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General Lundstedt was surprised and delighted that he could serve as the commander of Army Group E. Although, among the five major army groups of the German army, Army Group E has only two armies with the least strength, and the two armies that have just been formed have the weakest combat effectiveness. But this is an army commander after all. This also means that he has already half-stepped into the realm of the marshal.

After the completion of the first phase of the Barbarossa plan, the commanders of the four army groups A, B, C, and D were all promoted to marshals. If he can lead Army Group E to defeat Bu Russia and win the next war, he believes that His Majesty the Emperor will not be stingy with a marshal's scepter.

As for whether the Russians can be defeated, Admiral Lundstedt has no doubts about it at all. After all, the enemy they had to deal with first was the Russian Caucasus Front Army. There are not many troops in this front, and their combat effectiveness is even weaker. Although they were able to defeat the Turks and Iranians, it was not because the Russian army was too strong, but because the Turks and Iranians were too weak. In the case of the German army, the strength of the two armies is enough to fight them all over the place!

"Your Majesty, I want to rush to the Persian Gulf immediately to familiarize myself with the situation there!" Admiral Rundstedt said. Now, he doesn't want to waste a moment. The sooner you arrive in the Persian Gulf, the earlier you will be able to formulate a combat plan.

"My general, you don't need to call like that. It will take time for the 21st Army and 22nd Army to reach the Persian Gulf. When the time comes, the Air Force will send a plane to take you there." Qin Tian said with a smile.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Admiral Lundstedt also knew that he seemed too eager. However, it is impossible for anyone not to be anxious when encountering such a thing. Now, he is still the deputy chief of staff of the army. After he became the commander of Army Group E, it is obvious that this position cannot be concurrently held, and the handover needs to be done well.

"By the way, Your Majesty. Before the 21st Army and the 22nd Army arrive at the Persian Gulf, can the 7th Air Force Group of the Air Force rush to the Middle East? Launching an air strike against the Russian army can also play a role in delaying them." Admiral Lundstedt said. Now he is already thinking about the next battle, and he must do his best to delay the Russian army. Only in this way can we buy time for the arrival of the main force of the German army.

"It shouldn't be a problem, right? We already have quite a few airports in the Middle East. It's just that we didn't have many planes stationed there before." Qin Tian said. Countries in the Middle East do not have a decent air force, and those airports are all prepared for the German Air Force. It's just that there were no enemies in this direction before, so the Luftwaffe did not have a large-scale presence.

"Your Majesty, the 7th Aviation Group can immediately transfer to the Middle East. However, we need to dispatch a large number of transport planes to transport the aerial bombs." Marshal Albert Kesselring said.

"Well, let the air force participate in the air strike against the Russians as soon as possible. With air support, the Turks and Iranians should be able to hold out for a longer time." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Marshal Albert Kesselring replied.

"Everyone, the Russians launched an attack on the Persian Gulf this time. It can be seen that although Russia suffered heavy losses in the previous battles. However, they are still far from the point where they are injured, and they still have the strength to launch a counterattack. Therefore, our combat mission next year will still be very arduous. Not only will we occupy Moscow and Josephgrad and other big cities, but we will also further wipe out the vital forces of the Russian army, so that they can only struggle against us in the next battle. If you don't have the strength to launch a counterattack!" Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Everyone replied. They all firmly believe that the German army will be able to achieve even more brilliant success next year.

The German army began to mobilize on a large scale, so naturally they couldn't hide it from others. Whether it is the United States or Russia, there are many spies in Germany. The troops of the two German armies headed to the port, which naturally made it easy for them to guess what happened.

Belia, a member of the Russian NKVD, reported the news to Joseph as soon as possible.

"Two armies, 400,000 people! Such a force is definitely not something that the Caucasus Front Army can handle." Joseph said with great certainty. In the previous battles, he has fully understood how powerful the German army is. Don't look at the Caucasus Front Army is fighting very well now, and the Turks and Iranians are running away with their heads in their arms. However, facing the German army, the battle situation may be reversed immediately.

"Let Comrade Shaposhnikov come to see me immediately!" Joseph ordered.

Soon, Shaposhnikov, Chief of Staff of the Russian Army, rushed to Joseph's office.

After learning that the German army had sent two armies to reinforce the Persian Gulf, Shaposhnikov's face was also very ugly. Because he knew that the Caucasus Front Army's mission this time would be impossible to complete. In front of the two armies of the German army, the Caucasus Front Army is not an opponent at all, and will soon be defeated.

"Comrade Joseph, the situation is not good for us. If the two German armies rush to the Persian Gulf, the Caucasus Front Army will not be the opponent anyway!" Shaposhnikov said.

Joseph nodded, but he didn't want his painstakingly prepared plan to fail. He knew that this was the only chance for the Russian army to counterattack. If he missed it, he might never have such a chance again.

"Is there no way to recover?" Joseph asked.

Shaposhnikov frowned and thought about it, and he said after a while: "Comrade Joseph, it will take about half a month for the two German armies to rush to the Persian Gulf. If the Caucasus Front can hit Kuwait within a month, we may still have a chance to destroy the German oil fields in Kuwait and Iraq. Otherwise, we will never have another chance!"

Based on the current front of the Caucasus Front Army, if they want to reach Kuwait, they need to advance more than 600 kilometers southward. It is almost impossible to advance such a long distance in half a month. Even without the enemy's blocking, it would be impossible to do it just by marching.

"Give the Caucasus Front Army an order to speed up their southward movement! Especially the two tank divisions, it's up to them whether they can destroy the German oil fields!" Joseph still didn't give up lightly.

Chapter The northern front of Iran, the headquarters of the Russian Caucasus Front Army, moved with the Russian 51st Army. The two tank divisions of the 47th Army served as the vanguard, while the huge forces of the 51st Army wiped out the Iraqi troops that were dispersed by the tank units.

At least, judging from the current situation, the Caucasus Front Army still fought very well in this battle. The 44th, 45th and 46th armies, the 1st and 2nd armies of the Turkish Army fighting in eastern Turkey suffered heavy losses and retreated steadily. The 47th Army and the 51st Army defeated the Iranian Army's 1st Army and 2nd Army in northern Iran. Everything is developing in favor of the Russian army.

"Comrade Commander, the Iranians have been completely defeated by us. We have captured more than 100,000 Iranians. A large number of Iranians are fleeing. According to the information we have obtained, Tabriz will be the place where these Iranians will retreat direction. They are trying to escape there and continue to block us." Chief of Staff Major General Torbukhin smiled.

In this war, the Russian army rarely won. Although they have only defeated the Turks and Iranians now, this is also a rare victory! If Comrade Joseph can be satisfied, then everyone will have great benefits.

Lieutenant General Kozlov nodded: "Let the 6th and 54th tank divisions move towards Tabriz at a faster speed. Before the main force of the Iranians retreats there, get rid of them first. In this case, Iran The North has opened the door, and they will no longer have the strength to prevent us from crossing the Zagros Mountains!"

