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"Comrade Commander, what should we do now?" Political Commissar Admiral Orlov asked.

The other generals of the Russian Navy also looked at Admiral Isakov, waiting for him to make up his mind. Who made him the commander of the Russian Navy? Under such circumstances, it is natural that he should make the final decision.

"Comrades, the current situation is very critical for us. The military port of Murmansk was destroyed by the Germans. Now we have a home and cannot return. There are only two roads before us. One is to fight the Germans. Even if we are all sunk, we must do our best to make the Germans pay the price!" Admiral Isakov said.

A group of generals of the Russian navy were silent. They know very well that a decisive battle with the German navy is completely hitting a stone with a pebble, and they have only a dead end. Although, at this point, they should fight to the death for Bue. However, if they really want to send them to die, many people may still be reluctant in their hearts. After all, no one wants to die if they can live.

"What about the second one?" Admiral Orlov asked.

"The second is to leave here and go to the United States. The United States is our ally now, and we can go to the United States to seek opportunities. Although the United States has not entered the war, they can detain us. After the United States enters the war, we can join the Americans and invest in the war against the Germans. In this case, we have retained our strength!" Admiral Isakov continued.

As soon as this way out was spoken, everyone's eyes lit up. If successful, they would all be able to survive. Moreover, you can also see the prosperous America. If they can defeat Germany in the future, they will be able to make great contributions.

"Comrade Commander, this is a good idea. The country invested a huge amount of money in building this navy. It would be a pity if it was lost like this. We should keep our useful bodies and fight the Germans in the future!" Chief of Staff Viktorov said first.

Other generals also expressed their support for this method. Although, everyone is under the guise of preserving strength and for the sake of the country. But what everyone thinks in their hearts, everyone knows very well. It's just that everyone is on the same boat now, so no one will expose it.

General Isakov did not make a decision immediately, but looked at the political commissar, General Orlov. If you want to choose the second method, you must get the consent of General Orlov. Otherwise, they would never have been able to do that.

General Orlov also felt that everyone's eyes were on him.

"Comrade Commander, I have no opinion on this. However, I think we still need to ask Comrade Joseph for instructions!" Admiral Orlov said. He also didn't want to die. If he could live on, that would be the best.

"Okay, send a telegram to Moscow!" Admiral Isakov said.

It's just that when the messenger was starting to send a telegram, the shrill siren sounded. All the generals of the Russian Navy changed their expressions.

"Damn it, did the Germans come here so soon? How is that possible? Didn't they just destroy Murmansk?" Almost all the generals of the Russian Navy had this question in their minds.

"What's going on?" Admiral Isakov asked loudly.

"Comrade Commander, found the German seaplane!" A staff officer reported.

I saw a small black spot in the sky not far southwest of the fleet. If you use a telescope, you can clearly see that it is a seaplane.

Suddenly, the generals of the Russian Navy all turned pale. They are all well aware that at this point, they have been exposed. I am afraid that the German fleet will find them soon.

"Damn, how did this happen? How did the Germans come so fast? How did they find us here?" Admiral Isakov scolded with a livid face.

This is obviously beyond everyone's expectations. Originally, they also decided to flee to the United States. But now they all know that it is impossible. The Germans have already discovered them, and it is impossible to escape to the United States.

"Comrade Commander, what should we do now?"

"Send warships and drive away the German seaplanes! It is best to shoot them down!" Admiral Isakov ordered.

Several Russian destroyers rushed to that sea area, and the anti-aircraft guns were already aimed at the sky.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Soon the Russian anti-aircraft guns began to shoot, but as the German seaplane began to pull up, it did not pose any threat to it. Immediately afterwards, another seaplane flew from the southwest.

This immediately made the generals of the Russian Navy almost desperate. Because they knew that the German Navy already knew their location, so they sent seaplanes one after another.

"The German fleet must be on the way. What should we do now?" Admiral Viktorov asked.

"It's impossible for us to go to the United States. Now that the Germans have found us, they can't let us go again." Admiral Isakov shook his head. Obviously, now they have only one last option left, and that is to prepare to fight the German Navy desperately!

"Comrades, since we can't go anymore, then, please carry forward the style of every member of the Budapest Party! For our country, for our party, fight to the death with the Germans!" General Orlov said

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"Yes, Comrade Political Commissar!" All the generals of the Russian Navy replied. In the absence of other options, they had only this way left. Besides, if they can fight to the death, their families can also

get preferential treatment. It is undoubtedly worthwhile to be able to exchange one's own death for the family to live a good life.

Admiral Isakov is thinking about what to do next, and how to cause greater losses to the German fleet. Although he is worth it, the Russian navy has absolutely no chance of winning. However, he hoped that even if the Russian Navy was wiped out, it would have to cause greater casualties to the German fleet.

"The fleet turned immediately and sailed northwest. Wait until after dark, and then turn south! Comrades, get ready for a night battle with the Germans! We will have a decisive battle with the Germans at night!" Admiral Isakov ordered. At this point, he can only put all his eggs in one basket.

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"Your Excellency, our seaplane has dispatched the Russian fleet. All four battleships are there!" a staff officer reported excitedly. The location of the Russian fleet has been determined, which means that it is impossible for the Russian fleet to escape. This is undoubtedly excellent news for the officers and soldiers of the German Navy who are eager to gain military exploits.

"Our aircraft carrier is now dispatching carrier-based aircraft, can it launch an attack on the Russian fleet?" Marshal Lütjens asked.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, although the distance is within the strike range of our carrier-based aircraft, it is too late now. If the carrier-based aircraft is dispatched, it may be very troublesome to recover. Our carrier-based aircraft pilots, although they have carried out at night Take-off and landing training, but the risk factor is still very high." Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Carl Witzel said.

Marshal Lütjens nodded. If the two aircraft carriers can take off their carrier-based aircraft to launch an air strike on the Russian fleet, it will be enough to severely damage them. In this case, the fleet will be able to easily deal with them all tomorrow.

But the risk is too great for pilots to risk landing at night. Although the cost of carrier-based aircraft is not very high, pilots are very valuable. Once these pilots make any mistakes, it will be a big loss. After all, when a carrier-based aircraft lands, the speed is usually very fast, and there is absolutely no way for the pilot to survive in the event of an accident.

"Your Excellency, it is better to wait until after dawn tomorrow morning before launching an attack. It is much more certain. As for whether the Russians will use this evening to escape, we have no need to worry at all. The Barents Sea is so big, and there is still a long way to go in the north." Covered by ice, it is impossible for the Russian fleet to escape. We can also send some destroyers and cruisers to stare at them. In this case, it will be difficult for them to fly." Lieutenant General Carl Weitzel Then he said.

"Well, let's arrange it like this!" Marshal Lütjens said. This is undoubtedly the best way for the German fleet.

