, Allied destruction by air of Japanese convoy carrying reinforcements to Lae, New Guinea	
2-4 Mar 1943 13 air dead no naval losses	
early 1943 submarine losses, greater Japan area	
3 Apr 1943 submarine **USS *Pickerel*** (SS-177) all 74 dead	north of Honshu, Japan IJN vessels
late Jun 1943 submarine **USS *Runner*** (SS-275) all 78 dead	off northern Japan or Kuril Is. damaged by IJN; fate unknown
early 1943 submarine losses, Operation Cartwheel area	
10 Jan 1943	off Rabaul

transport submarine **USS *Argonaut*** (APS-1) all 102 dead	depth charge
16 Feb 1943 ✯ submarine **USS *Amberjack*** (SS 219) all 73 dead	off Rabaul depth charges
early Mar 1943 submarine **USS *Grampus*** (SS-207) all 71 dead	maybe Blackett Strait area near Kolombangara Is., Solomon Is. by destroyer attack
15 Mar 1943 ✯ submarine **USS *Triton*** (SS-201) all 74 dead	NW of Admiralty Is. destroyer depth charges
Operation Toenails – New Georgia Campaign in the Solomon Islands 30 Jun - 7 Oct 1943	
30 Jun 1943 ✯ attack transport **USS *McCawley*** (APA-4) 15 dead	Blanche Channel, S of New Georgia crippled by IJN aerial torpedo abandoned, sunk in error by PT boats
5 Jul 1943 destroyer **USS *Strong*** (DD-467) 46 dead, 241 lived	Battle of Kula Gulf IJN destroyer torpedo
6 Jul 1943 ✯ light cruiser **USS *Helena*** (CL-50) 168 dead	Battle of Kula Gulf IJN destroyer torpedo
13 Jul 1943 ✯ destroyer **USS *Gwin*** (DD-433) 61 dead, 215 lived	Battle of Kolombangara IJN destroyer torpedo ship scuttled by USS *Ralph Talbot*
18 Jul 1943 **USS LST-342** ~ 90 dead, 15 lived	off New Georgia IJN submarine Ro-106 torpedo
6-7 Oct 1943 ✯ destroyer USS ***Chevalie**r* (DD-451) 54 dead	Battle of Vella Lavella NW of New Georgia IJN destroyer torpedo & collision w/ USS *O'Bannon* ship scuttled by USS *La Vallette*
6 Oct 1943 ✯ destroyer **USS *Selfridge*** (DD-357) 49 dead	Battle of Vella Lavella IJN destroyer torpedo USS *Selfridge* survived
Allied recapture of Attu & Kiska in Alaska's Aleutian Islands	
12 Jan 1943 destroyer USS *Worden* (DD-352) 14 dead	Constantine Harbor, Amchita Is., Aleutian Is. sank after accidental grounding