In Lieutenant General Kozlov's view, the difficulty of defeating the Iranians is undoubtedly much smaller than that of crossing the Zagros Mountains. If they want to pass the Zagros Mountains with difficult roads quickly, that is the big problem they need to face. Therefore, before that, the Russian army must defeat the Iranian army as soon as possible, so as to buy them enough time.

"Yes, Comrade Commander." Major General Torbukhin nodded.

"By the way, in the direction of Turkey, let the 44th, 45th and 46th armies continue to maintain pressure on them. If the Turks can be dealt with, that would be the best. Even if it is impossible, they must be held back , we cannot let them interfere with our battle!" Lieutenant General Kozlov said.

The 44th, 45th and 46th armies are still too small. It is too difficult to rely on them to defeat Turkey. Therefore, Lieutenant General Kozlov's initial goal was to use these three armies to hold back the Turks. The troops that really want to complete the combat tasks assigned by Joseph are the 47th Army and the 51st Army.

"Yes, Comrade Commander."

At this moment, Major General Shamanin of the Front Army and Political Affairs came in with a serious face.

"Comrade Commander, the latest order from Moscow!" Major General Shamanin handed the telegram to Lieutenant General Kozlov.

Lieutenant General Kozlov took the telegram and looked at it, and his face was very ugly. The German army actually quickly mobilized two armies to reinforce the Middle East, and the quick response was completely beyond their expectations.

Major General Tolbuxin also read the contents of the telegram, and his face was also ugly.

They all knew that if the German army rushed to the battlefield, their so-called advantages would disappear immediately. The outcome of this battle seems to be doomed.

"Comrade Commander, the situation is critical now, what should we do?" Major General Shamanin asked.

"We must hurry up. Before the Germans arrive, we must defeat the Iranians, cross the Zagros Mountains, then sweep across Iraq, and advance to Kuwait!" Lieutenant General Kozlov said.

But Major General Shamanin and Major General Torbukhin couldn't help frowning. Obviously, they didn't believe that the Caucasus Front Army could complete these combat tasks in just half a month. The final result is likely to be that they have not yet hit Kuwait, but the Germans have landed. At that time, they will face the attack of hundreds of thousands of elite German troops.

Even if the Caucasus Front Army was in its heyday, it would definitely not be able to withstand the attack of the two German armies. Not to mention after a series of bitter battles and long marches. It is conceivable what the result will be at that time.

However, Joseph has issued an order, can they still disobey? Or, do they have the guts to defy it? Therefore, even if they knew they were invincible, they had no choice but to bite the bullet!

"Order the entire army, at all costs!" Lieutenant General Kozlov ordered.

"Stop the Russian army at all costs! Reinforcements from our German allies are already on the way. As long as we persist for another half a month, we will win!" The commander of the 1st Army of the Iranian Army told the generals below Said.

Although, they have been defeated by the Russians. However, King Reza Khan has issued a death order, requiring them to stick to their positions. If the Russians are not able to hold back, none of these generals will end well.

This made these generals, knowing that they were not opponents of the Russians, but had no other choice.

King Reza Khan has no choice. The Germans have already given him the most severe warning. If the Russians cannot be held back, they will consider replacing the king. Such a result is undoubtedly absolutely unacceptable to King Reza Khan.

Although, after becoming a protectorate of Germany, everything must be listened to by the Germans. But as king, he still has a lot of power. If it is overthrown by the Germans, there will be nothing left. Therefore, King Reza Khan did not dare to have any reservations and asked the army to do their best.

Under such circumstances, the Iranian army on the front line had no choice but to desperately block the Russian army.

Not only that, other units of the Iranian Army were also ordered to rush to the front line. Although it will take a lot of time, Reza Khan, King of Iran, can only treat a dead horse as a living horse doctor.

The desperate blocking of the Iranian army also brought a lot of trouble to the Russian army. Although they still could not resist the Russian attack. But it can make the Russian army spend more time to defeat them. In this way, it undoubtedly played a role in delaying the Russian army.

At the same time, the other end of the Zagros Mountains, the Iraqi Army's 1st Army, is also beginning to deploy its defenses. The order they received was to use the terrain to build a blocking position to block the attack of the Russian army and buy time for the German army to arrive in Iraq.

In order to buy enough time, Germany has exerted great pressure on the countries in the Middle East.

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The 7th Aviation Group Command of the German Air Force, Lieutenant General Alfred Kohler, the commander, is asking about the transfer of troops.

Originally, the 7th Aviation Group was stationed in Germany and was responsible for local air defense missions. Now, the situation in the Persian Gulf region of the Middle East is tense, and the Air Force Command has issued an order requiring the 7th Aviation Group to transfer to the Persian Gulf in the Middle East.

"General, the 71st Fighter Wing has already set off, and it is expected to be stationed at the airport in the Kingdom of Iraq in two days. However, we need enough fuel, bombs and other spare parts. The ground crew also need to rush there as soon as possible!" Major General Goodes, chief of staff of the 7th Aviation Group, said.

"Contact the Strategic Air Force and ask them to dispatch fighter jets and bombers to help us transport personnel, ammunition and spare parts! The Navy can also help us transport, but the Navy is too time-consuming!" Alfred? Lieutenant General Koller said.

"The transition this time was really too hasty. However, it was all caused by the Russians. I believe that the pilots will transfer their anger to the Russians." Major General Goodes said .

Lieutenant General Alfred Koller laughed: "There is no way. I am afraid that before the end of this war, we will have to garrison there to eat sand. After defeating the Russian Caucasus Front Army, we have to Launch an attack on the Caucasus and even on the territory of Russia. Also protect those oil fields, deploy air defense systems, etc.!"

"Yes! His Majesty has issued an order, and no one dares to disobey it!" Major General Gudes said.

"Okay, stop talking nonsense. All troops must be transferred to the Middle East Persian Gulf within a week." Lieutenant General Alfred Koller said.

The 7th aviation group has 3 fighter wings, a dive bomber wing and a ground attack wing, with a total of 600 combat aircraft. There are thousands of pilots and reserve pilots. If the ground crew and air defense personnel are added, the entire 7th Aviation Group will exceed 10,000 people. Now, so many people have to go to the Persian Gulf region of the Middle East by airlift, which is undoubtedly a great trouble.

A large number of German aircraft were transferred to the airport in the Kingdom of Iraq through the airports in the Balkan Peninsula and Turkey. After defeating the Russian Caucasus Front Army, their station will expand to other Middle Eastern countries. Air defense weapons such as large air defense radars will also arrive in the Middle East to further strengthen Germany's air defense system here and ensure that the enemy cannot threaten oil wells and oil fields in the Middle East through bombing.

On November 1, the headquarters of the 7th Aviation Group was transferred to Baghdad. Among the aviation wings under the 7th aviation group, there is already a fighter wing, and the dive bomber wing and the ground attack aircraft wing have been transferred here first. The other two fighter wings will also switch over later.

At the same time, the German Air Force used a large number of transport planes and bombers to transport the ground crew and ammunition needed by the 7th Aviation Group to Iraq. Moreover, before the arrival of the ships transported by sea, the ammunition consumption of the 7th Aviation Group had to be transported by air. Although such a cost would be very high, there was no way around it.