In order to prevent the Russian fleet from slipping away, the German fleet was monitoring them with seaplanes before the sun went down. This made it easy for the German fleet to know the movements of the troop fleet.

After nightfall, the seaplane evacuated. The Russian fleet also changed course at this time.

However, the German fleet has long been prepared for this. More than a dozen destroyers and light cruisers were dispatched. They had fanned out to search the sea. Even at night, these warships of the German Navy are equipped with sea search radars, which can detect targets within 40 kilometers.

So, the German fleet is not worried at all that the Russian fleet will slip away. Unless the Russian fleet continues to sail towards the North Pole and hits a thick layer of ice. Otherwise, they will never escape.

At 12 o'clock in the evening, Marshal Lütjens, who had already fallen asleep, was woken up.

"Your Excellency Marshal, confirm the position of the Russian fleet. They are heading south quickly. They are only 150 kilometers away from us at present. According to the current speed, it is estimated that we will meet in two and a half hours." Carl Wei Lieutenant General Zell reported.

The drowsiness in Marshal Lütjens's eyes disappeared without a trace. For generals like them, the news of the upcoming battle is undoubtedly the best stimulant.

"Aren't the Russians crazy? At this time, not only did they not run away, but they came towards us. Is this going to kill themselves?" Marshal Lütjens said.

"Who knows! Maybe the Russians think that if they fight with us at night, they will have a better chance of winning!" Lieutenant General Karl Weitzer said.

Marshal Lütjens also had a smile on his face.

In order to enhance the combat effectiveness of these battleships, the German Navy has gone to great lengths, although there is no doubt that aircraft carriers have become the main force in naval battles. However, in some specific occasions, the combat effectiveness of capital ships should not be underestimated. For example, the carrier-based aircraft of an aircraft carrier cannot take off during a night battle. The artillery of the capital ship can be completely unaffected.

So, after spending huge sums of money, the German Navy finally developed the artillery sighting radar. Use the radar to guide the main gun to shoot, improve the hit rate, and launch an attack on ultra-long-distance targets. Human vision is limited, beyond a certain distance can not see. Radar can detect tens of kilometers. Using artillery sighting radar to target enemy ships is obviously much more effective than relying on ordinary ranging equipment.

In the previous exercises, using radar to guide shelling in the night environment, although the accuracy of shelling within the line of sight during the day is not as good as it is, it is much better than before. This makes the night combat capability of the capital ships of the German Navy absolutely the best in the world.

Therefore, Marshal Lütjens couldn't help laughing when he deduced that the Russian fleet actually wanted to fight the German fleet at night. That is simply asking for death.

"Since the Russians want to fight us at night, let them do it! Order all the gunners, get ready for battle, and prepare a supper for them. I don't want to fight later, they will be hungry and bored." Marshal Lütjens said.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Marshal." Lieutenant General Carl Witzel said.

"In addition, let the aircraft carrier withdraw from the fleet and keep away from us south."

At this time, Marshal Lütjens did not forget the safety of the aircraft carrier fleet. Although the aircraft carrier has strong combat effectiveness, it is for long-distance attacks. Once approached by the enemy's capital ship, only one large-caliber shell is needed to cause the aircraft carrier to suffer heavy damage.

The aircraft carrier 'Archer' and the aircraft carrier 'Capricorn' immediately changed their course after receiving the order, away from the German fleet. Their fighting power will erupt in the daytime tomorrow. Of course, the prerequisite is whether the Russian fleet will be completely lost in the night battle.

The light cruisers and destroyers of the German fleet were firmly fixed on the Russian fleet, making it impossible for them to escape.

As time goes by, the fleets of both sides are getting closer and closer. Because of the blackout, the Russian fleet did not realize that they were discovered by the German fleet.

When the distance between the two sides was shortened to 30 kilometers, the four "Kaiser-class" battleships of the German Navy started shelling!

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The three triple-mounted 50-caliber 410mm main guns of the four "Caesar-class" battleships let out a loud roar, and smashed shells one by one at the four battleships of the Russian fleet.

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The violent shell explosion woke up Admiral Isakov and others. They put on their military uniforms and hurried to the command tower to ask what happened.

"Comrade Commander, bombardment, we were bombarded by the Germans' large-caliber naval guns! Their capital ship is near us!" A Russian staff officer said with a pale face.

"What? How is it possible?" Admiral Orlov exclaimed.

You know, their destroyers and light cruisers are distributed around the capital ship, searching within 20 kilometers nearby to ensure that they encounter something that the German fleet has not discovered. But now, they were bombarded by the German fleet, which meant that the German capital ship launched bombardment 20 kilometers away from them.

"Comrade Political Commissar, the outer light cruisers have been identified, and the Germans are at least 30 kilometers south of us!" Another staff officer reported.

"What? Thirty kilometers away? How is that possible?" Chief of Staff General Viktorov looked disbelieving. This is almost beyond their cognition.

Although, the range of the 410mm main gun is more than 30 kilometers. However, it is impossible for any country to hit the target at such a long distance. That is definitely not what the existing technical conditions can achieve.

Admiral Isakov's face became very ugly. He suddenly realized that even if they wanted to fight the German navy, it seemed impossible.

After the whereabouts were discovered by the German fleet, Admiral Isakov knew that they could not escape this time. Therefore, I came to fight the German fleet with the will to die. The purpose is to make the German fleet pay a heavy price even if it destroys them. After all, in night battles, the distance between the two sides will be further shortened. In this case, the performance gap between the battleships will be minimized. However, it now appears that this is entirely his wishful thinking.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The shell exploded on the sea, splashing a high column of water.

Although, under the shelling of the German fleet, no Russian battleship was hit. However, the point of impact was getting closer and closer. This is definitely not good news for the Russian fleet. Because this means that the German capital ship is really capable of finding targets at a very long distance and launching attacks on them.

"Comrade Commander, what should we do now?" Admiral Orlov asked.

The other high-ranking officials of the Russian Navy also looked at Admiral Isakov, waiting for his answer.

"Command the fleet to continue heading south at full speed. Try to get closer to the Germans!" Admiral Isakov ordered.

Although at such a long distance, the German capital ships can hit so accurately. This also means that if they cannot close the distance, they will always be passively beaten. At that time, the Germans can take advantage of this advantage and wipe them out bit by bit.

Admiral Orlov hesitated to speak.

Admiral Isakov understood what he meant, so he said: "It is impossible for us to escape now. Even if we turn around and retreat immediately, the Germans will pursue us. What's more, the German aircraft carrier It must be nearby. Once dawn, they will definitely take off carrier-based aircraft to attack us. At that time, we will definitely die!"

Admiral Orlov's face was very ugly, but he still didn't say anything. He also knew that Admiral Isakov was telling the truth. The German fleet actually has such an ability against the sky, and they are undoubtedly in danger this time.