18 Aug 1943 destroyer **USS *Abner Read*** (DD-526) 71 dead	off Kiska Is., Aleutian Is. naval mine USS *Abner Read* survived
Submarine losses on patrol, late 1943	
30 Jul 1943 submarine **USS *Grunion*** (SS-216) all 70 dead	north of Kiska Is., Aleutian Is. torpedo malfunction
Sep 1943 ☆ submarine **USS *Pompano*** (SS-181) all 77 dead	Patrol #7, east coast of Honshu, Japan; failed to return to Midway Is. probable naval mine north of Honshu, Japan
~ 9 Sep 1943 submarine **USS *Grayling*** (SS-209) all 77 dead	Lingayen Gulf or off Manila, Luzon, Philippines
28 Sep 1943 submarine **USS *Cisco*** (SS-290) all 76 dead	west of Mindanao, Philippines bombs & gunboat depth charges
7 Oct 1943 submarine **S-54** (SS-155) 56 dead, two POW	west of Paramushir, Kuril Is. IJN destroyer shell fire
11 Oct 1943 submarine **USS *Wahoo*** (SS-238) all 80 dead	La Perouse strait, between Hokkaido, Japan & Sakhalin Is. aerial bomb
16 Nov 1943 submarine **USS *Corvina*** (SS-226) all 82 dead	south of Truk lagoon, Caroline Is. two IJN submarine I-176 torpedoes
19 Nov 1943 submarine **USS *Sculpin*** (SS-191) 21 died, 42 initially lived	east of Truk, near Oroluk, Caroline Is. IJN depth charges & surface fire
early Dec 1943 submarine **USS *Capelin*** (SS-289) all 76 dead	Dutch Indies fate unknown, possibly naval mine
Protecting Allied land operations in NE New Guinea	
3 Oct 1943 destroyer USS Henley (DD-391) 15 dead, 243 saved	off Finschafen, New Guinea IJN submarine Ro-108 torpedo
29 Nov 1943 destroyer USS Perkins (DD-377) nine dead	en route from Milne Bay to Buna in New Guinea; collision with Australian liner *Duntroon* which survived
Bougainville campaign in the northern Solomon Islands	
27 Oct 1943 ☆ destroyer **USS *Cony*** (DD-508) eight dead	Battle of the Treasury Islands aerial attack USS *Cony* survived

17 Nov 1943 destroyer/high-speed transport **USS *McKean*** (DD-90/APD-5) 64 crew & 52 marines dead	Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville aerial torpedo
US Gilbert Islands invasion	
24 Nov 1943 ☆☆☆☆ escort carrier **USS *Liscome Bay*** (CVE-56) 642-702 dead, 272 lived	near Makin Is. IJN submarine I-175 torpedo
US invasions of Southern New Britain	
26 Dec 1943 destroyer **USS *Brownson*** (DD-518) 108 dead	off Cape Gloucester, New Britain dive bomber
1944 in-transit losses to Japanese submarines	
16 Mar 1944 tanker **SS *H. D. Collier*** 45 dead	Arabian Sea, en route Iran to Bombay 380 miles SSW of Karachi IJN submarine I-26 torpedo
2 Jul 1944 **SS *Jean Nicolet*** 76 dead, mostly from torture, 24 lived	Indian Ocean, en route Fremantle, Australia to Colombo, Ceylon 700 miles south of Ceylon two IJN submarine I-8 torpedoes
Submarine losses on patrol, early 1944	
Jan 1944 submarine **USS *Scorpion*** (SS-278) all 77 dead	disappeared, perhaps hit a mine entering the Yellow Sea
27 Feb 1944 submarine **USS *Grayback*** (SS-208) all 80 dead	East China Sea south of Okinawa, Ryukyu Is. aerial bomb
~29 Feb 1944 submarine **USS *Trout*** (SS-202) all 81 dead	western Pacific, east of Formosa & SE of Okinawa IJN destroyer *Asashimo*
26 Mar 1944 ☆submarine **USS *Tulibee*** (SS-284) 80 dead, one POW	off Palau Is, E of the Philippines sunk by circular run of own torpedo
18 Apr 1944 submarine **USS *Gudgeon*** (SS-211) all 79 dead	SE of Iwo Jima, Volcano Is. aerial attack
1 Jun 1944 submarine **USS *Herring*** (SS-233) all 83 dead	North Pacific near Matua Is., Kuril Is.; shore batteries
18 Jun 1944 submarine **USS *Golet*** (SS-361)	off NE Honshu, Japan IJN antisubmarine attack

