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The 19th Army and the 20th Army of the Russian Army are both powerful troops. The 19th Group Army has jurisdiction over the 25th and 34th Infantry Army, the 26th Mechanized Army, and the 38th Infantry Division. The 20th Group Army has jurisdiction over the 61st and 69th Infantry Army, the 7th Mechanized Infantry Army, and the 18th Infantry Division.

In the current battlefield situation, tanks and armored vehicles cannot be put into the offensive. Therefore, the infantry of the two armies immediately launched an attack. Hundreds of thousands of Russian soldiers, braving the cold wind and shouting slogans loudly, rushed towards the defense lines of the 22nd and 23rd Infantry Divisions of the Third Army of the Polish Army. However, if you get closer, you can clearly see that the faces of these Russian soldiers are bruised and purple. But their fighting will is very strong.

Some Russian soldiers fell to the ground within a few steps, struggling a few times trying to get up from the cold snow. But in the end it still failed. Soon, they were no more.

The winter in Russia is already very cold, and most people can't bear it at all. Even if the Russians live in such weather for a long time, their frost resistance is slightly stronger than others. However, that is also strong and limited. In the absence of winter clothing, even Russians would freeze to death.

Although Marshal Voroshilov previously asked Shaposhnikov to provide as much winter supplies as possible to the Western Front. But even if Shaposhnikov tried his best, he still couldn't meet the needs of the front line. After all, Russia was not fully prepared for this war. However, the materials provided by the United States to Russia could not be transported to the Western Front in time due to the capacity of the Siberian Railway. It is precisely because of this that many Russian soldiers still lack winter clothes.

Those fallen Russian soldiers were quickly stripped naked by their comrades in arms. They put the clothes of the dead Russian soldiers on themselves to enhance their ability to resist the cold winter.

The Russian army continued to attack, but before the Polish Army opened fire, many Russian soldiers fell on the snow.

General Zhukov and Lieutenant General Konev, who were watching the battle from the rear, saw this situation through binoculars, and their faces became very ugly.

"We shouldn't have launched an offensive at this time. In other words, we shouldn't have launched this war at this time at all!" Lieutenant General Konev said.

Zhukov also sighed: "Many things are not decided by us. We are only soldiers, and we only need to execute orders. I will report to the Front Army Command and the General Staff about the supplies for the winter. of!"

"Fire!"

The Polish Army's 22nd Infantry Division and the 23rd Infantry Division's defense line, the commander issued an order to fire.

Polish soldiers lay on the trenches one by one, and started shooting with rifles and machine guns in their hands.

"Da da da! Bang! Bang! Bang!"

Intensive bullets shot at the Russian soldiers, and countless Russian soldiers burst into red blood flowers on their chests or other places, screaming and falling to the ground. Blood flowed from their bodies, staining the blood on the ground red. Because the weather was too cold, after the hot blood flowed out, it was quickly frozen into jet-black ice cubes.

"Boom! Boom!"

Mortars, infantry artillery, and field artillery were all firing, and the shells hit the attacking Russian army columns one by one. The shells exploded in the queue, and the scattered shrapnel took the lives of many Russian soldiers.

Although, the combat effectiveness of the Poles does not seem to be strong after entering modern times. However, under the arming and training of Germany, the combat effectiveness of the Polish Army has gradually improved. Let them fight the Russians in the field, and the Polish Army may not be able to resist. However, in defensive operations, relying on solid fortifications and powerful firepower to kill the Russian army, they can still do it by storming.

"Oh my God! Those Russians are really brave. I saw with my own eyes that they were only wearing military uniforms with weak opinions. How brave they are to attack in such weather!" A man in thick clothes Cotton clothes, and a Polish soldier with a white cloak at the same time, after shooting a Russian soldier, he was amazed.

"Why do you care so much? Those Russians deserve to die. Even if they don't freeze to death, they will be killed by us!" Another Polish soldier said. These Polish soldiers did not have a good opinion of the Russians. When Poland was ruled by Russia, they were often enslaved by the Russians, and many even died in the hands of the Russians. Now, they can avenge their revenge, an opportunity that many Poles cherish.

"Da da da!"

On the position, two heavy machine guns of the Polish Army are firing. Although this is already a second-hand product used by the German army in the last world war, it still exerted extremely powerful combat effectiveness in the hands of these Polish soldiers. A large number of Russian soldiers fell to the ground and lost their lives under the intensive machine gun fire.

On the other side, the Russian 21st Army and 22nd Army's offensive also hit the defense lines of the 1st Infantry Division and 2nd Infantry Division under the Belarusian 1st Army.

Belarusians and Russians belong to the same ethnic group. But unfortunately, they are now life and death enemies. In particular, the Russian army regards these Belarusians as traitors and wishes to kill them all.

It's just that the offensives of the Russian 21st Army and 22nd Army have posed no small threat to the 1st and 2nd Infantry Divisions of the Belarusian Army. But they were able to use the weapons in their hands to strike head-on.

A large number of Russian soldiers fell down due to the cold, or were shot by bullets from weapons in the hands of Belarusian soldiers, and lost their lives, lying on the icy snow.

Although, the soldiers of the Russian army were very brave in the battle, even though they suffered heavy losses, they did not collapse. However, their attack seemed to be nothing at all, as if they were sending them to death. Apart from wasting some enemy bullets and leaving large corpses on the ground, there is no other effect.

Lieutenant General Chelyushev, commander of the 1st Belarusian Army, and Lieutenant General Vashkevich, commander of the 3rd Army of the Polish Army, also breathed a sigh of relief after learning that the troops on the front line had resisted the Russian attack. They knew that as long as the troops could withstand the Russian attack, there was nothing to fear. Next, you can use powerful firepower to further cause greater casualties to the Russian army.