The other high-ranking Russian navy officers also had ugly expressions on their faces. Everyone knows that this time, their lives may have entered the countdown. Maybe it won't be long before they all have to go see Ulyanov.

On the battleship Kaiser, the flagship of the German fleet, the radar soldiers are looking at the radar to determine the position of the Russian fleet, and then report the data to the turrets, and they will launch the attack.

The four "Caesar-class" battleships of the German fleet are all aiming at the flagship "Bu Russia" of the Russian Navy at this moment, and increase the hit rate by concentrating their firepower. After all,

even with the assistance of the artillery sighting radar, the hit rate would not be too high. After all, the radar performance of this era cannot be compared with that of later generations.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The capital ship of the German Navy, constantly firing. One after another, the shells roared and smashed towards the battleship 'Bu'. For a while, shells continued to fall around the battleship 'Bu', splashing jets of water into the sky.

The senior officials of the Russian Navy on the battleship "Bu Russia" all looked pale. The dropped shells could endanger their lives at any time.

"Comrade Commander, the Germans are very fast. Even if we drive at full speed, we can't close the distance with them!"

Admiral Isakov nodded. Now the capital ship of the German fleet has a huge advantage in long distances. Under such circumstances, naturally the Bu-Russian fleet will not be given the opportunity to get closer.

But it is a pity that even if they knew the Germans' plans, they had no way to deal with it.

"Boom!"

A 410mm bomb hit the ground and hit the side of the battleship "Bu Russia". A 150mm secondary gun was blown up on the spot, and several artillerymen were also killed.

"Damn it!" Many Russian generals cursed. As if to use this to cover up the panic in my heart. After all, being hit by the naval guns of the German Navy means that more shells will hit them in the future. In that case, the consequences will undoubtedly be more serious.

After the first shell hit, the subsequent shelling by the four "Kaesar-class" battleships of the German fleet became more accurate. The impact points were getting closer one by one, which made the faces of the Russian generals on the battleship 'Bu Russia' pale.

This feeling of watching oneself approaching death step by step will undoubtedly make people collapse.

Admiral Isakov also felt a little bit like crying, this is definitely not the decisive battle he expected with the Germans. Although he has known for a long time, even in a decisive battle with the German fleet, they have no chance of winning at all. However, he hopes to lead the Russian fleet to die bravely, and to be killed after a fierce battle with the German fleet. In this case, the German fleet can more or less pay a certain loss. At the same time, they can also die more heroically. But now, they are destined to die aggrieved.

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"Good job, aim more accurately, and kill the other Russian warships!" Marshal Lütjens looked excited.

Although he is now the admiral of the Imperial Navy, the commander of the local fleet. But he also grew up from the period of big ships and giant cannons. He is undoubtedly very excited to let these obsolete battleships play their role again in the war.

"The Russians want to get closer, it's just a dream. If this goes on, maybe before dawn, we can sink all four of their capital ships, and none of them will be left for the carrier-based air force. Lieutenant General Carl Witzel, chief of staff, said.

"Haha, in that case, the carrier-based aircraft force will definitely scold the capital ship force for eating alone!" Marshal Lütjens laughed.

In this night battle, the German fleet has already taken advantage. Next, you only need to watch the Russian fleet be wiped out bit by bit. In this case, they will be able to win this naval battle.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!" The roar of the battleship's main guns can be heard endlessly. Although it is very noisy, it seems to be the most beautiful movement in the ears of the officers and soldiers of the German Navy.

"Comrade Commander, if this continues, we will be sunk by the Germans in a short time. Can we think of other ways?" Chief of Staff General Viktorov asked.

General Isakov shook his head: "Now I have no other choice, I can only continue like this."

"Boom!"

A violent explosion sounded, and the battleship "Bu Russia" shook violently, and a 410mm artillery shell hit the bow main turret of the battleship "Bu Russia". Although the main turret armor of the battleship "Bu Russia" is as thick as 350 mm, it still cannot withstand the shell. The "Kaesar" battleship of the German fleet was originally equipped with a 410mm main gun with a 50-caliber caliber and a strong penetrating ability. In addition, when Germany sold its warships to Bu Russia, it had the intention of cheating them. Therefore, there seems to be no problem with the armor of these "Burus-class" battleships. But it's all just show. Once hit, it's easy to break through. This undoubtedly shows that Germany has been scheming against Bu Russia from the very beginning. In other words, Qin Tian, the German emperor, had no good intentions from the very beginning. Not only did he use four "Bu-Russia-class" battleships to deceive the Bu-Russia government about a large amount of mineral resources and agricultural products, but it also affected other developments in Bu-Russia. Now, it is even easier to destroy these "Burus-class" battleships.

Fortunately, there are no shells and propellants in the No. 1 main turret of the battleship "Bu Russia". Otherwise, the damage caused by this shell alone would be enough to make the "Bu'er" pay an extremely heavy price.

"What's going on?" Admiral Isakov stood up from the deck in embarrassment.

"Comrade Commander, the No. 1 main turret was destroyed by the Germans!"

"Bastard!" Admiral Isakov couldn't help but cursed. The loss of a main turret is equivalent to directly reducing the combat effectiveness of the battleship "Buer" by one-third!

However, Admiral Isakov actually knew that under the tactics of the German fleet, the four battleships of the Russian fleet did not pose any threat to the German fleet at all. Whether the main guns of these battleships were destroyed or not is of little significance.

In the ensuing battle, within 20 minutes, the battleship 'Bu' was hit 12 times in a row. 12 large-caliber naval gun shells almost blew up the front half of the battleship 'Bu' to pieces.

There are holes everywhere, and icy sea water pours into the hull.

Soon, the battleship "Bue" sank into the icy Barents Sea with the bow down and the bow up.

However, before the sinking of the battleship "Bu Russia", Admiral Isakov and others had been transferred to the battleship "Joseph" behind, and they were still in a safe state for the time being.

The four "Burus-class" battleships of the Russian Navy, the first ship is named "Burus", and the next three are "Moscow", "Ulyanov" and "Joseph".

After the battleship "Bu Russia" was sunk, the four "Caesar-class" battleships of the German fleet concentrated all their firepower on the battleship "Moscow".

Under the concentrated fire of the four "Kaesar-class" battleships of the German Navy, the luck of the "Moscow" battleship was not too good. It soon followed in the footsteps of the "Burus" battleship and was hit by the German fleet. sunk.

After the battleship "Moscow" was sunk, it was the turn of the "Ulyanov". This battleship, which was named after the great revolutionary mentor of Russia, still could not escape the fate of being sunk.

When the battleship "Ulyanov" was hit repeatedly and the flames were soaring into the sky, Admiral Isakov and others hiding on the battleship "Joseph" had ugly faces. They all knew that after the Ulyanov was sunk, it was their turn. This also means that they have only a limited amount of time left in their lives.