82 dead	
Munitions explosions, 1944	
21 May 1944 **LST 353** & others 163 dead	West Loch, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii explosions triggered by mortar round
9 Aug 1944 Liberty ship **SS *E. A. Bryan*** 320 dead	Port Chicago, Suisan Bay, California exploded while loading munitions
10 Nov 1944 ammunition ship **USS *Mt. Hood*** (AE-11) 249 dead, 18 ashore lived	Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Is. USS *Mt. Hood* exploded total 432 dead
10 Nov 1944 repair ship **USS *Mindanao*** (ARG-3) 82 dead	Seeadler Harbor *Mt. Hood* explosion USS *Mindanao* survived
Western New Guinea	
12 Jun 1944 ☆ destroyer **USS *Kalk*** (DD-611) 30 dead	off southern coast of Biak Is. bomb USS *Kalk* survived
Battle of the Philippines Sea	
Fought shortly after the US invaded Saipan on 15 Jun 1944, the largest battle ever fought solely by carrier-based aircraft and an overwhelming American victory; the US lost 123 aircraft but no ships.	
19-20 Jun 1944 battleship USS *South Dakota* (BB-57) 26 dead	west of Guam bomb USS *South Dakota* survived
Submarine training accident	
4 Jul 1944 old submarine **S-28** (SS-133) all 49 dead	off Oahu, Hawaii failed to resurface during training exercise
Japanese Hell Ships – Transporting Allied POWs in inhumane conditions	
7 Sep 1944 ☆ Japanese ***Shinyo Maru*** 667 dead, 82 lived	off west coast of Mindanao, Philippines torpedoed by USS *Paddle* (SS-263)
24 Oct 1944 Japanese ***Arisan Maru*** ~ 1,772 dead, eight lived	near Formosa, Sashi Straits, South China Sea torpedoed by USS *Shark* (SS-214)
Preparing for the US invasion of the Philippines	
24 Sep 1944	off Anguar, Palau Is., Central Pacific

✯ minesweeper **YMS-19** nine dead	struck a mine
1 Oct 1944 ✯ destroyer **USS *Bailey*** (DD-492) nine dead	off Anguar, Palau Is., Central Pacific strafed by aircraft USS *Bailey* survived
1 Oct 1944 ✯minesweeper **YMS-385** 10 dead	Ulithi Atoll, Central Pacific struck a mine
3 Oct 1944 destroyer escort USS *Shelton* (DE-407) 13 dead	off Morotai, Dutch East Indies IJN submarine RO-41 torpedo
14 Oct 1944 ✯ light cruiser **USS *Houston*** (CL-81) 10+ dead	off Formosa aerial torpedoes USS *Houston* taken under tow to Ulithi & survived
the October 1944 Battle of Leyte Gulf, Japan's response to the Leyte, Philippines invasion, broken into seven separate actions	
1 – Early 23 Oct - Battle of Palawan Passage - US submarine ambush of Kurita's First Striking Force:	
23-25 Oct 1944 submarine USS *Darter* (SS-227) no dead	Bombay Shoal, Palawan Passage grounded early 25 Oct, crew taken on by submarine USS *Dace* USS *Darter* abandoned
2 – 24 Oct - Loss of USS *Princeton*, from Task Group 38.3 east of Luzon:	
24 Oct 1944 carrier **USS *Princeton*** (CVL-23) 108 dead	~ 150 miles NE of Manila land-based dive bomber ship scuttled
24 Oct 1944 light cruiser **USS *Birmingham*** (CL-62) 239 dead	~ 150 miles NE of Manila damaged by *Princeton* explosion USS *Birmingham* survived
3 – 24 Oct - Battle of the Subiyan Sea – attacks by US aircraft on First Striking Force - no major US losses.	
4 – early hours of 25 Oct - Battle of Suriago Strait – destruction of Japanese Southern Force by the Seventh Fleet's task force 77 - no major US losses.	
5 – morning of 25 Oct - Battle off Samar between Kurita's First Striking Force and Taffy-3, officially the Seventh Fleet's task unit 77.4.3:	
25 Oct 1944 ✯ destroyer **USS *Hoel*** (DD-533) 253 dead, 86 lived	Taffy 3, off Samar naval gunfire
25 Oct 1944 destroyer **USS *Johnston*** (DD-557) 187 dead, 140 lived	Taffy 3, off Samar naval gunfire
25 Oct 1944	Taffy 3, off Samar naval gunfire