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"Come on! Great Russian fighters, charge! The enemy will definitely be defeated by us! Comrade Joseph is watching us in the Kremlin, waiting for the news of our victory!" A political worker shouted loudly.

Inspired by him, countless Russian soldiers bravely charged. At this moment, their faces were full of enthusiasm, as if they had forgotten the cold and ignored the hail of bullets around them.

"Pfft!"

A bullet hit the political worker, and he fell onto the snow, clutching his chest. However, this not only did not frighten the Russian soldiers, but further inspired their courage.

The thick snow made the charging speed of these Russian soldiers very slow. The distance that could have been rushed in a few minutes now took at least two or three times longer. And this also made it easier for these Russian soldiers to be hit by Allied fire during the charge.

Most of the Russian soldiers fell before rushing to the front of the Allied positions. Their bodies fell to the ground, covered in thick snowflakes. Even the Russian soldiers who were lucky enough to rush to the front of the Allied line of defense failed to break through their line of defense. They were very tired from running in the snow for a long time. Allied soldiers were able to kill them easily.

The Russian 19th Army, 20th Army, 21st Army, and 22nd Army dispatched more than 100,000 people, attacking only the two infantry divisions of the Belarusian 1st Army and the Polish 3rd Army. But they didn't achieve any results at all. Apart from wasting the enemy's ammunition, they left a lot of corpses.

Even if the Russian army has an absolute advantage in military strength, it still cannot reverse this situation. After all, the defense line of the Allied forces was carefully constructed, and the stored war materials were also very sufficient, and they would not be exhausted even if they were consumed by the Russian army.

"Comrade Commander, what should we do now?" Lieutenant General Konev really couldn't bear to continue watching such a battle. Those soldiers who lost were all their elites! They should have been able to play a greater role on the battlefield. But now it is so wasted in vain, it is really a pity.

Zhukov hesitated for a moment, but still did not give the order to stop the attack. If he ordered to stop the attack, it would undoubtedly have an impact on the morale of the troops. In addition, those political workers will certainly not agree.

Despite the heavy casualties, those political workers were full of fighting spirit, and they are still desperately encouraging those soldiers to fight bravely. Or to be brave enough to die.

At this time, the snowflakes in the sky became smaller and smaller, and finally stopped slowly.

General Zhukov and Lieutenant General Konev couldn't help but change their expressions.

"Damn, didn't those meteorologists say that the heavy snow would continue for two or three days? How could it stop now? They lied about the military situation and must be shot!" General Zhukov's face was livid.

The reason why today was chosen as the time for the attack was because it was snowing heavily and the German Air Force fighter planes could not take off. Originally thought that this was a rare opportunity to break through the enemy's line of defense without the threat of German fighter planes. But unexpectedly, the heavy snow has stopped now. You don't need to think about it, the Luftwaffe will never waste this good opportunity.

Actually, on the Luftwaffe airfield in the rear, the runway was already cleared. Fighters filled with fuel and loaded with bombs are already taking off.

FW-190 fighter jets, BF-109 warships, Stuka dive bombers and Predator ground attack aircraft took off from the airport and flew to the front line. The front-line airport of the German army is not far from the front-line positions, only more than 100 kilometers away. For these fast fighters, they can fly to the battlefield in less than ten minutes.

After the fastest FW-190 fighter jets and BF-109 fighter jets flew to the battlefield, they immediately launched an attack on the attacking Russian army.

The fighter plane passed over the heads of the Russian army, and the bombs hanging under the wings had already been dropped. The bomb exploded in the queue of the Russian army, and many Russian soldiers were blown away.

Fighters deal with soft targets such as people on the ground, and the most powerful weapon is the aviation machine gun.

After dropping the bomb, the fighter plane began to shoot at the Russian soldiers on the ground with aviation machine guns.

"Da da da!"

A plane swooped down, and the aviation machine guns on the wings fired wildly, leaving deep bullet holes on the ground. When the bullets shot into the Soviet queue, more than a dozen Soviet soldiers were torn to pieces. The aviation machine gun of the fighter plane is very powerful. If it hits the human body, it can easily split the human body into two parts.

The Russian soldiers who were shot and killed by aviation machine guns died in a miserable state. They were broken into pieces one by one, with intestines and internal organs everywhere, and blood dyed the snow on the ground red.

"Haha! These Russians are really easy to kill. In such a cold day, they would still launch an attack. It's almost death!" A German pilot laughed.

"I don't want to just deal with these infantry. It would be great if there are Russian pilots to shoot me down!" Another pilot said.

It's just that it is almost very difficult to shoot down the Russian aircraft. At the beginning of the war, the Russian Air Force suffered a heavy blow. A large number of fighter planes were destroyed on the airport, and a large number of pilots were killed. This has made the Russian Air Force try its best to avoid war with the German Air Force during this period. They are now hiding behind and licking their wounds, hoping to slowly recover their strength!

"Long live! Long live the Luftwaffe!"

"Nice job, kill those Russians!"

The soldiers of the Polish Army and the Belarusian Army on the ground couldn't help shouting loudly when they saw the Russian army being strafed by the Luftwaffe fighter planes, causing heavy casualties.

Soon, the German dive bombers and ground attack aircraft also joined in and began to attack the Russian army.

With a sharp whistle, the Stuka dive bomber launched an attack at a nearly vertical angle, dropping bombs where the crowd was densest. Every heavy aerial bomb explosion will leave a huge crater on the ground, exposing the black soil layer under the snow. Many Russian soldiers on the ground were killed.