Turks and Iranians, the big ones are very hard. If the German army can launch an air strike against the Russian army, it will at least relieve their pressure and buy more time for the arrival of German reinforcements.

If the blocking fails and the Russian army invades southern Iraq and destroys those oil wells, Germany will pay a greater price for it.

The German Navy is now doing its best to help the German Army transport troops. The 21st Army and the 22nd Army are already on their way. The speed of those transport ships has been increased as much as possible.

General Lundstedt, commander of Army Group E of the German Army, moved his headquarters to Baghdad first.

"General, General Rundstedt is here!" Lieutenant General Alfred Correll's office hadn't been packed yet, and Admiral Rundstedt came to visit.

"Please!" Lieutenant General Alfred Koller said.

Although the two sides belong to different systems, General Lundstedt not only has a higher rank than him. At the same time, judging from the current regional division, the 7th Aviation Group is also assigned to the E Group Army Group. Admiral Lundstedt can also be regarded as his immediate boss.

"Your Excellency, please sit down. I'm really sorry, I'm in a mess here." Lieutenant General Alfred Correll said.

"General Koller, don't get busy, I know you've just started. However, the situation on the front line is not good. The Russians have launched a more violent attack. They will soon reach the Zagros Mountains. The Iranians It's almost unbearable. Therefore, I hope that the 7th aviation group can launch an air strike against the Russian army as soon as possible to reduce the pressure on the Iranians!" Admiral Rundstedt said.

"Your Excellency, Commander, there is no problem. The air strikes can start tomorrow. However, due to the insufficiency of various materials and the need to adapt to the situation here, the air strikes may not be too powerful at the beginning. But I guarantee that the air strikes will become more and more powerful. We will do our best to cause more damage to the Russians!" Lieutenant General Alfred Koller assured.

Admiral Rundstedt nodded, and he also knew that there was no way. However, it is already a very good thing that the 7th aviation group can make a full shot.

Admiral Rundstedt did not stay long at the 7th Aviation Group Command. Although, the Army's 21st Army and 22nd Army have not yet arrived. But preparatory work needs to be done well. In this case, when the two armies arrive, they can launch an attack immediately.

At the request of Admiral Rundstedt, the Iraqi army and the Kuwaiti army are building a supply station on the road leading to the north. In this case, the German army can advance directly north along the road after arriving.

On the morning of November 2, the German 7th Aviation Group dispatched a fighter brigade, covering a dive bomber brigade and a ground attack aircraft brigade, and flew to the front to attack a part of the 47th Army of the Russian Caucasus Front. The Iranian Army, so that they can hold on for a longer time, hold back the Russian army and buy enough time for the arrival of the German army.

Chapter 1164

The Kingdom of Iran, Saqez, is located at the foot of the Zagros Mountains. This has now become the only stronghold held by the Iranian army. Those strongholds to the north have all been lost.

In Saqez, there is a road through the Zagros Mountains. Although the road facilities are not very good, it is barely able to pass trucks, tanks and armored vehicles. This is a road specially built several years ago in order to strengthen the communication between the Kingdom of Iran and the Kingdom of Iraq.

This is also the reason why the Russian Caucasus Front attacked Saqez. They hope to capture here, and then through this road, through the Zagros Mountains, hit northern Iraq.

The two tank divisions of the German 47th Army have been withdrawn. The previous attack caused them to lose a lot of tanks. Although not many tanks were destroyed on the battlefield, many tanks were damaged due to mechanical failures due to long marches. Fortunately, the high-level officials in Bu-Russia understand the current difficulties of the Caucasus Front Army and are vigorously providing them with support. This enabled the two tank divisions to maintain a strong combat effectiveness.

However, the Iranian Army has assembled a lot of troops in Saqez and built a strong position. If the tank division is allowed to attack, it will inevitably suffer greater losses. Therefore, Lieutenant General Kozlov withdrew the two tank divisions and let the infantry of the 51st Army attack.

The battle was very fierce. The 51st Infantry Division of the Russian Army dispatched several infantry divisions to attack the positions of the Iranian Army in turn. The violent attack and the fearless charge caused the Iranian army to pay extremely heavy losses. But even so, the main position of Saguez is still under the control of the Iraqi army.

The battle has been fought so far, the Iranian Army's 1st Army and 2nd Army have almost lost everything, and there are not many troops left. However, the 3rd Army of the Iranian Army mobilized three infantry divisions to come up. The 4th Army also had two infantry divisions arriving. This allowed the Iranian Army to have enough troops to resist the Russian attack. Otherwise, the Russian army may have already captured Saguez.

"No, the intensity of the attack is too small, so it is impossible to cause too many casualties to the Iranians. They will continue. It will be very bad for us! Comrade Batov, invest more troops Launch an attack!" Lieutenant General Kozlov ordered.

Lieutenant General Batov, commander of the 51st Army, gritted his teeth, but nodded. Although his military rank is the same as that of Lieutenant General Kozlov, Lieutenant General Kozlov is the commander of the front army, and he is only the commander of the group army, and he can only obey the orders of Lieutenant General Kozlov unconditionally. Although he knew that increasing the intensity of the attack would cause greater losses to his troops, there was no way to do that.

In the ensuing attack, the Russian 51st Army joined the 9th Infantry Army. This is the elite unit of the Russian army. After they joined the attack, they immediately caused great casualties to the Iranian army. The defense line was also broken through twice by the Russian army.

Although the losses of the Russian army in the battle were not small, Lieutenant General Kozlov was very satisfied with the result. In his eyes, casualties are not important, as long as the predetermined strategic goals can be achieved, it is a victory.

At this time, German planes appeared in the sky. A frame of BF-109 fighter jets, like falcons, swooped down from the air, and the bullets from the aviation machine guns fired fiercely at the Russian army.

"Puff! Puff!"

The powerful bullet hit the human body, leaving a huge bullet hole. It was even directly broken into two pieces.

The dive bombers also started to attack, and with the maddening screaming sound, they dropped aerial bombs into the Russian offensive queue.

"Boom!"

The heavy aerial bomb exploded, sweeping all around with great power, many Russian soldiers were directly torn into pieces, and fell to the ground with broken limbs and broken arms.

The powerful firepower and ability to stay in the air of the ground attack aircraft made them completely become air firepower points on the battlefield, and they were able to use powerful firepower to attack the Russian army on the ground, causing them greater casualties.

The appearance of hundreds of German fighter planes caused great casualties to the attacking Russian troops. It also made their attacking posture immediately contained.

Even under huge losses, some Russian troops began to retreat.

The Iranian army, which is struggling to support, cheered. The air strike launched by the Luftwaffe gave them a respite.

"Asshole! The German air force is coming!" Lieutenant General Kozlov cursed.

He knew that since the German air force had arrived first. Then, in the next offensive, their troops may have to risk being strafed and bombed by German fighter planes to launch an attack. One can imagine how big such casualties would be. What's more terrible is that the German army must be on the way. The longer it takes, the worse it will be for them. At that time, I am afraid that the German army will have already landed before hitting Kuwait.

The offensive of the Russian army was forced to stop because of the air strike of the German Air Force. The morale of the Russian army, which suffered heavy losses, was greatly affected by this.