destroyer escort **USS *Samuel B. Roberts*** (DE-413) 90 dead, 120 lived	
25 Oct 1944 ☆ escort carrier **USS *Gambier Bay*** (CVE-73) 130 dead, ~ 800 lived	Taffy-3, off Samar naval gunfire
25 Oct 1944 destroyer USS *Heermann* (DD-532) 6 dead	Taffy-3, off Samar naval gunfire USS *Heermann* survived
6 – Kamikaze attacks just after Battle off Samar:	
25 Oct 1944 ☆ escort carrier **USS *St. Lo*** (CVE-63) 143 dead	Taffy-3 off Guiuan, Samar kamikaze
25-26 Oct 1944 escort carrier **USS *Suwanee*** (CVE-27) ~150 dead	Taffy-1, off Leyte two kamikazes USS *Suwanee* survived
7 – Battle of Cape Engaño - Destruction of Japanese Northern Decoy Force by the Third Fleet's Task Force 38: No US ship losses	
Subsequent losses off Leyte and Luzon Islands, Philippines	
28 Oct 1944 destroyer escort **USS *Eversole*** (DE-404) ~ 40 dead	off Leyte two IJN submarine I-45 torpedoes
30 Oct 1944 carrier **USS *Belleau Wood*** (CVL-34) 92 dead	off Leyte kamikaze USS *Belleau Wood* survived
1 Nov 1944 destroyer USS *Abner Read* (DD-526) 22 dead	off Leyte kamikaze
4 Nov 1944 ☆ destroyer **USS *Anderson*** (DD-411) 16 dead	off Leyte kamikaze USS Anderson survived
5 Nov 1944 carrier **USS *Lexington*** (CV-16) 50 dead	off Leyte kamikaze ship survived
12 Nov 1944 ☆Liberty ship **SS *Thomas Nelson*** of 136 dead, 133 were USAAF	Dulag Harbor, Leyte kamikaze SS *Thomas Nelson* survived
25 Nov 1944 carrier **USS I*ntrepid*** (CV-11) 69 dead	Task Group 38.2 off northern Luzon two kamikazes USS *Intrepid* survived
25 Nov 1944 carrier **USS *Cabot*** (CVL-28)	Task Group 38.2 off Luzon two kamikazes

35 dead	USS *Cabot* survived
5 Dec 1944 ✯ destroyer **USS *Mugford*** (DD-389) eight dead	Surigao Strait, Leyte Gulf kamikaze USS *Mugford* survived
Submarine losses on patrol, late 1944	
26 Jul 1944 submarine **USS *Robalo*** (SS-273) 77 dead, four survivors executed	off west coast of Palawan, Philippines naval mine
13 Aug 1944 submarine **USS *Flier*** (SS-250) 78 dead, eight lived	Balabac Strait, south of Palawan, Philippines naval mine
24 Aug 1944 submarine **USS *Harder*** (SS-257) all 79 dead	near Dasol Bay, western Luzon, Philippines depth charges from IJN surface craft
3-4 Oct 1944 ✯✯✯ submarine **USS *Seawolf***, (SS-197) all 100 dead (83 Navy, 17 Army)	off Morotai, Dutch Indies probably friendly fire from USS *Richard M. Rowell*
~ 19 Oct 1944 submarine **USS *Escolar*** (SS-294) all 82 dead	Yellow Sea possible depth charges from IJN escort destroyer 33
24 Oct 1944 submarine USS *Shark* (SS-214) all 87 dead	near Formosa, Sashi Straits, South China Sea sunk by IJN destroyer *Harukaze*
25 Oct 1944 ✯ submarine **USS *Tang*** (SS-306) 69 dead, nine captured	Formosa Strait west of Formosa sunk by circular run of own torpedo
7 Nov 1944 submarine **USS *Albacor*e** (SS-281) 85 dead	off NE Hokkaido, Japan IJN naval mine
8 Nov 1944 ✯ submarine **USS *Growler*** (SS-215) all 86 dead	off Manila Bay, Philippines IJN depth charge
11 Nov 1944 submarine **USS *Scamp*** (SS-277) all 83 dead	south of Tokyo Bay, Honshu, Japan IJN depth charges
Battle(s) of Ormoc Bay, west coast of Leyte Island, Philippines 11 Nov – 21 Dec 1944	