And those Predator ground attack aircraft are more like aerial fortresses. They hover in the air, machine guns and aviation machine guns, crazily strafing the ground, countless Russian soldiers fell under the intensive firepower of these ground attack aircraft.

The addition of the German Air Force made the casualties of the Russian army soar further.

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"Damn, what about our air force? Why are they just watching? Doesn't the Western Front have two aviation armies?" Konev's eyes were red as he watched the Luftwaffe massacre the Russian army.

"The two air armies of the Western Front are nothing more than empty shells. In the previous battles, we lost a large number of aircraft and pilots and are rebuilding. In addition, our I-16 fighters and I-15 fighters, It is not an opponent of the German fighters at all. The Jacques-1 fighter, the Lager-3 fighter and the MiG-3 fighter are still in the test flight, and it will take some time before mass production enters service. Besides, even if they are in service, I'm afraid they are not the opponents of the Germans. Although the Americans have assisted a batch of fighter planes, their performance is not much better than our fighter planes. It is simply impossible to expect those guys from the aviation group to fly these fighter planes to fight the Germans." General Zhukov shook his head and smiled wryly.

Although, the size of the Russian Air Force is very large. But that's just a numerical advantage. In terms of quality, it is not flattering at all. The huge gap in the performance of fighter jets and the quality gap of pilots made their Russian Air Force simply not capable of confronting the German Air Force.

Lieutenant General Konev has nothing to say, but under such circumstances Joseph still insists on the Russian army to launch a counterattack against the Germans. That is completely treating the war as a child's play! However, he couldn't say that. Otherwise, the political workers in the army would definitely not let him go.

The Russian soldiers on the ground suffered a lot of losses under the attack of the Luftwaffe, leaving a lot of corpses. Even the bravest troops will lose courage and confidence under such circumstances. The same is undoubtedly true of the Russian army.

"God! Run away, if we continue to attack, we will only be killed!" A Russian soldier whose will to fight had collapsed shouted and turned to run away.

The power of role models is infinite. After someone took the lead, the rest of the Russian soldiers turned around and ran away. This immediately affected the entire battlefield. A large number of Russian troops began to collapse. Even those political workers tried their best to stop them, and even shot and killed a few fleeing Russian soldiers, but it was useless.

General Zhukov saw this scene and did not stop it. In his opinion, such an attack itself is no different from sending him to death. If it can be stopped, it will undoubtedly be the best.

After the collapse of the Russian army, the political workers asked General Zhukov to order another offensive. However, General Zhukov did not accept their request, but asked to wait for another opportunity.

Those political workers were very dissatisfied with this. They sent a telegram to the Front Army Command, accusing General Zhukov of delaying the fighter plane. However, he was suppressed by Marshal Voroshilov. On the one hand, Marshal Voroshilov knew that Joseph valued General Zhukov very much, and he hoped to sell General Zhukov a favor. On the other hand, Marshal Voroshilov is going to use General Zhukov as a scapegoat after the attack fails, and now that General Zhukov has been dealt with, wouldn't he have to go up by himself? Marshal Voroshilov would not do such a thing.

With the support of Marshal Voroshilov, General Zhukov was not intimidated by those political workers. He decisively stopped the attack, and then called Lieutenant General Konev and Lieutenant General Remezov, commander of the 20th Army, to discuss how to break the situation.

"Comrades, you must have seen from the previous battles that the enemy's defense line is very strong, with strong firepower, and can also receive air support. Under such circumstances, if we want to break through the enemy's defense line, then it is simply impossible. Blindly launching a strong attack is nothing more than paying unnecessary casualties." Zhukov said.

Lieutenant General Konev and Lieutenant General Remezov nodded again and again, and they also agreed with General Zhukov's words. It's just that the order to attack was given by Joseph, so it's impossible to just give up halfway like this. In that case, let alone them, even General Zhukov cannot afford such serious consequences.

"Now we are only attacking the defense lines of the Poles and Belarusians, not the defense lines defended by the Germans. It is already so difficult. If we attack the German defense lines, we don't know how many casualties will be paid." Column Lieutenant General Mezov said.

Although the German army is powerful, the Russian army is also ashamed. However, they never paid attention to the armies of the slave countries of Germany. They believed that with the fighting power of the Russian army, it would be no problem at all to defeat those servants. But the final result proved that everything was not what they imagined. Those servants, under the training of the Germans, have also greatly improved their combat effectiveness. It is undoubtedly very difficult for the Russian army to break through their solid defense line.

General Zhukov also agreed with this in his heart. You must know that the 19th Army and the 20th Army are the elite forces of the Russian army. In the previous battles, the elite of the Russian army had already lost a lot, and there were not many remaining main forces. Now, even if the main force is mobilized, the enemy's defenses can't be dealt with. This undoubtedly shows that it is almost impossible to achieve Joseph's goal and severely damage the vital strength of the German army and its servants.

It's just that, now they have been driven to a dead end, if they give up, Joseph will definitely not agree, and they will be severely punished. Therefore, they can only bite the bullet and continue to attack. If it can cause greater casualties to the German army and its servants, it can be regarded as barely fulfilling Joseph's expectations, and it may be possible to pass the test.

"Comrade Commander, if we launch an attack during the day, we have almost no chance of winning. The enemy's firepower is very strong, and there is also air support. Our superiority in strength cannot be brought into play at all. If we launch an attack at night, we may have a chance. At that time, the German air force will no longer be able to dispatch, and the enemy's firepower advantage will be limited at night. Our troops are very likely to attack the enemy's position. At that time, the superiority of troops will be very important!" Lieutenant General Konev Said.

