

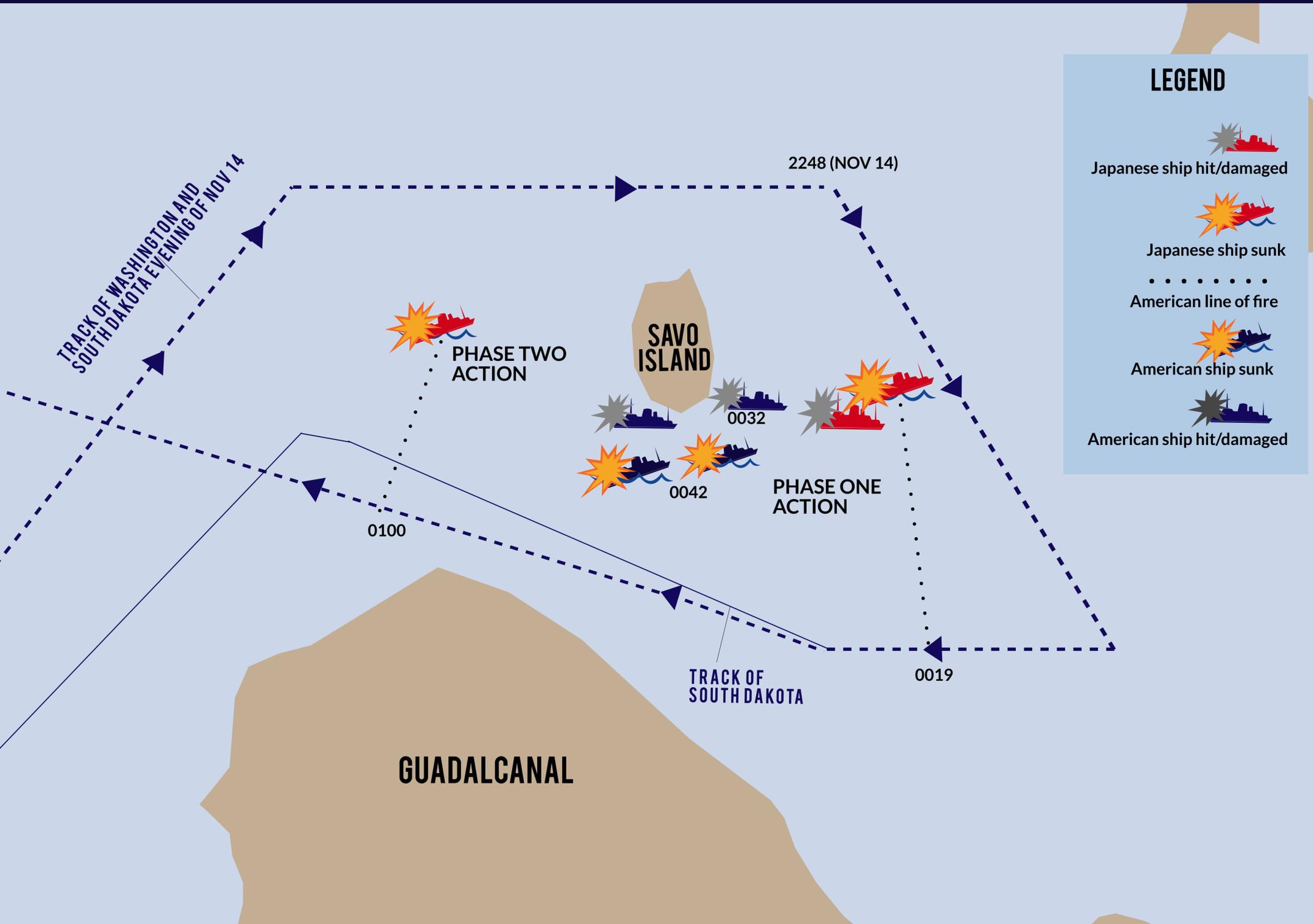


# THE NAVAL BATTLE OF GUADALCANAL



NOVEMBER 11-15, 1942

## BATTLESHIP NIGHT ACTION (NOV 14-15)



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### PHASE ONE:

0019: *Washington* opens fire on Japanese cruiser *Sendai* and escorting destroyer; *Sendai* retires.

0032: *Preston* sinks; *Benham* hit and later sinks.

0033: *Gwin* is hit and damaged, but survives.

0042: *Walke* sinks.

#### PHASE TWO:

0100: *Washington* opens fire on Japanese battleship *Kirishima*.

- Flagship *Washington* is the decisive factor in victory.
- Using radar, *Washington* moves undetected at night, and surprises Japanese battleship *Kirishima*. At point-blank range, *Washington* hits *Kirishima* with at least nine, and possibly as many as twenty, shells.
- The inability to neutralize Henderson Field dooms the Japanese effort to defeat the Allies on Guadalcanal.