"Comrade Commander, do we still have to evacuate the 'Joseph'?" Admiral Orlov asked.

Admiral Isakov smiled wryly and shook his head: "Where else can we evacuate? Now it is dark, but there is still more than an hour. After dawn, the German carrier-based aircraft will take off. By then, all our ships will be sunk!"

After hearing this, Admiral Orlov didn't say anything more. What he, Admiral Isakov, said was true. This time they could not escape.

When the battleship "Ulyanov" was sunk by the German army, as expected, the four "Kaesar-class" battleships of the German army began to pour shells on the battleship "Joseph".

Heavy shells hit the battleship 'Joseph' fiercely.

In less than half an hour, the battleship 'Joseph' was sunk. Admiral Isakov and others also sank into the sea along with the battleship.

Although they fought very uselessly in this battle, they had no other effect at all except to let the German fleet waste some shells. However, they fought to the end anyway.

After the four "Burus-class" battleships were sunk, other small and medium-sized warships of the Russian fleet fled one after another.

However, after dawn, the aircraft carriers "Archer" and "Capricorn" of the German Navy released a large number of carrier-based aircraft to pursue these Russian warships, sinking most of the Russian warships. Only a handful of Russian warships escaped.

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After the time entered December 1939, the weather in Moscow became extremely cold. Of course, almost all of Russia has such weather at this time. The Russians living in this land may have gotten used to it. However, for people in other countries, this is undoubtedly suffering.

The German army and its allies have stopped attacking, and the entire front has switched to defensive operations. Moreover, except for a small number of troops left on the front line by the various army groups of the German army, the rest of the troops have retreated to relatively safe second-line positions to rest. Now the main force defending the frontline positions is the German Protectorate and Allied forces.

Moreover, in order to allow the German army and its allies to survive the cold winter safely, before the cold winter came, Germany desperately transported various winter supplies to the front line. Cotton coats, down jackets, capes, military boots, fuel, etc.

German Emperor Qin Tian believed that even in the cold winter, if the cold protection materials and supplies were sufficient, the German army and its allies could still survive this winter safely. At least there will not be too many non-combat attrition due to the cold. Qin Tian didn't want the cold to cause a large number of non-combat attrition in the German army attacking Bu Russia. In that case, the casualties of the German army would probably increase further.

The Russian army suffered heavy losses in the previous battles. After the German army stopped attacking, they also breathed a sigh of relief. This means that they have enough time to reorganize and train their troops to ensure that they can withstand the German attack and even further defeat Germany in the battle next spring.

It's just that the senior generals of the Russian army originally thought that there would be no large-scale military operations in the cold winter. But the reality is not what they thought at all.

Joseph was originally a fickle and suspicious person. No one can expect him to remember the decisions or promises he made. It is precisely because of this that after Shaposhnikov reported the news of the annihilation of the navy to Joseph, Joseph began to plan in his heart to launch a counterattack against the German army.

"Comrades Joseph, Comrades Isakov, Comrades Orlov and Comrades Viktorov all sank into the sea together with the warships. In our navy, except for a few destroyers, the rest of the warships were all destroyed. The Germans have sunk!" Shaposhnikov reported.

Joseph was expressionless, even though he built the Russian Navy by himself. The four most powerful "Burus-class" battleships were all purchased from Germany by him. However, compared to the powerful army, the Russian navy is too weak. So much so that Joseph couldn't see the strength of the navy at all. In fact, the biggest reason why he can secure his current position is that the army is in his hands. It is precisely because of this that even if the navy was wiped out by the Germans, Joseph did not feel too distressed.

"Comrade Isakov and the others are all good. They knew they were invincible, but they still fought bravely to the end. This kind of spirit is worth learning from our army. Shaposhnikov, you must promote this kind of spirit to the entire army. Spirit, let them fight bravely even in the face of the mighty German

army in the future battles! Only in this way can we defeat the mighty Germany and win the war!" Joseph said.

He suddenly felt that the destruction of the navy could be used to inspire other Russian armies. Therefore, Joseph has already planned to promote the spirit of heroic fighting in the navy throughout the party and the whole country, so as to enhance the fighting spirit and courage of the army on the battlefield, and prepare for defeating Germany in subsequent battles.

Shaposhnikov froze for a moment, then nodded immediately: "Yes, Comrade Joseph. I also believe that the deeds of the navy's heroic battles can arouse enthusiastic repercussions among the people and the army. At that time, in future wars, We can easily defeat the Germans!"

Joseph nodded in satisfaction, as if he was happy that he thought of this wisely.

However, he later felt that the annihilation of the navy was also a shameful thing for him. After all, the whole Bu Russia and even the whole world know that the navy was built by him alone. Now, the navy is dead, and that's going to make other people think too.

More importantly, Joseph was about to lose confidence in the continuous failure of the Russian army. The disastrous defeat on the Western Front, the failure in the Middle East, and even the loss of the Baku oil field. Now even the navy is wiped out. This series of failures has already made Joseph very unhappy, almost to the point of unacceptable.

"Comrade Shaposhnikov, the cold winter is coming. I think this also means that it is time for our home court. We must not let this period go!" Joseph said.

Hearing what Joseph said, Shaposhnikov suddenly had a bad feeling in his heart.

Sure enough, Joseph immediately said something that almost caused Shaposhnikov to collapse.

"Comrade Shaposhnikov, I think we should seize this opportunity to launch a counterattack against the Germans. The Germans cannot adapt to the cold in Russia. It will be very beneficial to us to launch an attack at this time! We can hit hard in one fell swoop The Germans. Even if they cannot be completely defeated, they can still make them pay a heavy price. In this way, it is entirely possible for us to resist the German attack in next year's war, or even defeat the Germans in one fell swoop. It's over!" Joseph said excitedly.

He seems to have seen the Germans fleeing in embarrassment on the snow-covered land in Russia. The corpses left by the Germans are everywhere on the ground, and many of them were frozen to death. Even the pure white snow was dyed red by the blood of the Germans.

Shaposhnikov was dumbfounded. He never expected that Joseph would still want to launch a counterattack at this time. You know, judging from the current situation, if the Germans do not launch an attack, they should thank God for their blessings. How could they take the initiative to launch an attack? In that case, wouldn't it be suicide?

"Comrade Shaposhnikov, what do you think of my plan? I think we can definitely make the Germans pay a big price." Joseph said.

Under such circumstances, how else can Shaposhnikov answer? He was very clear about Joseph's character.

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Shaposhnikov believed that if he dared to say no to Joseph's plan, then what awaited him would be an extremely tragic end. The suspicious Joseph would definitely think that Shaposhnikov's loyalty to him had been shaken. As long as there is such a beginning, then what kind of consequences Shaposhnikov will have next is naturally conceivable.