3 Dec 1944 destroyer **USS *Cooper*** (DD-695) 191 dead	Ormoc Bay IJN destroyer *Take* torpedo
7 Dec 1944 destroyer/high-speed transport USS *Ward* (DD-139/APD-16) no dead	Ormoc Bay kamikaze disabled propulsion system ship scuttled by USS *O'Brien*
7 Dec 1944 destroyer USS *Mahan* (DD-364) six dead	Ormoc Bay three kamikazes ship scuttled
7 Dec 1944 destroyer USS *Lamson* (DD-367) four dead	Ormoc Bay kamikaze USS *Lamson* survived
11 Dec 1944 destroyer **USS *Reid*** (DD-369) 103 dead	Ormoc Bay four kamikazes
Japanese Hell Ship – Transporting Allied POWs in inhumane conditions	
15 Dec 1944 ✯ Japanese transport ***Oryoku Maru*** 200+ dead	Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippines US air attack ship beached
Typhoon Cobra – "Halsey's Typhoon"	
18 Dec 1944 destroyer **USS *Spence*** (DD-512) 317 dead, 23 lived	Philippine Sea capsized after rudder jammed
18 Dec 1944 ✯ destroyer **USS *Mongahan*** (DD-354) 256 dead, 6 lived	Philippine Sea capsized
18 Dec 1944 destroyer **USS *Hull*** (DD-350) 202 dead, 62 lived	Philippine Sea capsized
Mindoro, Philippines Invasion	
13 Dec 1944 light cruiser **USS *Nashville*** (CL-43) 133 dead	off Negros Is., Philippines kamikaze USS *Nashville* survived
28 Dec 1944 Liberty ship **SS *John Burke*** all 68 dead	off Negros Is., Philippines en route to Mindoro w/ ammunition
4 Jan 1945 ammunition ship **SS *Lewis L. Dyche*** 71 dead	Mindoro Harbor, Mindoro kamikaze
Luzon, Philippines invasion	

1 Jan 1945 & 9 Jan 1945 light cruiser **USS *Columbia*** (CL-56) 1 Jan – 13 dead; 9 Jan – 24 dead	Lingayen Gulf, Luzon kamikazes USS *Columbia* survived
4 Jan 1945 escort carrier **USS *Ommaney Bay*** (CVE-79) 95 dead	Sulu Sea, Philippines kamikaze ship scuttled by USS *Burns*
6 Jan 1945 ☆ heavy cruiser **USS *Louisville*** (CA-28) 42 dead	Lingayen Gulf, Luzon kamikaze USS *Louisville* survived
7 Jan 1945 destroyer USS Palmer (DD-161) 28 dead	Lingayen Gulf, Luzon struck mine, then aerial bomb
7 Jan 1945 destroyer minesweeper ***USS Hovey*** (DMS-11) 48 dead	Lingayen Gulf, Luzon torpedo & plane crashing onto ship 24 of the dead were from other ships
13 Jan 1945 ☆ escort carrier **USS *Salamaua*** (CVE-96) 19 dead	80 miles west of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon kamikaze USS *Salamaua* survived
Submarine losses on patrol,1945	
4 Feb 1945 submarine **USS Barbel** (SS-316) all 81 dead	off SW Palawan aerial attack
late Mar 1945 submarine **USS *Kete*** (SS-369) 87 dead	disappeared returning from a patrol in the Ryukyu Is.
28 Mar 1945 submarine **USS *Trigger*** (SS-237) all 89 dead	east of Kyushu, Japan IJN depth charges
4 May 1945 submarine **USS *Legarto*** (SS-371) all 86 dead	Gulf of Siam IJN destroyer *Hatsutaka*
18 Jun 1945 submarine **USS *Bonefish*** (SS-223) all 85 dead	Toyama Bay, Honshu, Japan IJN escort vessels
6 Aug 1945 submarine **USS *Bullhead*** (SS-332) all 84 dead	off Bali, Dutch Indies aerial depth charges
Japanese Hell Ship – transporting Allied POWs in inhumane conditions	
9 Jan 1945	Takao Harbor, Formosa