However, after the Luftwaffe fighter planes flew away from the battlefield, Lieutenant General Kozlov strictly ordered the troops to attack. His orders were also more severe. Because he knew they didn't have much time left.

Even the air strikes of the German army failed to stop the Russian army's offensive, at most it caused them more casualties.

On November 2, the Russian army defeated the Iranian army and captured Saqez.

The 47th Army and the 51st Army of the Russian Army have begun to cross the Zagros Mountains. However, during this process, they were still subjected to fierce air strikes by the German 7th Aviation Group, which made the Russian army pay a lot of money when they crossed the Zagros Mountains, and also wasted a lot of time .

On November 5, the vanguard of the 47th Army of the Russian Army, two mountain infantry divisions attacked the defense line built by the 1st Army of the Iraqi Army in the west of the Zagros Mountains.

Although, the Russian army's offensive is very fierce. However, the 1st Army of the Iraqi Army built a strong position before, which caused great losses to the Russian army. It was not until November 8 that the defense line of the 1st Army of the Iraqi Army was broken through.

After invading northern Iraq, the Russian 47th Army and 51st Army began to move south. But at the same time, they had to suffer from the German air strikes and the blocking of the Iraqi army, and the speed of advancement was not fast.

At the same time, the transport ship transporting the German 21st Army has entered the Persian Gulf.

The Russian Caucasus Front Army failed this time!

On the morning of November 10, Admiral Lundstedt, commander of the German Army Group E, rushed to the port of Kuwait. Today is the day when the leading troops of the 21st Army Group arrive. Admiral Lundstedt, the commander of the Army Group, of course wants to see his troops. As the only general who was not appointed as the commander of the army group by the commander of the army group, Admiral Lundstedt was also under a lot of pressure.

Admiral Lundstedt hopes that his order can observe the troops below without reservation, which requires the full cooperation of those army commanders. Therefore, he hopes to have a good relationship with these army commanders.

Not long after Admiral Lundstedt arrived, Ahmed Jaber Sabah, Emir of the Kingdom of Kuwait, arrived at the port.

As the monarch of the protectorate of the German Empire, Ahmed Jaber Sabah appeared very humble. After all, the monarch of a small country like Kuwait undoubtedly has nothing to be arrogant in front of the senior generals of the German army. Although, Kuwait has developed rapidly and is very rich because of oil exploitation over the years. But in front of the German generals, this is nothing.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I learned that the powerful army of the Empire will arrive today. I take the liberty to come here to see the majesty of the Imperial Army. You won't disturb me?" Ahmed Jabir Sabah said with a serious look on his face. smile.

"His Majesty the Emir, welcome! Thank you for the preparatory work done by the Kingdom of Kuwait." Admiral Lundstedt said.

Before the German 21st and 22nd Army arrived, the Kingdom of Kuwait was ready. They prepared a large enough barracks to allow the German army to adapt to the climate and environment here in Kuwait before heading to the front. However, because of the urgency of the war, the German army could not stay in Kuwait for long, and had to go to the front line after a short rest. But even so, the Kingdom of Kuwait will prepare a lot of supplies for this, and it will cost a lot.

But even so, Ahmed Jaber Sabah had a smile on his face, and he didn't feel that there was any disadvantage. In his opinion, money and the like are not important, but hugging Germany's thigh tightly is the most important thing. Only in that way can they maintain their throne and gain more benefits.

Before I learned that the Russian-Caucasian Front Army was attacking southward violently, and neither the Turks nor the Iranians could resist it. When the losses were heavy, the Kuwaitis were also very worried. They were afraid that Buu would fight all the way to Kuwait. In that case, they will be miserable. It was not easy for them to live a prosperous life now. If the Russians call, they'll lose everything. Now, before the Russians came to fight, the Germans came one step ahead, and their crisis was finally resolved.

At nine o'clock in the morning, a huge transport ship sailed into the port.

When the gangway was lowered, the officers and soldiers of the 211th Mechanized Infantry Division of the 21st Army of the German Army lined up neatly and walked down the gangway. At the same time, the port's lifting equipment began to hoist tanks and armored vehicles.

The powerful tanks and armored vehicles, as well as the good spirit of the German soldiers, left a deep impression on the king and senior officials of the Kingdom of Kuwait present. They believed that

with such a strong German army, the Russians would definitely be defeated, and it would be impossible for them to reach Kuwait.

Arrived at the same time, as well as Lieutenant General Kurt von Hammerstein Eckert, commander of the German 21st Army Group.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the 21st Army is reporting to you!" Lieutenant General Eckert saluted General Lundstedt.

"Lieutenant General Eckert, you have worked hard all the way!" Admiral Lundstedt returned the salute.

"This is His Majesty the Emir of Kuwait." Admiral Lundstedt introduced.

"Your Majesty the Emir, hello!"

"Hi, General Eckert, I'm very glad to meet you. If you and your army can arrive, our safety will be guaranteed." Ahmed Jaber Sabah's face was full of smiles.

After some pleasantries, Admiral Lundstedt and Lieutenant General Eckert took a car to the barracks.

"General Eckert, when will the follow-up troops of the 21st Army arrive?" Admiral Lundstedt asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the follow-up troops of the 21st Army will arrive one after another today and tomorrow. However, there are a total of more than 200,000 people. Even if Kuwait Port has complete facilities, it will take a lot of time to go ashore. It is estimated that They will not be able to disembark until the 13th or 14th," Lieutenant General Eckert said.

Admiral Rundstedt nodded. It will take a lot of time for a huge army to land. This is still the case when there are complete port facilities. It takes too much time to lift and disembark the heavy weapons of the German army.

"The 22nd Army Group will arrive the day after tomorrow. If you calculate it this way, if the two armies want to disembark, I am afraid they will have to wait until the 16th and 7th." Admiral Lundstedt said.

"Your Excellency, Commander, is the situation on the front line very dangerous?" Lieutenant General Eckert asked.

"The Russian army is still attacking violently. However, under our air strikes and the blocking of the Iraqi army, the progress is not fast. It will take a little time to hit Baghdad. However, in order to ensure the safety of these oil fields in the south , We can't let the Russians beat Baghdad!" Admiral Lundstedt said.

Lieutenant General Eckert nodded.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the 21st Armored Division, the 211th Mechanized Infantry Division, and other units that arrived first can take a short rest after disembarking and then go to the front line. In this way, even if the situation on the front line is critical, we can contain it." Eco Lieutenant General Special said.

The German 21st Army still has one armored division and two mechanized infantry divisions. The remaining 8 divisions are also highly motorized. This makes them very fast when they march on the road. It only takes two days to travel from Kuwait City to Baghdad.

"Well, so be it!" Admiral Lundstedt said.

He also believed that if one armored division and two mechanized infantry divisions rushed to the front line, it would be enough to contain the Russian attack.

The 47th Army and 51st Army under the Caucasus Front of the Russian Army have suffered considerable losses after fighting all the way to northern Iraq. One armored division and two mechanized infantry divisions of the German army can completely defeat them head-on.