General Zhukov thought for a while, then nodded. Although it is unknown how many people will be frozen to death and frostbite when launching an attack on a cold winter night, it is much better than being killed by enemy planes and intensive machine gun fire. What's more, now they have no way out, they can only choose this way.

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"Tonight, assemble the troops of the 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd armies and attack the enemy's positions again. This time, we must tear their positions apart and drown them!" General Zhukov ordered .

"Yes, Comrade Commander." Lieutenant General Konev nodded. He also knew that tonight might be the time for desperate efforts. If you don't work hard, I'm afraid there will be no way to break through the enemy's defense line. At that time, even if the battle continues, it will be nothing more than paying unnecessary losses. This opportunity must be seized as much as possible.

"However, Comrade Commander. I think we still need to gather more troops. The Germans will definitely not watch the defense line being broken by us, and they will definitely draw troops from other places." Lieutenant General Konev reminded.

General Zhukov nodded: "Don't worry, I will draw troops from other armies when necessary!"

The Russian army stopped the offensive and turned to prepare for the night attack at night.

The same situation also happened in the German Army Group B. Marshal Guderian learned that the Russian army stopped after only launching a round of attack. He could almost conclude that the Russian army would never give up so easily. Therefore, it is undoubtedly conceivable what the Russians want to do next.

"Your Excellency Chief of Staff, I can be sure that the Russians will definitely launch an attack tonight. They know that the attack during the day will be repelled by our powerful firepower. Therefore, night has become their only chance." Gu Marshal Derian said.

"So, Marshal, do we need reinforcements from several other armies?" Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert asked.

Marshal Guderian nodded: "Send a telegram to the Belarusian 1st Army and the Polish 3rd Army to let them pay attention to the battle at night. In addition, let the Polish 4th Army mobilize 4 divisions to prepare for reinforcements. Polish 3rd Army. Send a telegram to the Polish 1st Army, 2nd Army and 5th Army, asking them to send an infantry division north immediately. If the Belarusian 1st Army cannot withstand the Russian attack, they need to send reinforcements immediately. And, preferably Get ready for the second reinforcement!"

Marshal Guderian did not intend to draw reinforcements from several German armies. The weather is too bad now, so he still conducts night battles. In that case, the elite German army would also suffer considerable casualties. If you can rely on the army of the slave country to resist the attack of the Russian army, it will undoubtedly be the best. The elite troops of the German army should stay in and attack Moscow next spring.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Marshal." Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert replied.

After the order of Marshal Guderian was issued, the Polish army and Belarus were ready. The Polish 4th Army dispatched 4 infantry divisions and rushed to the defense line of the Polish 3rd Army, preparing to reinforce them. The Polish 1st Army, 2nd Army and 5th Army are also mobilizing troops northward. It's just that the defense line of the German Army Group B is several hundred kilometers long, and now it is full of ice and snow, even if it is by truck or armored personnel carrier, it is difficult to arrive in a short time. Therefore, if the Russian army launches an offensive tonight, the Belarusian 1st Army and the Polish 3rd Army still need to rely on their own strength to resist the Russian attack.

Fortunately, during the daytime battles, the Russian army was battered in front of their line of defense. This made the officers and soldiers of the Belarusian 1st Army and the Polish 3rd Army somewhat nervous about the upcoming battle, but they did not want to fight. Not intimidated. Because the fighting during the day was too simple, those Russians seemed to be sent to death, allowing them to shoot and kill with powerful firepower.

"Gentlemen, Marshal Guderian's order has been issued. The Russians are likely to continue to attack us tonight. The defense lines of the 1st Infantry Division and the 2nd Infantry Division are very likely to be attacked by the Russians." Important point. So, this also means that you two infantry divisions will face a **** battle tonight!" said Lieutenant General Chelyushev, commander of the 1st Belarusian Army.

The commanders of the Belarusian 1st Infantry Division and the 2nd Infantry Division both looked serious. Although their troops performed very well in daytime battles, it would be very difficult to tell if the battle scene was switched to night.

"Everyone, this battle tonight is very critical to us. Marshal Guderian has already dispatched reinforcements from other troops to reinforce us. However, it takes time to travel in this ghostly weather. Therefore, We have to rely on our own strength to hold on tonight. Otherwise, once the line of defense is breached, the consequences will be disastrous!" Lieutenant General Chelyushev continued.

The other Belarusian army generals also nodded. If the line of defense is breached, without a solid line of defense as a backing, it will be impossible for them to confront the Russian army, which has a superior force.

"I order all units to prepare for battle from now on. Units other than the 1st Infantry Division and the 2nd Infantry Division will each draw a regiment and rush to the army headquarters to stand by. In addition, other units should also be ready .Once reinforcements are needed, more troops must be dispatched immediately. Anyone who dares to disobey orders will be dealt with by military law!" Lieutenant General Cheliushenv said with a dark face.

He knew that if this battle was defeated, what awaited him would be to return to China and be dismissed from his post. He didn't want his military career to turn around like this. What about higher positions. Therefore, even if he tried his best, he would ask the troops to resist the attack of the Russian army.

"Yes, general!" All the generals replied.

Lieutenant General Vashkevich, the commander of the Polish Army's 3rd Army, also issued the same order, drawing troops from other units under the Army Group to prepare to reinforce the positions of the Polish Army's 22nd Infantry Division and 23rd Infantry Division.

After nightfall, both the Belarusian army and the Polish army began to prepare. Under the snow, they planted mines, pulled up barbed wire, and set up machine guns. There are also a lot of flares piled up next to the mortars. They are ready, and once the Russian army launches an attack, they will pay a heavy price again.