✯ Japanese transport ***Enoura Maru*** ~ 400 dead	US aircraft *Enoura Maru* survived
Carrier Raids in the Formosa area	
21 Jan 1945 carrier **USS *Hancock*** (CV-19) 50 dead	TF-38 in the western Pacific aircraft exploded on flight deck USS *Hancock* survived
21 Jan 1945 carrier **USS *Ticonderoga*** (CV-14) 143 dead	TF 38 in the western Pacific two kamikazes USS T*iconderoga* survived
Lunga Point munitions explosion	
29 Jan 1945 Coast Guard dry cargo ship **USS *Serpens*** (AK-97) 255 dead	Lunga Point, Guadalcanal explosion loading mortar rounds
Battle of Iwo Jima	
21 Feb 1945 escort carrier **USS *Bismarck Sea*** (CVE-95) 318 dead	off Iwo Jima two kamikazes
21 Feb 1945 carrier **USS *Saratoga*** (CV-3) 123 dead	off Iwo Jima aerial bombs & kamikazes USS *Saratoga* survived
Third Carrier Raid on the Japanese home islands	
19 Mar 1945 carrier **USS *Wasp*** (CV-18) ~ 102 dead	Task Group 58.2 off Kyushu, Japan 500-pound bomb USS *Wasp* survived
19 Mar 1945 carrier **USS *Franklin*** (CV-13) 724 dead	Task Group 58.2 off Kyushu, Japan two bombs USS *Franklin* survived, didn't return to service
Sea Battle of Okinawa	
27 Mar 1945 destroyer **USS *O'Brien*** (DD-725) 50 dead	near Kerama Retto, Ryukyu Is. kamikaze
2-4 Apr 1945 destroyer/high-speed transport **USS *Dickerson*** (DD-157APD-21) 54 dead	off Okinawa two kamikazes ship scuttled
6 Apr 1945 destroyer **USS *Bush*** (DD-529) 87 dead, 227 lived	picket duty off Okinawa three kamikazes, then heavy seas

6 Apr 1945 destroyer/high-speed transport **USS *Colhoun*** (DD-801/APD-2) 34 dead	picket duty off Okinawa four kamikazes ship scuttled
6 Apr 1945 destroyer **USS *Newcom**b*** (DD-586) 43 dead	screening minesweepers off le Shima, Okinawa five kamikazes USS *Newcomb* survived, didn't return to service
6 Apr 1945 destroyer USS *Leutze* (DD-481) 8 dead	picket duty off Okinawa kamikaze USS *Leutz*e survived, didn't return to service
6 Apr 1945 destroyer USS *Morris* (DD-417) 13 dead	off Okinawa kamikaze USS *Morris* survived, didn't return to service
6-7 Apr 1945 destroyer minesweeper **USS *Emmon**s*** (DMS-22) 64 dead	picket duty off Okinawa five kamikazes ship scuttled
7 Apr 1945 carrier **USS *Hancock*** (CV-19) 62 dead	off Okinawa kamikaze USS *Hancock* survived
12 Apr 1945 destroyer **USS *Mannert L. Abele* (DD-733)** 84 dead	picket duty off Okinawa two kamikazes
16 Apr 1945 destroyer **USS *Pringle*** (DD 477) 62 dead	off Okinawa kamikaze
25 Apr 1945 destroyer USS *Hutchins* (DD-476) zero dead	Buckner Bay, Okinawa hit by suicide boat USS *Hutchins* survived, didn't return to service
28 Apr 1945 ✯ evacuation transport **USS Pickney** (APH-2) 34 dead	off Okinawa kamikaze USS *Pickney* survived
3 May 1945 destroyer minelayer **USS *Aaron Ward*** (DM-34) 42 dead	radar picket station #10 off Okinawa seven kamikazes USS *Aaron Ward* survived, didn't return to service
3 May 1945 destroyer **USS *Little*** (DD-803) 31 dead	radar picket station #10 off Okinawa four kamikazes