"However, our actions must be accelerated. In this way, the Russian army can be wiped out before they flee to the north of the Zagros Mountains. Otherwise, the terrain in northern Iran will limit the combat effectiveness of our armored forces. Play it!" Admiral Lundstedt was already thinking about a counterattack, eating up the two Russian armies.

Chapter 1166

The German 21st Army has arrived in Kuwait, and the 22nd Army will soon arrive in Kuwait. The arrival of a large number of elite German troops will completely change the situation in the Middle East. Although, the Russian Caucasus Front fought very well in this battle and performed well. However, they were still unable to complete the operational tasks that Joseph explained.

Because they have no chance at all. Not only that, but they might even pay for themselves.

One hundred and twenty kilometers north of Baghdad, Tikrit, the two tank divisions of the Russian 47th Army have already hit here. However, the total number of tanks owned by the two tank divisions is less than fifty. The rest of the tanks had been destroyed in previous battles. Apart from those destroyed by Luftwaffe fighter planes, many of them were destroyed due to mechanical failures.

Although, it seems that Baghdad is not far from here. However, more than 200,000 Iraqi troops stood in front of them. Although most of these Iraqi troops have just been formed, their combat effectiveness is low. However, with the full support of the Luftwaffe, it was barely able to withstand the Russian attack. No matter how bad it is, it can hold back these Russian troops and buy time for the follow-up German troops to rush to the battlefield.

The headquarters of the Russian Caucasus Front is not far north of Tikrit. However, the atmosphere in the entire headquarters is very solemn. They had already learned that the German troops disembarked in Kuwait. This is undoubtedly a bolt from the blue for them.

"Can the information be confirmed? Have the Germans really arrived in Kuwait?" Major General Shamanin, political commissar of the front army, seemed to be a little bit unbelievable. After all, this was a huge blow to them.

"Comrade Political Commissar, it can be confirmed that the Germans have really arrived in Kuwait." Chief of Staff Major General Thor Bukhin replied.

"It should be true. Counting the time, at the speed of the Germans, it is enough to transport the army to the Persian Gulf." Lieutenant General Kozlov sighed. His face was also full of helplessness and disappointment.

Although, after being attacked by the Luftwaffe, the advancing speed of the Russian army was greatly reduced. This made him deeply worried about the next battle. However, at that time, he still had a little luck in his heart, thinking that the German reinforcements might not come so soon. In that case, they will undoubtedly still have a chance. But now it seems that all this is nothing more than his delusion. German reinforcements came sooner than he had imagined.

"Damn, what should we do now?" Major General Shamanin's eyes flashed with panic. Obviously he already knew that they could not be the opponents of the German army at all. Once he fights against the German army, he knows very well what the consequences will be.

"If we follow Comrade Joseph's order, we must further attack south. However, judging from the current situation, if we continue to attack, I am afraid that we will be hit head-on by the Germans before we advance to Baghdad. With the advance speed of the Germans, we will be able to reach Baghdad soon. At that time, we will encounter the attack of the elite German troops waiting for work. With our current strength, it is impossible to withstand the German attack." Kozlov the lieutenant general said.

"If possible, I would rather retreat. To the north of the Zagros Mountains. In that case, we may still be able to use the terrain to stop the Germans. However, the possibility of successfully resisting the German attack is not too high. Big one." Lieutenant General Kozlov continued.

The strength gap between the two sides is so great that the Russian Caucasus Front Army has no power to fight back in front of the German army.

If Lieutenant General Kozlov was allowed to choose, he would definitely order the retreat without hesitation. But unfortunately, he does not have this power. Everyone knew that Joseph's order was for them to push all the way to Kuwait and destroy the German oil fields in Iraq and Kuwait. Now, retreating before completing the task, Joseph will definitely send him to a military court for this.

So, even knowingly delaying it will not be of any benefit to our own side. But Lieutenant General Kozlov did not dare to give the order to retreat.

"Comrade Commander, why don't you temporarily stop advancing and report the situation we have encountered here to the General Staff! What should we do next? The General Staff will definitely give us a clear answer!" Chief of Staff Tuor Major General Buxin suggested.

Lieutenant General Kozlov thought for a while, then nodded: "Well, there is no other way!"

The Caucasus Front left this problem to the Russian General Staff. After Shaposhnikov received the telegram, he also had a very headache. They also learned that the German army had arrived in the Persian Gulf. Shaposhnikov knew that the task of the Caucasus Front was impossible. If it fails, the entire Caucasus Front Army will suffer heavy losses or even be wiped out. This will undoubtedly be a serious blow to the Russian army.

What's more terrible is that Joseph has high hopes for this attack of the Caucasus Front Army. If the Caucasus Front Army fails to complete the target mission this time, Joseph will definitely be furious. At that time, everyone will be affected by Joseph's anger.

But Shaposhnikov obviously couldn't make a decision on his own when he got this difficult problem. This is related to the life and death of hundreds of thousands of Caucasus Front Army. Even if he is the chief of staff of the Russian army, he also does not have this power.

The only one with this power is Joseph.

Shaposhnikov did not dare to neglect, and immediately rushed to the Kremlin to report the incident to Joseph.

After Joseph understood the whole thing, the expression on his face suddenly became very ugly. As Shaposhnikov guessed, he had high hopes for the Caucasus Front's actions this time, hoping that they would be able to capture the German oil fields in the Persian Gulf. No matter how bad it is, we have to find a way to destroy those oil fields. In this case, Germany's war power can be greatly weakened. For Russia, which has suffered heavy losses, this will play a great role.

But now, the Caucasus Front Army is unable to complete this task. Such a result made Joseph unacceptable. It was as if he had carefully prepared a punch and hit the German, but found that it was of no use at all. For Joseph, this was undoubtedly another slap in the face and a big embarrassment.

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"Comrade Shaposhnikov, is the war in the Middle East really irreversible?" Joseph asked.

Shaposhnikov suddenly had a few cold sweats on his forehead. He understood what Joseph meant, that is, he was still not reconciled to the war situation in the Middle East. From this, he can assert that the hundreds of thousands of people in the Caucasus Front Army may not end well.

Wiping the sweat off his forehead, Shaposhnikov replied: "Comrade Joseph, the Caucasus Front Army has already suffered a lot of losses in the previous battles. Moreover, the long-term high-intensity battle made the soldiers also very tired. If they were attacked by two elite German armies, they would not be able to withstand it."

"As far as I know, the two German armies are just formed just now. Is their combat effectiveness that strong?" Joseph looked skeptical.

Shaposhnikov suddenly didn't know what to say. The newly formed troops of the German army are basically soldiers who have retired within five years, and then have undergone a long period of adaptive training. The weapons and equipment equipped are also the most advanced first-class equipment in the world. Although the combat effectiveness is not as good as the frontline troops of the German army, it is definitely much stronger than the elite troops of the German army. What's more, the several units under the Russian Caucasus Front Army are mostly expansion units based on the old units. There are many recruits and their combat effectiveness is not strong. In front of the German army, it is almost impossible to take advantage of it.

Joseph glanced at Shaposhnikov, not going to get entangled in this issue.