At 10 o'clock in the evening on December 25th, the cold wind was howling, and General Zhukov once again gave the order to attack.

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The 19th Army and the 20th Army of the Russian Army have invested the main force in the attack tonight. Except for the mechanized troops who did not participate in the battle due to too much movement, the rest of the infantry will participate in this attack.

Behind the attacking infantry, there is artillery. The cannons have raised their muzzles, and the shells are piled up next to the cannons. The artillerymen folded their hands and shivered under the cannons to avoid the cold wind. At the beginning of the infantry's attack, the cannons will not fire. They will only come in handy when the raid fails and it turns to a storm.

At the same time, the Russian 21st Army and 22nd Army also dispatched almost all their troops to participate in this attack. Lieutenant General Zhukov's order was very simple, that is, to do his best to break through the enemy's defense line at one time, and to drown the enemy with absolute superiority in force.

Indeed, for the Russian army, their superiority in strength is already their biggest advantage, and it is also the only advantage. After next spring, several German army groups launch a fierce attack again, once the Russian army suffers heavy losses again, it will be very difficult to say whether they will still have a force advantage.

Hundreds of thousands of Russian soldiers, led by mid- and lower-level officers, held rifles and staggered step by step towards the Polish and White army's defense lines. The cold wind at night was even more icy and biting, blowing on them, as if to freeze their souls. Even wearing warm clothes can't resist it. The cold wind seems to be able to get in from any gap. Not to mention, most of the Russian army did not have warm clothes yet, which made them have to face the threat of cold during the offensive.

Some Russian soldiers were almost frozen to death. Sometimes they fell down on the snow and couldn't get up again. Other Russian soldiers will not go to rescue them. Because at this time, they are also unable to protect themselves. These Russian soldiers attacked the enemy's defense line like walking dead.

On the Polish and White lines of defense, the soldiers were wearing thick cotton coats and wrapped in blankets, huddled at the bottom of the trench to rest. A kerosene stove was burning to bring them extra warmth and drive out the cold. But even so, there are still people who keep calling it cold.

Most of the soldiers have closed their eyes to rest, even though they know that they will most likely face a fierce battle tonight. However, they still obeyed the order habitually, and before the Russian offensive began, they tried their best to recharge their batteries and conserve their energy. They also believe that although the Russians are powerful, they have an advantage in military strength. But they are not vegetarian anymore, the powerful firepower will definitely make the Russians pay a heavy price. Even if this is fighting in a night scene, it's the same.

"Hey, Dorov, are you asleep?" a Polish soldier whispered.

"No!" replied an older soldier.

"Then you said that the Russians will really attack our position tonight?"

"Who knows? Maybe it will. But what if we attack? We are ready. If the Russians come, we will shoot them with strong firepower." Dorov replied.

"That's hard to say. I heard that the Russians have much more troops than us. Besides, we can't get support from the Luftwaffe when we fight at night."

"Don't worry so much, the superiors must have made preparations, and they will take this into consideration. Besides, in such cold weather, if the Russians launch an attack, the number of people who will freeze to death is probably worse than the number of people killed by us." A lot," Dorov said.

"Yes! Those Russians are really pitiful. They are still wearing thin military uniforms in such a cold day. When cleaning the battlefield this afternoon, I saw with my own eyes that many Russians were only wearing autumn clothes."

While the two were talking, a large number of Russian soldiers were slowly approaching their position. Although shivering from the cold, these Russian soldiers still persisted. They gritted their teeth and tried not to make unnecessary noises, lest the Polish army on the opposite side be prepared.

"Keep quiet, we are about to approach the Poles' positions. They must be sleeping like dead pigs. We can easily rush into their positions and kill them all!" A Russian political worker whispered for the soldiers Cheer up.

The ability of Russian officers and soldiers to persist in fighting in such an environment has a lot to do with their beliefs. It is precisely because they insist on that belief that they can continue to attack.

"Boom!"

Suddenly, there was a sudden explosion, and several Russian soldiers were blown away, with stumps and broken arms scattered everywhere.

The other Russian officers and soldiers were also frightened and stunned.

"Mines! The Poles planted landmines!" All Russian officers and soldiers had such thoughts in their minds.

The sound of the explosion also awakened the Polish army on the ground, and they picked up their weapons one after another, ready to start fighting.

"Whoo! Whoo! Whoo!"

The mortars fired flares one after another into the sky, and the dazzling white light dispelled the darkness, revealing the figures of the attacking Russian soldiers.

"Fire! Kill those Russians!" The officers on the Polish defense line issued an order.

"Da da da!" The heavy machine guns and light machine guns began to fire, and dense bullets enveloped the attacking Russian soldiers. Countless Russian soldiers were hit and fell to the ground screaming.

There is no doubt that their night attack has failed.

"Attack! Attack! We are only a few hundred meters away from the Polish defense line. If we rush over, we will be able to break through their defense line!" The officers of the Russian army also shouted loudly.

Those Russian soldiers began to run hard. However, because the body is almost frozen and the snow on the ground is very thick, it is undoubtedly very difficult to run under such conditions.

And this allowed the soldiers of the Polish army to take advantage of their own firepower. They used their rifles and machine guns, grenades and mortars to pour bullets and shells at the attacking Russian army, harvesting the lives of these Russian soldiers.

When the Polish army discovered the Russian attack and began to resist them with powerful firepower. The battle between the 1st Belarusian Front and the Russian Army also began.

Suddenly, a fierce battle broke out. The Russian army wanted to break through the Polish and White army's defenses, while the White army and the Polish army wanted to resist their attack.

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"Damn it! The night attack failed, and now we have to attack by force. I hope our troops can successfully break through the Polish defense line!" Lieutenant General Konev could not help cursing.