After these results flashed through his mind, Shaposhnikov immediately made a choice.

"Comrade Joseph, this is indeed a very good opportunity. We Russians live in such a world of ice and snow all year round, and our cold resistance is definitely not comparable to that of the Germans and their servants. In such cold weather, they can only hide Trembling in the barracks, it is impossible to fight. Our soldiers are completely different. Even the Germans would never have expected that we would launch such an attack at this time. At that time, we will definitely be able to They were caught off guard. Therefore, I fully agree with you!" said Shaposhnikov immediately, against his conscience.

Although, he knew what the consequences would be. But, in order to keep his own power, Shaposhnikov has completely given up.

After hearing this, Joseph nodded repeatedly, even more because after hearing Shaposhnikov's words, he became more determined about his decision. He felt more and more that this was a very rare opportunity, and it would be a pity if he missed it.

"Come here, go and invite Comrade Voroshilov. This time, if the counterattack is placed on the Western Front, it would be the best thing!" Joseph said. The Western Front is currently the largest group army of the Russian army, with a huge army of more than three million people. Joseph believes that if the Western Front can win this winter offensive, it may be able to change the unfavorable situation against Bu Russia in one fell swoop.

The secretary immediately called the Western Front Command. Although the Western Front was formed, Marshal Voroshilov did not immediately go to the front line because of the cessation of the fighting, but stayed in Moscow to work.

Shaposhnikov knew that at this point, everything else was useless. Joseph has obviously gone mad, and he must follow his will. Even if it is to pay a small price for this, it is not hesitating. At least, that would keep his current power. It's just that Shaposhnikov is also worried that if Bu Russia loses too much in this counterattack, it may make it more difficult for the Russian army to resist the German attack in next year's war.

Of course, judging from the current situation, it is obvious that Joseph's needs must be met first. As for the rest, we can talk about it later.

Marshal Voroshilov rushed to the Kremlin immediately after receiving a call from Joseph's office. He didn't know what was going on and was in a daze. In fact, after he became the commander of the Western Front, although he also served as a member of the Politburo, the position of the People's Commissar of the State has been handed over to Shaposhnikov, which made the number of times Joseph summoned him less and less. This even made Voroshilov wonder for a while whether he was no longer trusted by Joseph.

"Comrade Joseph, what are your orders?" Marshal Voroshilov put his posture very low in front of Joseph.

"Comrade Voroshilov, how is the integration of the Western Front?" Joseph asked.

"Comrade Joseph, the integration of the Western Front is in progress. The various departments incorporated into the Western Front are being assembled to the theater west of Moscow. However, there are too many troops involved, so it will take some time." Marshal Voroshilov replied. He couldn't help muttering in his heart, maybe Joseph thought the integration of the Western Front Army was too slow. He has already made up his mind that after returning this time, he must speed up the integration of the Western Front Army.

Joseph nodded: "Comrade Voroshilov, the integration of the Western Front really needs to be accelerated. However, there is now a more important task that needs to be completed by the Western Front."

"Comrade Joseph, I assure you that the Western Front will definitely be able to complete the tasks you assigned!" Marshal Voroshilov patted his chest without saying a word.

"Very well, Comrade Voroshilov, it is all the better if you have such confidence. I have decided to launch a massive counterattack against the Germans, taking advantage of the current weather in our favour. I hope that in this counterattack, the Germans' vital forces will be consumed on a large scale to prepare for next year's battle!" Joseph said.

Marshal Voroshilov was stunned, he had no idea that Joseph would issue such an order. What weather is good for Bu Russia? How could it be beneficial? Although Russians do have a little more frost resistance than people from other countries. However, that must be under the condition of having the same protection against the cold and warmth. The current situation is that the German army has sufficient clothing and supplies to keep out the cold, while the Russian army lacks these supplies. Many Russian soldiers could only shiver in the barracks in thin military uniforms. There have even been cases of large-scale frostbite and freezing to death. If an attack is launched under such circumstances, it is not known how many Russian soldiers will be frozen to death. At that time, don't talk about beating the Germans, maybe half of your troops will be frozen to death.

Marshal Voroshilov looked at Shaposhnikov, thinking it was his idea.

Shaposhnikov responded with an innocent look.

Marshal Voroshilov immediately knew that this was an unwarranted disaster. It must be Joseph's sudden idea, and it must be enforced. However, now it was his turn to be unlucky.

Originally, Marshal Voroshilov was somewhat reluctant to serve as the commander of the Western Front. Although the Western Front Army has more than three million troops, it is the most powerful Front Army among the Russian Army. Serving as the commander of this front army is an absolute high position and weight. However, he feared that if he was defeated by the Germans, he would definitely die.

Unexpectedly, Joseph actually wanted him to lead his troops to take the initiative to attack. Didn't this push him into the fire pit? If the counterattack fails, Joseph, the person who proposed the plan, must be fine. No one will place the blame on him. Then, there must be a scapegoat. Marshal Voroshilov

naturally didn't want to be the scapegoat himself. However, misfortune fell from the sky, and there was no way to hide from it!

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"Comrade Voroshilov, is the Western Front capable of completing this attack plan?" Joseph asked.

"Comrade Joseph, the Western Front is fully capable of completing an offensive that will make the Germans pay a heavy price on our land!" Marshal Voroshilov replied immediately.

Although he knew that Joseph's request was completely unreasonable and would cause the Russian army to pay extremely heavy losses during the attack. However, he really didn't have the courage to refuse Joseph's request. He didn't want to be transferred from his current post by Joseph just picking up a name, go to Qingshui Yamen for the elderly, or even kill him directly. After all, Joseph has done this more than once over the years.

Joseph nodded with satisfaction: "Very good, Comrade Voroshilov, you go and prepare! Before the end of the month, I hope that the Western Front will be able to win a victory!"

"Yes, Comrade Joseph." Marshal Voroshilov replied.

Walking out of Joseph's office, Voroshilov had a tearless expression on his face. He was really depressed, and he didn't know why he was so unlucky.

"Comrade Voroshilov, I'm sorry. Comrade Joseph made this decision after he learned that the entire navy was wiped out. I didn't expect that he would make such a decision!" Shaposhnikov A face of apology. Apparently he also knew the plight of Marshal Voroshilov. He knew that if the Western Army launched an attack, there was a high possibility that they would lose. At that time, Marshal Voroshilov's life may be difficult.

Marshal Voroshilov nodded. He also understood Joseph's personality and knew that this was a decision made by Joseph's headstrong conceit. He and Shaposhnikov, although they also have competition, generally speaking, cooperation is greater than competition. After all, the two of them were the lieutenant generals that Joseph valued the most. Together, they were able to rank the others and ensure that Joseph always valued and trusted them.