"Comrade Kozlov, and other leading comrades of the Caucasus Front Army, what happened? Didn't they fight smoothly before? Why is it like this now? Tell them that our plan will not change, We must find a way to win! Without an order, no retreat is allowed!" Joseph said.

"Yes, Comrade Joseph." Shaposhnikov nodded without saying anything. He knew that the fate of the officers and soldiers of the Caucasus Front Army had already been decided. They would contribute their lives to the great cause of Bu Russia on the battlefield in the Middle East.

Although, Shaposhnikov has some sympathy for the tragic ending of the Caucasus Front Army. However, in front of Joseph, he did not perform at all. There is no point in offending Joseph for the sake of the Caucasus Front Army. What's more, this is not the first time something like this has happened. Shaposhnikov has long been used to it.

When the Caucasus Front Army Command received the telegram from the General Staff, Lieutenant General Kozlov and others looked ashen. Although, they had expected it before, and it was very likely that this would be the result. But in everyone's heart, there is more or less a little luck. But Joseph's coldness and ruthlessness made them completely give up.

"Comrades, Comrade Joseph has issued an order. Then, we have no other choice. Start tomorrow morning and continue marching towards Baghdad!" Lieutenant General Kozlov ordered.

Although Lieutenant General Kozlov knew that if he executed this order, he would definitely die in the end. However, he had neither the guts nor the courage to disobey Joseph's orders. In that case, it will only make him die faster.

Major General Shamanin and Major General Toerbukhin, as well as the generals of the subordinate army, all had ugly faces. Anyone who knows that he is about to die will probably feel this way.

After the Western Front surrendered, Joseph's treatment of the surrenders became even more cruel. This also made other Russian generals even less courageous to betray.

Time passed little by little. On November 11, the 21st Armored Division, the 211th Mechanized Infantry Division and the 212th Mechanized Infantry Division of the German 21st Army took the lead in leaving Kuwait and heading towards Baghdad along the road.

Because the roads along the way were in good condition, they advanced very fast. It is expected to arrive in Baghdad by the afternoon of the 12th.

At the same time, the 47th Army and the 51st Army under the Russian Caucasus Front started to attack Baghdad again from Tikrit. However, under the bombing of the Luftwaffe, although they broke through the defense line of the Iraqi army, their advance speed was very slow. It is simply impossible to capture Baghdad before the Germans arrive.

On the night of November 12, the German 21st Armored Division, 211th Infantry Division, and 212th Infantry Division rushed to Baghdad. At this moment, the Russian Caucasus Front Army is still 80 kilometers away from Baghdad.

At the same time, other units of the German 21st Army also began to march towards Baghdad.

The transport ships of the 22nd Army also began to dock. According to Admiral Lundstedt's request, the 22nd Armored Division, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division will be the first to disembark. They will rush to Baghdad as soon as possible to cooperate with the German army.

"It's hard to believe that the Russians are still marching towards Baghdad at this time, instead of retreating immediately. Could it be that their heads were really caught by the door?" Admiral Lundstedt looked surprised.

"That's right! If it were me, I would have abandoned the previous combat goal a long time ago, and immediately retreated to the north of the Zagros Mountains. That would be the best choice." Lieutenant General Eckert also said.

"Your Excellency, Commander, isn't it just convenient for us to get rid of them all by doing this?" Another middle-aged general spoke.

The 22nd Army is starting to disembark, but he has arrived in Baghdad first. The next step was the counterattack against the Russian army, and Lieutenant General Ludwig Baker didn't want his troops to miss it. This is a good opportunity to gain military exploits.

"Yes, since the 47th Army and the 51st Army of the Russians did not choose to retreat, but continued to advance. Then, their behavior is to die. We have no reason to let them go. So, I decided, this Once we're going to strike back and eat them all!" Admiral Lundstedt said.

The Caucasus Front of the Russian Army has five armies, but the 44th, 45th, and 46th armies are just fakes. They bear the name of the army group, but they don't have many troops. Only the 47th Army and the 51st Army are the main forces of the Caucasus Front Army, and their strength is relatively strong. Eating them will undoubtedly severely damage the Russian Caucasus Front Army. The remaining troops are also very easy to deal with.

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Eastern Turkey, Kars.

At the same time that the German 21st Army and 22nd Army arrived in the Persian Gulf, the Turkish Army 3rd Army led by Enver, the Turkish Army Minister and Chief of Staff, also rushed to the front line of the battlefield.

The arrival of the new force made the defense line of the Turkish Army's 1st Army regain stability.

However, the poor performance of the Turkish Army in this battle is still indelible. Admiral Enver was very dissatisfied with this.

You know, the three Russian armies that attacked the Turkish Army's 1st Army and 2nd Army added up to less than 200,000 people. But the two armies of the Turkish Army have a total of 400,000 people. Admiral Enver was very ashamed that the battle was fought like this.

After arriving at the front line, Admiral Enver immediately summoned the commanders of the 1st and 2nd Army of the Turkish Army, and reprimanded them, scolding them bloody.

"General Arslan, General Mohammed, what are you doing? Your army is twice as large as that of the Russians! But now, you are just barely holding the line of defense! Your performance like this is really embarrassing! I'm disappointed!" Admiral Enver cursed.

You must know that the top leaders of the Republic of Turkey have great expectations for this battle. They hope that the Turkish army can perform well in this battle, so that they can show their

strength in front of the German Empire, and at the same time let the German Empire know that the Republic of Turkey can provide more help to the German Empire. These are all powerful guarantees for gaining more benefits after the war! Now, the battle has become like this, which undoubtedly makes the top leaders of the Republic of Turkey feel that they have lost all face.

Lieutenant General Arslan and Lieutenant General Muhammad lowered their heads and said nothing.

They also know that, logically speaking, with the combat power of the Turkish Army, they wouldn't be beaten so badly by the Russians! However, the battle broke out so suddenly that they were completely unprepared. In addition, the Russians were too fierce and fearless during the battle. All of these made the Turkish army unable to cope on the battlefield, which eventually led to their disastrous defeat.

"General, the Russians were very strong in the early stages of the battle. But now we have held the line of defense and caused a lot of casualties to the Russians. Now, their attacks have become weaker and weaker. The Third Army has already We can take this opportunity to launch a counterattack." Lieutenant General Ilhan, commander of the 3rd Army, said.

The three armies of the Russian army were very strong at the beginning of the battle, but after the initial stage, they seem to have lost their initial momentum now. In the final analysis, the Russian army's strength is too small. After the losses are getting bigger and bigger, the morale of the troops will also be affected.

Admiral Enver nodded: "I don't want to say more about the mistakes you made before. I hope you can atone for your sins and perform well in the next battle. Otherwise, you will resign from your current position." job!"

"Yes, General!" Lieutenant General Arslan and Lieutenant General Mohamed both replied quickly. At the same time, they also breathed a sigh of relief in their hearts, and finally escaped the catastrophe.

Admiral Enver's influence in the Republic of Turkey, especially the military, if they want to remove their positions, they have no way at all. Well now, finally gave them a chance. If you grasp it well, not only can you pay off your merits, but you can even gain a lot of military exploits. After all, the Russians don't have much strength now, and it's their turn to fight back.