Even if they can sneak into the place only tens of meters away from the Polish army's defense line, they can easily break through the Polish defense line! Now, they have been discovered hundreds of meters away, which will undoubtedly make them need to pay a higher price to rush to the front of the Polish army's defense line, which will further increase their losses.

General Zhukov was expressionless. He never expected to be able to make a night attack a success in one fell swoop. The enemy will not be unprepared. Therefore, if the formation wants to win, it still depends on the troops to do their best in the next battle.

"Order the artillery to fire!" General Zhukov ordered.

Although, many of the Russian army's cannons were destroyed during the daytime battle. But some remained. Although the number of these cannons is not large, the caliber is not large. But if played well, it may have unexpected effects.

The artillery of the Russian army began to roar, firing at the defense lines of the Polish Army and the Belarusian Army. Some shells fell on the defense lines of the Polish Army and the Belarusian Army, causing them some casualties. However, overall casualties were not high. After all, unless the shells fell directly into the trenches, it would undoubtedly be very difficult to injure the soldiers hiding in the trenches. Unless it is a large-caliber artillery. But unfortunately, because of the heavy snow, the large-caliber artillery of the Russian army could not be sent to the front line at all.

The artillery of the Polish Army and the Belarusian Army are also firing violently. Although, when firing at night, the accuracy is greatly reduced. However, the Russian army dispatched too many troops. After the previously calibrated shooting elements, the shells could easily fall into the Russian army's queue, causing greater casualties to the attacking Russian army.

Smolensk, the headquarters of the German Army Group B. Marshal Guderian and Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert did not rest. For these generals in the army, it is undoubtedly very common to stay up late during the war.

When the battle just broke out, the Army Group Command had already received the news.

"Your Excellency Marshal, the Russians have indeed launched an attack. Moreover, they have invested a lot of troops. It can be seen that they are desperate!" Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert said.

Marshal Guderian nodded: "Zhukov is in command of this attack. He is a very good general. If the army he commanded was not too bad, he would be a very powerful opponent. I hope the Poles and Belarusians We must be able to withstand the Russian attack! Otherwise, we may have to give up the first-line positions. Although this will not cause them much loss, it is more or less a trouble."

"Under our training, the combat effectiveness of the Poles and Belarusians has been greatly improved. Although they are at a disadvantage in terms of strength, it should not be too difficult to resist the Russian attack." Karl? Lieutenant General Hilpert said.

"Yes, as long as we survive tonight, the subsequent battle will turn into a war of attrition. At that time, the huge loss will definitely make the Russians unable to hold on. We will be able to win." Guderian went up will say.

After all, in front of the well-prepared German army and its allies, if the Russian army lacks winter supplies to launch a large-scale offensive, it will only cause them to pay extremely heavy losses. Although the Russian army still has a lot of troops, if such losses continue, it will hurt the Russian army sooner or later. On the German side, it is hoped that the Russians will continue to do this. In this case, at least the German army can gain a greater advantage in the offensive next spring.

Fierce battles are still erupting on the front line. The Russian army charged in the ice and snow. Many Russian soldiers fell to the ground under the fierce German firepower, or were frozen to death. But they were still not frightened. Instead, they attacked one after another, stepping on the corpses of their comrades. This crazy attack shocked the Polish soldiers defending the position to some extent.

However, the shooting of these Polish soldiers did not stop. They all know that this is a life-and-death battle. If the soft-heartedness caused the defense line to be breached, then they would probably be the ones who were killed next. On the battlefield, if you are not ruthless, you will die yourself. Therefore, the person who survives to the end is either a lucky person or a ruthless person. Under normal circumstances, people who have both conditions can live the best and live the longest.

"Fire, fire!" A Polish second lieutenant platoon leader shouted.

His luck was rather bad. The position defended by their platoon seemed to be the focus of the Russians' attack. The mortars belonging to the platoon continuously fired flares, making the Russian troops invisible. Heavy machine guns and light machine guns were also firing, killing the Russian soldiers. However, those Russian troops seemed to be unable to kill them all. A thick layer of corpses had been piled up in front of their line of defense, but the Russian army's attack still did not stop.

"Damn! Are those Russians really that fearless of death?" The second lieutenant platoon leader cursed after killing two Russian soldiers approaching the line of defense with a pistol.

"Boom!"

A 76.2mm field artillery shell fell into the trench, and several Polish soldiers were killed on the spot, causing a gap in their defense line.

"Asshole, report to the company headquarters, we need reinforcements. We are at least resisting the attack of a battalion of Russian troops! If there is no reinforcements, our defense line may be breached soon!" The second lieutenant platoon leader ordered.

Although, the Polish Army's 22nd Infantry Division and 23rd Infantry Division, relying on solid positions and strong firepower, barely withstood the Russian attack. However, the number of attacking Russian troops was so large that their entire line of defense was already strained. As the Russian army got closer and closer to their line of defense, and even started to shoot at them, the casualties of the troops continued to rise.

"Grenade, throw!"

Under the order of a squad leader, several grenades flew out of the trench, blowing up the Russian soldiers who were trying to pinch off the barbed wire.

Many Russian soldiers had rushed to the Polish army's defense line, but they were blocked by barbed wire. Those Russian soldiers wanted to climb over the barbed wire, but they were shot and killed by soldiers of the Polish Army.

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Barbed wire has become a sharp weapon for the defensive side since it appeared in the last world war. The attacking party wanted to cross the barbed wire and had to stop. And this gave the defensive side a chance to exert their intensive firepower. They can take advantage of this opportunity to cause great casualties to the enemy.