"Comrade Shaposhnikov, time is urgent now. I hope you can mobilize enough winter supplies and weapons and ammunition for the Western Front as much as possible. I don't want my soldiers to wear thin autumn clothes and go bare-handed and armed to the teeth Germans to fight. In that case, it is completely to let them die." Marshal Voroshilov said.

Shaposhnikov nodded heavily: "Comrade Voroshilov, I will try my best to prepare these supplies for the Western Front!"

Although the supplies of the Russian army are limited, if a large amount of supplies are transferred to the Western Front Army, other troops will get less supplies. But Shaposhnikov has no other way, he can't conjure more supplies out of thin air. Now the Western Front is going to attack the German army at the request of Joseph, so it can only give priority to meeting the requirements of the Western Front.

"Thank you, Comrade Shaposhnikov. May God bless us!" Voroshilov thanked and left the Kremlin immediately. He needs to return to the Western Front Command as soon as possible, get ready, and come up with a battle plan. Only in this way can Joseph be satisfied.

Voroshilov only hopes that his troops will not suffer too much loss in this attack. In that case, it might be able to continue. Otherwise, next year's war will be even more detrimental to Bu Russia.

After Marshal Voroshilov returned to the headquarters, he convened a meeting of the commanders and political commissars of the subordinate armies. At the meeting, Marshal Voroshilov informed everyone of Joseph's request. Suddenly, this caused an uproar among the senior generals of the Russian army. Everyone seemed to have no idea that Joseph would actually issue such an order at this time. War is not a child's play. Didn't Joseph give such an order to send their army to die?

However, many people dare not speak out. Because, among the political commissars present, almost most of them have fanaticism on their faces. They believed that everything Comrade Joseph said was correct, and all Joseph's decisions were wise. Anyone who dares to question Joseph is an anti-party and anti-state element. Even the top ranks in these armies are the same.

Subsequently, Marshal Voroshilov asked the armies to prepare. After the battle plan is drawn up, it will be distributed to each group army. Many army commanders couldn't help but pray to God in their hearts, praying that their troops would not appear in the offensive plan. After all, the Germans are already terrifying enough, and now they want to launch an attack in the ice and snow, what is the difference between that and courting death?

The Western Front has more than 20 group armies, and it is certain that all the troops will not be allowed to participate in the attack.

Marshal Voroshilov asked the staff officers of the headquarters to draw up a combat plan. He asked that half of the troops of the front army participate in it.

It took two days for the staff officers to draw up a battle plan. Marshal Voroshilov immediately went to the Kremlin to report to Joseph after reading the battle plan.

"Comrade Joseph, this is the battle plan drawn up by the Front Army Command. Please read it over. If there are no problems, we will implement it according to this battle plan!" Marshal Voroshilov reported.

Joseph opened the battle plan and read it page by page. The Western Front now has a full 24 infantry armies and two tank armies. In a world of ice and snow, it is difficult for tanks to come in handy. Therefore, this attack by the Western Front will dispatch as many as 12 groups with 1.5 million people. Such an attack can be regarded as a large-scale attack. Joseph is undoubtedly very satisfied with this.

"Comrade Joseph, after the Germans occupied Smolensk, they built a line of defense to the east of Smolensk. The entire line of defense was hundreds of kilometers long. The troops are relatively scarce. Therefore, we plan to focus on attacking the north of Smolensk. There is the defense zone of the Belarusian 1st Army. If we can eliminate them, we will be able to break through the German defense line, and even sweep the German defense line in the north. The Poles and some of the Germans defending there are also wiped out!" Marshal Voroshilov explained.

Joseph nodded: "Comrade Voroshilov, I agree with your battle plan in principle. I hope that you can severely damage the Germans and their servants in this attack. Eliminate them and create favorable conditions for the final and complete defeat of them!"

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The defense lines of the German Army Group B and the Russian Western Front are hundreds of kilometers long. Both sides have deployed millions of troops on this line of defense. The German Army Group B plus the troops of Poland and Belarus amounted to 2.2 million people. The Western Front, reorganized by the Russian army, has a strength of up to 3 million people.

It can be said that both the German and Russian troops are on this line of defense and have assembled heavy troops. The German army wanted to defeat the Russian army on the opposite side, and took advantage of the opportunity to capture Moscow, the capital of Bu Russia. In order to defend Moscow, Bu Russia must firmly resist the German attack. Otherwise, the fall of the capital will be inevitable.

In the cold winter, in this world of ice and snow, it is not very large-scale attack. Although the reconnaissance forces of both sides are fighting each other every day, many people will be killed by snipers. The special forces and snipers of the German army even regarded such a battlefield as their paradise.

Because the German army attaches great importance to special forces, each group army of the German army has its own special forces. They are all elite scouts selected from among the scouts. They are good at disguising themselves with various techniques and shooting valuable targets of the enemy.

It is precisely because of this that many middle and lower-level officers of the Russian army were killed, making them dare not show up easily anymore. This also caused a great blow to the morale of the Russian army.

Big Luki, a city in the west of Burus. The 19th, 20th, 33rd, 39th, 40th, and 50th Army Groups under the Western Front of the Russian Army are secretly gathering here. There are also several army groups that are secretly crossing the Danube 30 kilometers south of Great Luki. This time, they will attack the German defenses from two directions. The Belarusian 1st Army and the Polish 3rd Army have become the main targets of the Russian army.

Marshal Voroshilov is not a fool, he knows how powerful the German army is. Although the cold limited the German army's combat effectiveness, the German army had sufficient supplies for the winter. If it was just defense, it would be enough to make the Russian army pay an extremely heavy price. Therefore, he deliberately selected the Belarusian army and the Polish army as the targets of the breakthrough.

General Zhukov, Deputy Commander of the Western Front of the Russian Army, became the commander of this plan and was fully responsible for directing this operation. The 12 group armies that participated in the attack by the Russian Western Front all obeyed the orders of General Zhukov.

Marshal Voroshilov is very satisfied with General Zhukov being in charge of this operation. Although, Marshal Zhukov is also a very trusted and important general of Joseph. But Marshal Voroshilov was not at all afraid that the power in his hands would be divided by General Zhukov. After

all, in the view of Marshal Voroshilov, the possibility of failure of this attack is very high. Once it really fails, Joseph will definitely be furious. At that time, General Zhukov, as the actual commander of the attack, will inevitably bear the main responsibility, and the responsibility he has to bear will be relatively smaller. Even if the operation is successful this time, Marshal Voroshilov, as the commander of the front army, is also indispensable. Therefore, this is undoubtedly a very safe way.

On December 15th, General Zhukov arrived in Great Luki despite the wind and snow. The commanders and political commissars of the twelve group armies and other senior generals were summoned to the headquarters by him.

"Comrades, it's not long before the date of attack set by Comrade Joseph. How are your troops preparing?" General Zhukov asked.