"Our allies, the two armies of the German Empire, have arrived in the Persian Gulf. They will soon launch an attack on the main force of the Russian army that broke into northern Iraq. I hope that after the German army annihilates the two Russian armies Before the group army, we were able to wipe out the three group armies of the Russian army that invaded Turkey. Then, we entered the territory of Bu Russia!" Admiral Enver said.

"Yes, General!" Everyone replied.

Although, they know that with the combat effectiveness of the German army, it will be very easy to solve the Russian 47th Army and the 51st Army. But the three armies of the Russian army they had to face also suffered heavy losses. With the strength of the Turkish army, it should not be a big problem to accomplish this goal.

"Very good, then everyone go back and prepare. Two days later, the official attack will be launched! The 3rd Army will first cooperate with the 1st Army to eliminate the Russian 44th Army. Then, turn around and go south to cooperate with the 2nd Army to eliminate the Russian Army. The 45th Army and the 46th Army. After the 1st Army wiped out the 44th Army of the Russian Army, it invaded Georgia and let the Russians know that we, the Turks, have officially begun revenge!" Admiral Enver said.

"Yes, general!" Several generals answered loudly.

Turkey and Russia, that's a blood feud. The original Ottoman Turkish Empire was so powerful in Europe that it beat the **** out of European countries. However, because of the many Russian-Turkish wars that broke out with Tsarist Russia, there were fewer victories and more defeats. Gradually, a huge empire spanning Asia, Europe and Africa was turned into a sick man in West Asia. Not only lost a lot of land and colonies, but also was constantly bullied and humiliated by Western powers. This made many Turks very angry.

Now, Turkey finally has the opportunity to invade Russia again, and of course they will not let it go.

On the morning of November 13, the 1st Army of the Turkish Army and the 3rd Army of Turkey, a new force, launched a fierce attack on the 44th Army of the Russian Army.

The 44th Army of the Russian Army did not have many troops. Although it was able to fight against the Turkish 1st Army in the previous battles, its own losses were not small. Now facing the attack of 300,000 Turkish troops, they simply cannot resist it.

In less than two days, the 44th Army of the Russian Army was almost completely lost. Only a very small number of people fled back to the territory of Bu Russia, and the rest were wiped out.

After that, the 1st Army of the Turkish Army took advantage of the trend to launch an attack on Georgia in Burusa. The Turkish 3rd Army went south to cooperate with the 2nd Army to attack the Russian 45th Army and 46th Army. Although the Russian 45th and 46th armies felt the danger, the Turkish 2nd Army performed well, holding them back so that they could not evacuate.

After the 3rd Army arrived, they flanked the Russian army and finally wiped out the two armies.

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"The Turkish allies have started to fight back, and their 3rd Army has already rushed to the battlefield. With their current strength, it should not be a big problem to eliminate the 44th, 45th and 46th Russian Army. In this case, we don't have to Forget about those Russian armies. Just get rid of the 47th and 51st Russian armies. Then, the Russian Caucasus Front Army is completely wiped out!" Admiral Lundstedt smiled.

Admiral Lundstedt is still very satisfied with the current development of the war situation. The Turks were terrible initially, but at least they were able to face the situation and react quickly. In this case, it is undoubtedly very beneficial to eliminate the Russian Caucasus Front Army.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the troops of the 22nd Army will arrive tomorrow. In order to prevent the Russians from running away, we'd better implement our plan as soon as possible!" Lieutenant General Eckert, commander of the 21st Army, suggested.

Lieutenant General Lundstedt nodded: "Let the 21st Armored Division, the 211th Mechanized Infantry Division and the 212th Mechanized Infantry Division start tonight. Go around to the back of the Russian 47th Army and 51st Army, blocking their retreat. After the 22nd Armored Division, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division arrived, they launched an attack from the front and defeated the Russian army in one fell swoop. Several other motorized infantry divisions of the 21st Army Group, then Advance from both wings to ensure that these Russian troops will not escape. This time, we will eat all of these Russian troops in one bite!"

When the Russian Caucasus Front went south, almost all of its troops were invested. This will also make them basically have no troops in the Caucasus region. If the main force of the Caucasus Front Army is eliminated by the Turkish army and the German army in eastern Turkey and northern Iraq respectively, then the German army will be able to easily take down the Caucasus in the next battle. Including the Baku oil fields. But Russia will have little power to stop the German attack.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander!" Lieutenant General Eckert and Lieutenant General Baker replied.

On the night of November 13, the 21st Armored Division, 211th Mechanized Infantry Division, and 212th Mechanized Infantry Division under the German 21st Army, under the leadership of Lieutenant General Eckert, the commander of the German Army, left Baghdad and made a detour. Block the retreat of the Russian 47th Army and 51st Army.

At this time, the 22nd Armored Division, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division under the German 22nd Army were not far from Baghdad. In addition, the 21st Army and several motorized infantry divisions also rushed to Baghdad. Although, the troops of Army Group E have not yet arrived. But the arrival of these troops alone is enough to wipe out the Russian 47th Army and 51st Army.

Perhaps because of Joseph's death order, the top brass of the Russian Caucasus Front knew that the German troops were gathering towards Baghdad. However, they have no other way. Joseph has ordered them not to retreat and must continue to complete the task. This made them know that they would die if they continued to go south, but they could only bite the bullet and launch an attack.

On the morning of November 15th, the 22nd Armored Division, 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division of the German 22nd Army, which had already arrived in Baghdad and had a rest overnight, were ready for battle.

The 21st Heavy Artillery Brigade under the 21st Army and the 22nd Heavy Artillery Brigade under the 22nd Army established artillery positions early in the morning. A pair of 210mm self-propelled heavy howitzers raised their muzzles high.

"Fire!"

Following the commander's order, one hundred and forty-four 210mm heavy howitzers began to roar.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Accompanied by the deafening shelling sound, the shells, under the action of kinetic energy, roared and smashed into the Russian army's position.

When there was a sharp whistling sound in the sky, the faces of the Russian officers and soldiers were pale. Some Russian officers and soldiers fled in all directions, trying to escape here. But more Russian officers and soldiers lie on the ground, trying to escape the shelling in this way.

It's just that they underestimated the power of the 210mm shells.

"Boom! Boom!"

The shells hit the ground one after another, causing a violent explosion.

It was as if the whole earth was shaking, and the shock wave wrapped shrapnel and shot around. Countless Russian soldiers were swept into the air like leaves.

Many Russian officers and soldiers were even torn to pieces in the explosion.

"My God! This is definitely a heavy artillery with a caliber of more than 200 mm. Even our B-4 heavy howitzer is not so powerful!" A Russian artillery officer was dumbfounded.

In addition to the use of 210mm heavy howitzers by the German army, other cannons also joined the shelling. The fierce shelling caused heavy losses to the Russian 47th Army and 51st Army.

"Comrade Commander, it looks like the Germans' general offensive is about to begin!" said Major General Torbukhin, Chief of Staff of the Caucasus Front Army.

Lieutenant General Kozlov nodded. He had known this day would come. However, the general attack of the German army seemed to be faster than he expected.