Now the Russian army is facing such a problem. They have already paid a lot of losses in order to cut the barbed wire under the Polish army. Under the barbed wire, a thick layer of corpses had already been piled up.

"Boom!" A shell fell and blew up a wooden stake supporting the barbed wire. The Russian soldiers crowded behind took the opportunity to rush in.

"Go to hell, **** the Poles!" a Russian soldier shouted loudly.

But the oncoming machine gun bullets killed most of these Russian soldiers. The rest of the Russian soldiers also had to lie on the ground, not daring to attack again. Bullets whizzed past their heads, scaring many of them to the point of peeing. Of course, the ground covered with thick snow was so cold that some Russian soldiers even froze.

In the night battle, many technical weapons of the German army could not play a role. Such as large-caliber heavy artillery and air force fighters. Otherwise, it would be impossible for the Russian army to break through the first-line positions defended by the Polish army and the White army. Therefore, when the Russian army invested a large number of troops without losses, the strong firepower of the defenders caused huge losses to the Russian army. However, some lines of defense were inevitably broken by the Russian army.

Russian soldiers with bayonet-mounted rifles jumped into the trenches of the Polish army. But the oncoming bayonet pierced into their chests.

"I'm going to kill you, Poles!" A tall Russian soldier shouted.

However, his body was almost frozen, so that his reactions became less sensitive. A short Polish soldier easily blocked the Russian soldier's bayonet. Then he turned around quickly and plunged the bayonet into his chest.

"Bah! Are all the Russians so useless? Such a tall figure, but in fact they have no strength at all!" The Polish soldier said disdainfully. He seemed to have forgotten that the Russian soldier he killed was covered in only a single piece of clothing, and his muscles had been frozen into purple. And he was wrapped in a thick cotton coat.

Although the fighting skills of Russian soldiers are terrible, in previous battles, they can often take advantage of their strength by virtue of their physical strength. But this time, they were frozen and trembling, but they couldn't take advantage of it in the hand-to-hand battle with the Polish Army. Instead, they were killed one after another by the Polish Army.

After discovering that these Russian soldiers were not so tough, the morale of the Polish soldiers was boosted even more.

However, as more and more Russian soldiers poured into the position, the defense lines of the 22nd Infantry Division and the 23rd Infantry Division of the Polish Army were also in a hurry.

Under such circumstances, Lieutenant General Vashkevich, commander of the 3rd Army of the Polish Army, had to send reinforcements to the front. Fortunately, before he ordered the other troops to dispatch an infantry regiment to stand by. Therefore, he still has enough reinforcements in his hands.

When regiment after regiment after regiment of fresh troops were put on the battlefield, the Polish Army finally drove out the Russian army that had invaded its own line of defense, barely maintaining the line of defense again.

"Tell the front-line troops that as long as we persist until dawn, we will win! At that time, the Luftwaffe will make these Russians pay a heavy price!" Lieutenant General Vashkevich ordered.

Although the current battle is still very fierce, their defense line may be broken by the Russians at any time. But Lieutenant General Vashkevich is still very optimistic about this battle. He still has a lot of reserves in his hands that he hasn't used. If necessary, additional troops can be drawn from other troops for reinforcement.

Although the Russians' combat effectiveness is very strong, the cold weather and poor supplies have reduced the combat effectiveness of these Russian soldiers to a very bad level, which allows the Polish Army to resist the Russian attack at a relatively low cost. Lieutenant General Vashkevich even believed that if they could withstand the Russian attack in this tragic battle, it would be of great benefit to the Polish Army and him personally.

Russian army commanders General Zhukov and Lieutenant General Konev are also constantly watching the development of the battle situation. Although the faces of the two were expressionless. However, their nervousness could be clearly seen from their eyes.

"Comrade Commander, our troops just broke through the German defense line, but they were driven out again not long after. The casualties of the troops are very heavy now!" said a Russian staff officer.

"Order the troops to continue to attack, do not order or retreat without authorization! Violators of military law will be dealt with. This time we must tear the Polish line of defense at all costs!" Lieutenant General Konev ordered.

"Yes, Comrade Commander." The staff officer immediately went to the fleet to order.

Although, the heavy casualties of the troops made Lieutenant General Konev feel as if he was bleeding. However, the closer it is to such a juncture, the more unable to relax. Otherwise, all previous

efforts will be wasted. All previous losses were in vain. Lieutenant General Konev didn't want to be like that.

"Order the 33rd Army and go into battle in an hour!" General Zhukov ordered.

The fierce battle caused the attacking 19th Army and 20th Army to pay great losses. Many troops have been disabled, and the losses are extremely heavy. Under such circumstances, it is necessary to invest in a new force. Otherwise, when the 19th and 20th armies are unable to launch an offensive, they will no longer be able to pose any threat to the Polish defense line.

"Yes, Comrade Commander."

As the Russian army continues to invest more troops on the front line, both the Polish Army and the Belarusian Army are under tremendous pressure. In order to hold the line of defense, they also had to put more troops into the defense. Although the casualties of the troops are not small, they are generally much smaller than the Russian army.

Time passed little by little, and when the sky was already bright, the Russian army still failed to break through the defense lines of the Polish army and the White army. Obviously, this time the attack failed again.

In order to avoid greater losses, General Zhukov once again issued an order to retreat.

Shortly after General Zhukov's order was issued, the fighter planes of the Luftwaffe appeared. They began to bomb and straf the Russian army, further increasing the losses of the Russian army.

Chapter 1198

"Your Excellency Marshal, the Third Army of the Polish Army and the First Army of Belarus successfully resisted the Russian attack last night. Although the loss was not small, they were finally resisted. Moreover, the casualties they caused to the Russian army were greater than Their losses are much greater!" Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert looked excited.