"Comrade Commander, the 19th Army is ready. However, I hope to give us another batch of winter clothes. Now the weather is getting colder and colder. Even if we are huddled in the trenches, soldiers continue to freeze to death or frostbite. If an attack is to be launched in a world of ice and snow, the non-combat attrition caused by the cold weather will definitely increase further." Lieutenant General Konev, commander of the 19th Army of the Russian Army, said.

The other army commanders also looked at General Zhukov. If General Zhukov agreed to Lieutenant General Konev's request, then they would also make similar requests. After all, their troops also lack winter supplies, and people freeze to death every day. If this continues, when the time comes to launch an attack, I don't know how many people will be frozen to death and frostbitten.

General Zhukov couldn't help but frowned. He knew that if he opened this hole, other armies would definitely make such a request. As the commander of this plan, he obviously can't favor one over another. Otherwise, it will be difficult to lead the army. The next battle will be even more difficult to fight.

"In terms of supplies for the winter, I will request the Front Army Command and the General Staff. Now, we are actively preparing. Comrade Joseph attaches great importance to this attack. He is in Moscow, waiting for news of our victory. I know that for us, there are still many difficulties to overcome in this offensive. However, I believe that our heroic officers and soldiers will be able to overcome these difficulties and defeat the Germans and their accomplices!" General Zhukov said.

Lieutenant General Konev could only nod his head, but he couldn't hide the disappointment in his eyes.

In fact, except for those who have no brains and become senior generals in the army by flattering and being loyal to Joseph, the other generals are very pessimistic about this attack. Although the Western Front now has many soldiers and generals. But in reality, many soldiers are soldiers who have just been mobilized to join the army. Even some troops don't even have enough weapons and equipment, so how can they fight? Not to mention that it is still cold winter, and some soldiers don't even have overcoats for the winter. It is estimated that more people will be frozen to death alive than killed by the Germans.

However, everyone knew that this was Joseph's request, and they simply had no other choice but to accept the order. If you disobey Joseph's order, the consequences will be very serious. Over the years, there have been countless senior military generals killed by Joseph with various orders.

"I now declare that the Northern Assault Group will be formed from the 19th, 20th, 33rd, 39th, 40th and 50th Armies to attack the Pustoška line. The 21st, 22nd, 28th, 43rd, and The 61st and 68th Army formed the Southern Assault Group to attack the front line of Usvyat. Ten days later, the attack was launched on time, and the defense lines of the Belarusians and Poles were torn apart in one fell swoop, and they were completely wiped out!" General Zhukov ordered.

"Yes, Comrade Commander!" Everyone replied loudly.

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Smolensk, although the western gateway city of Moscow has become a ruin, the headquarters of the German Army Group B is still placed here. After the German army captured the front line of Smolensk, the troops of the Russian Western Front were almost wiped out. The rest of the Russian troops also shrunk their defenses and retreated to the east. This allowed the German army and its allies to advance the line of defense eastward for tens of kilometers without bloodshed.

The defense line east of Smolensk is called the first-line position by Army Group B. Except for the German 3rd Army, the rest are stationed by Polish and Belarusian troops. The other units of the German Army Group B stayed in the second-line positions.

This was originally the line of defense deployed by the German army to prevent the Russian army from launching a counterattack. Through such an arrangement, even if the Russian army launches a counterattack, the first thing to face is the servant army of the German army, and the German army can effectively preserve its own strength. After all, Germany's population is not large. Qin Tian still wants to rely on these troops to maintain Germany's world hegemony! There were too many deaths, enough to make him feel distressed.

Although, the large-scale German offensive has stopped. However, Germany's attack on Bu Russia did not end with this. On the side of the strategic air force, more long-range bombers and long-range fighter jets are being accumulated so that they can carry out strategic bombing against Russia. The small-scale exchange of fire on the front line has intensified. The scouts and special forces of the German army were active on the front line and caused a lot of losses to the Russian army.

At the same time, the reconnaissance plane of the Luftwaffe has also been investigating the situation. As long as there is no heavy snow, the reconnaissance plane will take off. Make sure to keep abreast of the movements of the Russian army. It will not be attacked by the Russian army.

Although, Marshal Guderian believes that there is no difference between launching a large-scale offensive in this ghostly weather that can almost freeze people's noses off and courting death. However, the German emperor Qin Tian asked the generals on the front line to be vigilant and guard against the Russian counterattack. Therefore, the generals at the front had to faithfully obey Qin Tian's orders.

"Your Excellency Marshal, this is the information just forwarded by the Air Force." Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert, chief of staff of the Eighth Army, said.

With Marshal Guderian also serving as the commander of Army Group B, Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert actually assumed the duties of chief of staff of the entire Army Group. Although, it would make his work a lot more busy. However, Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert never tires of it. He knew that this

was a very important experience in his military career. In the future, he might be able to rely on this experience to reach a higher position.

"Is there anything unusual?" Marshal Guderian asked.

"Your Excellency, the Marshal, the Air Force found that the Russians seem to be mobilizing their forces. Their reconnaissance planes have repeatedly found that the disguised Russian troops are advancing towards the Great Luki area, and the speed of the troops is very fast." Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert Said.

"What? Do the Russians really want to attack in this **** weather? Did their brains get kicked by a donkey? Don't they know that attacking in this weather is just freezing to death frostbitten people Is it enough to make them collapse?" Marshal Guderian was surprised, apparently he did not expect the Russian army to dare to do such a thing. In his opinion, this is too crazy.

"Who knows? Maybe the Russians are really not afraid of the cold. The cold weather we can hardly bear may not be a big deal to them! When His Majesty ordered to raise enough winter supplies, I thought His Majesty Some made a big fuss. But now it seems that His Majesty is right!" Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert sighed.

"Of course, His Majesty's wisdom is unmatched! It is because of His Majesty's leadership that the German Empire can dominate the world!" Marshal Guderian said proudly.

Because almost everyone in the German army knew that he, like Marshal Manstein and Marshal Rommel, was discovered by Qin Tian. Now, it has grown into one of the few giants in the German army. Guderian has always regarded himself as Qin Tian's person, and he is even more devoted to Qin Tian.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, collect more information. Then, inform the commanders of the various armies to rush to Smolensk for a meeting immediately. I have a hunch that another big war may break out." Marshal Guderian said .

"Yes, Your Excellency the Marshal. Do you want to notify the commanders of Poland and Belarus?" Karl Hilpert asked.

"Of course, this time their line of defense is the direction the Russians will focus on attacking." Marshal Guderian said.

The intelligence agencies of the German army also took action because of the discovery of the Russian army's changes, and a large amount of information was continuously compiled. Although, when the Russian army was preparing for this operation, it deliberately strengthened its secrecy. However, among the Russian government and the Russian army, there are many spies bought or placed by Germany, which makes it easy for the German army to obtain relevant information.