"What should we do now?" Political Commissar Major General Shamanin asked.

"Let all the ministries stand firm! Comrade Joseph, I hope we die heroically!" Lieutenant General Kozlov said.

Indeed, Joseph did not want the troops of the Caucasus Front to flee, rather they would all die on the battlefield.

After the heavy German bombardment ended, the 22nd Armored Division, 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division launched an attack. Hundreds of tanks formed a torrent of steel and rushed towards the Russian defense line.

The Russian army, which suffered heavy losses, was simply unable to resist the torrent of steel from the German army.

Countless Russian officers and soldiers were overwhelmed by the German steel torrent.

Some Russian officers and soldiers wanted to escape, but they soon discovered that there were also a large number of German tanks behind them. This is the German 21st Armored Division, 211th Mechanized Infantry Division and 212th Mechanized Infantry Division that went around behind the Russian army.

In desperation, some Russian soldiers launched a suicide attack, preferring to die and dragging German tanks or soldiers to be buried with them. But there are also some people who have completely lost confidence. Under such circumstances, they raised their hands and surrendered to the Germans.

However, Lieutenant General Kozlov, the commander of the Caucasus Front Army, Major General Shamanin, the political commissar, Major General Torbukhin, the chief of staff, and the generals of the 47th Army and the 51st Army all chose Swallowed himself. There is nothing they can do. If they surrender, their families will die.

Chapter 1170

Burus, Moscow, General Staff.

The Chief of Staff of the Russian Army, Shaposhnikov, sat in his office without saying a word. His gaze fell on a map of the Middle East hanging on the wall. He knew that hundreds of thousands of Russian troops were being massacred by the Germans there. However, as the chief of the general staff, he has nothing to do about it.

Originally, these Russian officers and soldiers could be withdrawn. Even if they can't withdraw all of them, they can still withdraw the main force. However, because of his own face, Joseph refused the retreat of these troops and asked them to fight to the end. Obviously, this means that these Russian officers and soldiers are going to die! The casualties of hundreds of thousands of troops made Shaposhnikov blame himself very much. However, in order to keep his position, he could not refute Joseph, but could only obey Joseph's arrangement.

Shaposhnikov finally became the chief of staff of the Russian army, and now he also serves as the People's Commissar of National Defense. However, Shaposhnikov did not want his career to end like this. He still wants to keep climbing. For example, the military rank was promoted to marshal, became a member of the Politburo of the cloth party, and so on. If he wanted to realize his dreams, he had to hug Joseph's thigh tightly. Otherwise, let alone further climbing, even if you want to keep your current position, it will be very difficult.

"Comrade Chief of Staff, just got the news that the 47th Army and the 51st Army have been wiped out by the Germans. Lieutenant General Kozlov, Commander of the Caucasus Front, Major General Shamanin, Political Commissar, and Major General Torbukhin, Chief of Staff, all Die!" a staff officer reported.

"I see. Prepare the car, I'm going to the Kremlin!" Shaposhnikov said.

"Yes, Comrade Chief of Staff!"

Although it was already night, Shaposhnikov knew that Joseph hadn't slept yet. The annihilation of a front army is also a major event for Buer, and he needs to report to Joseph immediately.

After arriving at the Kremlin, Shaposhnikov went to Joseph's office. As Shaposhnikov expected, Joseph was working and not sleeping. To some extent, Joseph is also a very hardworking leader. However, his dictatorship, suspicion and coldness are not a good thing for Buer. After all, like the previous big cleansing, there were countless unjust deaths.

"Comrade Shaposhnikov, what's the matter?" Joseph asked.

Shaposhnikov took a deep breath, and then said: "Comrade Joseph, just got the news that the 47th Army and the 51st Army were besieged by German armored forces. Now, the entire army has been wiped out." Lieutenant General Kozlov and other generals, all died in battle!"

After hearing the news, Joseph froze for a moment, a strange flash of light flashed in his eyes, but then he calmed down.

"They all died for the great cause of Buer, and they are considered worthy of death!" Joseph said.

Shaposhnikov nodded, even though Joseph's light sentence had concluded the death of hundreds of thousands of people, Shaposhnikov felt a little uncomfortable. But he knew that in the eyes of a leader like Joseph, the life of an ordinary soldier was never taken seriously, and was just a number.

"With the loss of the 44th, 45th and 46th Army Groups under the Turkish attack, the entire Caucasus Front Army has been lost?" Joseph asked.

"Yes, Comrade Joseph. Now the Turks have invaded Georgia and Armenia. The Germans are about to be pushed forward. The entire Transcaucasus, the situation is very unfavorable to us." Shaposhnikov said.

There was a trace of anger on Joseph's face. Georgia was his hometown, but now it was broken by the Turks. You know, the Turks and the Russians are feuds. Who knows what kind of angry things those Turks will do in Georgia.

Besides, the Baku oil field is in the Transcaucasus! It is conceivable that after the Caucasus Front Army was wiped out, the Germans would definitely not let the Baku Oilfield go. Almost all of the oil currently used by Russia comes from the Baku oil fields. If the Baku oil field is lost, Russia's war power will be fatally weakened.

Without oil, the Russian tanks, armored vehicles, trucks and planes could not move. At that time, what else will they use to resist the German attack! Even if the United States will provide support to them, due to the influence of the Trans-Siberian Railway, the oil is just a drop in the bucket, and it cannot support the huge consumption of the Russian army at all. It can be said that they have almost no chance of winning this battle.

Such a result is naturally not acceptable to Joseph.

"What about the Baku oil fields? The Germans will definitely attack the Baku oil fields. Can we hold the Baku oil fields?" Joseph asked.

Shaposhnikov hesitated for a moment, then shook his head: "Comrade Joseph, the purpose of the Germans forming Army Group E is probably not only to defeat our Caucasus Front Army, but more importantly, to attack the Baku oil field. Go. At present, we don't have many troops in the Caucasus region, and it is impossible to stop the German attack. Unless the Germans do not attack the Baku oil field, otherwise, we will definitely not be able to defend the Baku oil field!"

When Joseph heard Shaposhnikov's words, a trace of remorse flashed in his eyes. If the Caucasus Army does not go south to attack the Persian Gulf, they may still have enough troops to defend the Baku oil fields. But now, there is a huge hole in the Caucasus. The Germans will never let go of this opportunity to kill Bu Russia with one blow.

"No, we have to find a way to hold the Baku oilfield! Otherwise, without the oil in the Baku oilfield, there is no need to fight this battle!" Joseph said.

"Comrade Joseph, we have stored a lot of oil before, and we should be able to last for a while. If the Americans can provide us with a large amount of oil in time, we can last longer." Shaposhnikov said.

While Germany was storing oil for war, Bu Russia was also storing oil. Moreover, there are not many cars in Burusa among the people, and the consumption of oil is not much. Therefore, in addition to selling to Germany, the oil extracted over the years has also been stored a lot. Especially after the relationship between the two countries became stalemate, most of the oil extracted from the Baku oilfield was stored.

However, if you just sit and eat like this, judging from the consumption of more and more tanks, armored vehicles and trucks, it will not last long.