4 May 1945 destroyer **USS *Morrison*** (DD-560) 152 dead	radar picket station #1 off Okinawa four kamikazes
4 May 1945 ☆ destroyer **USS *Luce*** (DD-522) 126 dead	radar picket duty off Okinawa kamikaze
9 May 1945 destroyer escort **USS *England*** (DE-635) 37 dead	off Okinawa dive bomber USS *England* survived, didn't return to service
11 May 1945 destroyer **USS *Evans*** (DD-552) 32 dead	picket duty off Okinawa hit by four kamikazes USS *Evans* survived, didn't return to service
11 May 1945 destroyer USS *Hugh W. Hadley* 28 dead	picket duty off Okinawa with *Evans* hit by four kamikazes USS *Hugh W. Hadley* survived, didn't return to service
11 May 1945 ☆ carrier **USS *Bunker Hill*** (CV-17) 389 dead	off Okinawa kamikaze USS *Bunker Hill* survived
12 May 1945 battleship **USS *New Mexico*** (BB-40) 54 dead	off Okinawa two kamikazes USS *New Mexico* survived
18 May 1945 destroyer **USS *Longshaw*** (DD-559) 86 dead	Okinawa - ship grounded south of Naha while preparing for fire support damaged by enemy shore batteries ship scuttled
20 May 1945 destroyer USS *Thatcher* (DD-514) 14 dead	picket duty off Okinawa kamikaze USS *Thatche*r survived
26 May 1945 ☆ destroyer **USS *Halligan*** (DD-584) 162 dead	picket duty off Tokashika Is., near Okinawa; naval mine ship abandoned & washed ashore
27 May 1945 destroyer **USS Braine** (DD-630) 67 dead	radar picket duty off Okinawa two kamikazes USS *Braine* survived
28 May 1945 destroyer **USS *Drexler*** (DD-741) 158 dead	bound for Okinawa from Ulithi? two kamikaze attacks
28 May 1945 ☆ attack transport **USS *Sandoval*** (APA-194) eight dead	off Okinawa kamikaze USS *Sandoval* survived

29 May 1945 destroyer **USS *Shubrick*** (DD-629) 35 dead	off Okinawa kamikaze USS *Shubrick* survived, didn't return to service
8 Jun 1945 destroyer USS *Haggard* (DD-555) 13 dead	off Okinawa kamikaze USS *Haggard* survived, didn't return to service
10 Jun 1945 destroyer USS *William D. Porter* (DD-579) zero dead	off Okinawa kamikaze
16 Jun 1945 destroyer **USS *Twiggs*** (DD-591) 142 dead,188 lived	radar picket duty off Senaga Shima, Okinawa kamikaze
24 Jul 1945 destroyer escort **USS *Underhill*** (DE-682) 112 dead, 122 lived	~250 miles NE of Cape Engano, Luzon; Okinawa to Leyte Gulf convoy; rammed a kaiten suicide torpedo
27 or 29 Jul 1945 destroyer **USS *Callaghan*** (DD-792) 47 dead	radar picket duty off Okinawa kamikaze
A sad and shameful entry in this list - the USS *Indianapolis*	
30 Jul 1945 ☆☆ heavy cruiser **USS *Indianapolis*** (CA-35) 880 dead, 317 lived	Pacific between Guam & Leyte IJN submarine I-58 torpedo