Although, this information is not completely accurate. But there is no problem in inferring useful intelligence from these intelligences.

"It seems that the Russians are really going to attack. If this is the case, let them smash their heads in front of our defense line! The more Russians die, the more likely we will take Moscow next year." It will be bigger!" Marshal Guderian said.

Although, the cold weather limited the combat effectiveness of the German army. Especially the armored units, even the engine oil will be frozen, let alone start. If you want to start a tank, you have to be prepared in advance. This takes not a short time. This is why the German army prepared a large amount of antifreeze before the outbreak of the war.

However, even so, the German army and its allies in defensive operations still have a greater advantage than the Russian army. After all, they were able to hide in the trenches, wear thick cotton-padded clothes, drink hot water, and use rifles and machine guns to shoot and kill Russian soldiers who were wearing thin clothes and running on the ice and snow.

As long as there is no snow, the German air force can take off fighter jets to assist the ground army in defending against Russian attacks. In this case, the difficulty for the Russian army to break through the German defense line can be imagined. At that time, they will inevitably be smashed in front of the German defense line. There is no doubt that he has paid a heavy loss.

Of course, this is not harmful to the German army, but it is an excellent opportunity. If the Russian army can pay a heavy price at a relatively small price, it will be easier for the German army to take Moscow in the battle next spring.

Chapter 1190

"Gentlemen, according to the information we have obtained, the Russians are indeed planning a counterattack against us. Moreover, the scale is not small. Therefore, in the next period of time, we must be more vigilant!" Marshal Guderian said.

According to the collected information, Admiral Guderian is almost certain that the Russian army will launch an offensive.

"God! Launching an attack in such cold weather? Aren't the Russians afraid that their soldiers will freeze to death?" Lieutenant General Saker, commander of the Polish 1st Army, exclaimed.

The commanders of the other armies also nodded again and again, with a look of deep approval. In everyone's perception, unless they are crazy, they would never issue such an attack order.

"No matter what the Russians think, maybe they really want to die. Then, let's send them to God. I hope that from now on, all front-line troops will be ready to fight. Once they encounter Russia People's attacks, we must stick to our positions!" Marshal Guderian ordered.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Marshal!" Everyone replied.

"Where will the Russians attack focus?" General Fedor von Bock, commander of the 3rd Army, asked.

Marshal Guderian shook his head: "It's not clear yet. However, it can be preliminarily judged to be the northern line of defense."

Suddenly, the faces of a group of Polish and Belarusian generals could not help but become serious. Although they laughed at the Russians before, there is no difference between launching an offensive at this time and courting death. But if their troops are attacked by the Russian army, it will be very dangerous. If it is not done well, the loss of troops will be very staggering.

"Everyone, can your troops withstand the Russian attack?" Guderian looked at the commanders of the Belarusian 1st Army, Polish 3rd Army, and 4th Army. These three armies are responsible for defending the first line of defense in the north of Smolensk. The other Polish 1st Army, 2nd Army and 5th Army defended the southern line of defense. The German 3rd Army defended the frontal line of defense of Smolensk.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, once the Russians launch an attack, we will definitely resist their attack with all our strength. But if the Russian army attacks too many troops, we may need support." Lieutenant General Chelyushev, commander of the Belarusian 1st Army, said. .

"Yes, Your Excellency the Marshal. If the Russian army's offensive is not large, we can rely on our strong defenses and cause a lot of casualties to the Russians. But if the Russians invest too much force, we may have to ask for reinforcements." " said Lieutenant General Vashkevich, commander of the Polish 3rd Army.

Marshal Guderian nodded: "The Russians are not fools. They know how disadvantageous it would be to launch a large-scale offensive in the cold winter. Therefore, they will not let the entire Western Front attack, but only a part of it. The troops launched an offensive. In this case, the fortifications should be able to withstand it. Once the Russian army launches an offensive, the Belarusian 1st Army, the Polish 3rd Army and the 4th Army must cooperate with each other to support. In addition, the German 13th Army, in When necessary, they will rush to the front for reinforcements. As long as they can withstand the Russian army's attack, the cold weather alone is enough to make them pay a very heavy price. After all, according to the information we have obtained, many Russian troops Soldiers don't have winter clothes yet, they can only fight in autumn clothes. I even doubt that if such troops are put on the battlefield, they will immediately turn into popsicles!"

"Hahaha!" All the generals couldn't help laughing, and the originally slightly tense atmosphere was also diluted a lot.

"Okay, everyone, this is the end of the meeting, you all go back and prepare. This time the Russians' attack is completely giving us military exploits. I hope that your army can gain sufficient strength in this battle." exploits." Marshal Guderian said.

"Yes, Marshal!" All the generals replied.

Germany promised before the war broke out that after the war, it will distribute benefits according to the performance of various countries on the battlefield. The better their performance in the war, the greater the benefits they will gain in the war in the future. With the Russians taking the initiative to die, they certainly hope to take this opportunity to achieve greater results.

As time passed, the German army and its allies have stepped up their vigilance. A large amount of war materials were secretly sent to the front line. Although the soldiers were a little nervous, they were still able to maintain high morale and wait for the Russian army to launch an attack when all kinds of supplies were sufficient.

On the morning of December 25, General Zhukov, the deputy commander of the Russian Western Front, issued an order to attack. A large number of Russian troops began to pour out to attack the defense lines of the Belarusian 1st Army and the Polish 3rd Army.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The cannons of the Russian army began to roar, but because the sky was full of ice and snow, it was very difficult to transport the heavy cannons to the front line. Therefore, the number of cannons carried by the Russian army is not large, and they are all cannons with smaller calibers.

While the Belarusian Army and the Polish Army are not as equipped with the number and caliber of artillery as the German Army, they are undoubtedly much better than the attacking Russian Army. It's just that they are seriously at a disadvantage in terms of military strength.

The artillery of the 1st Army of the Belarusian Army and the 3rd Army of the Polish Army also launched a violent shelling, suppressing the artillery of the Russian Army with fierce artillery fire. Lighten the frontline positions.

"Comrade Commander, most of our artillery is still in the rear, and the number of artillery and artillery on the front line is too small. If you fight for artillery, you may not be able to fight the enemy!" Lieutenant General Konev, commander of the Russian 19th Army, said.

General Zhukov nodded, he also knew this. So, with an ugly face, he put down the binoculars in his hand. From the binoculars, he could clearly see that the enemy's cannons on the opposite side were obviously more and more violent than those of the Russian army. Moreover, the defense line of the 3rd Army of the Polish Army is also strong, and the shelling of the Russian army did not cause any substantial damage to them. This is undoubtedly not good news for the Russian army.

"Don't waste time, dispatch the infantry! The 19th and 20th armies are the main forces attacking Pustoshka. The 21st and 22nd armies are the main forces attacking Usvyat!" General Zhukov ordered .