If the German army resisted the Russian army's attack, it would undoubtedly be a normal thing. However, now that the Poles and Belarusians have resisted the Russian attack, the meaning is completely different. This also means that with their efforts, the combat effectiveness of these servants has increased a lot. In some cases, it is even capable of confronting the Russian army head-on. In this way, in the follow-up operations, these servants will be able to participate in more combat operations. The casualties of the German army can be further controlled.

Marshal Guderian also had a smile on his face. He also knew what this meant to the German army. This put him in a very good mood. Because in the battle next spring, the main task of the German Army Group B will be to take Moscow. There is no doubt that the Russians will fight the Germans in Moscow to keep their capital. At that time, if the German army wants to take Moscow, it will inevitably pay a very heavy price. If the servant army could replace the German army and participate in street fighting, the German army's losses would not be so great.

"The Russians failed to break through our line of defense last night, so it will be even more impossible for them to break through our line of defense in the future. Reinforcements are constantly rushing to

the front line. The longer the delay, the more unfavorable it will be for the Russians!" Marshal Guderian said.

Lieutenant General Carl Hilpert nodded again and again.

"Send a telegram to General Vashkevich and General Chelyushev, telling them that I am very satisfied with their performance, and I will report to His Majesty in the combat report submitted to His Majesty the Emperor! In addition, let Them should not relax because of this. The Russians will definitely not let it go. They will definitely continue to attack!" Marshal Guderian said.

"Okay, Marshal, I will tell them!" Lieutenant General Carl Hilpert said.

It is a great honor for all soldiers to let His Majesty know their performance. It will also have a huge impact on their future. Lieutenant General Karl Hilpert believed that Lieutenant General Vashkevich and Lieutenant General Chelyushenv would be very happy when they heard the news.

Big Luki, the frontline command of the Russian army. General Zhukov and Lieutenant General Konev sat opposite each other. However, Lieutenant General Konev's face was full of disappointment. The battle last night caused heavy losses to his 19th Army. The two infantry armies participating in the attack lost more than 60%, and they were almost on the verge of collapse. But even so, their offense still failed to win, but ended in failure. Such a result made it difficult for him to accept.

General Zhukov was expressionless. In fact, he seemed to have expected such a result a long time ago. However, he was somewhat lucky before. But now, this luck is completely gone.

"Comrade Commander, what should we do now? Our attack last night failed, and the Germans will definitely be prepared. It will be even more difficult for us to break through their defense line. The casualties of our troops are too Bigger, far bigger than the Germans and their servants. If this continues, the situation will become even more unfavorable to us!" Lieutenant General Konev said.

General Zhukov nodded: "I know. I will report the situation here to Comrade Marshal Voroshilov. I will advise Comrade Marshal to stop this attack without any objection. However, will Comrade Marshal agree? It is difficult to say. After all, this is the offense that Comrade Joseph requested."

Lieutenant General Konev also knew the difficulties of General Zhukov, and he also knew that there was no way. Under the condition that Joseph gave the order, the others did not have the courage to disobey his order.

"If you can, it's best to stop the offensive and build up your strength for the German attack next spring. Since the Germans deployed their minions in the front line to deal with us, and their own elite troops stayed in the rear. Very Obviously, they are preparing for a large-scale attack next year. But our elite troops have been consumed in vain. If so, what will we use to resist the German attack next year?" Lieutenant General Konev hated Said hatefully. Although he didn't say it clearly, he was obviously very dissatisfied with Joseph's random command.

"The Germans undoubtedly put the decisive battle in next year. If we have no way to resist their attack in next year's battle, the consequences will be disastrous." Zhukov said. He also knew this, but in the same way, he had no way to disobey Joseph's order. Even though they knew there was a big problem with Joseph's order, no one in the entire Russian army dared to point it out. This also caused

the Russian army to pay a lot of unnecessary losses in this war. This will be very detrimental to the Russian army's next operations.

Although General Zhukov has realized that this time the offensive plan has failed. But after he submitted a report to Marshal Voroshilov requesting to stop the offensive, he still did not get approval.

Marshal Voroshilov also admitted that it is almost impossible to break through the defense lines of the German army and its servants and severely damage them. However, he didn't want to admit defeat just like that. In that case, it would be difficult for him to explain to Joseph that he had paid a heavy loss but had no effect.

At the request of Marshal Voroshilov, General Zhukov had to continue to attack. However, in order to reduce the casualties of the troops, he had to put every attack at night.

Although these attacks cost the Polish and White troops on the defensive side a considerable price, the Russian army was still unable to break through the Polish and White defense lines. Moreover, the losses they paid for themselves were far greater than the losses of the enemy. This made the Russian army have almost no other effect in this attack except for causing huge casualties to itself. The German army successfully used the servant army to further consume the strength of the Russian army and create more favorable conditions for the next spring's battle.

Chapter 1199

The Russian army's winter offensive lasted for five full days before it came to an end. In these five days, except for an attack launched during the day on the first day, the subsequent attacks were all at night, in order to avoid the powerful air strikes of the German army and reduce the casualties of the troops.

But even so, after five days of fierce fighting, the Russian army lost more than 300,000 people. This is why General Zhukov limited the attack power. If it launches a violent attack all day long, the Russian army may lose more than one million people. In that case, it will be another serious blow to the Russian army.

The Russian army lost more than 300,000 people, but the losses to the German army and its allies were minimal. The losses of the Polish Army and the Belarusian Army were not large, which also boosted the morale of these servants. The next time they encounter the Russian army on the frontal battlefield, they will at least have enough courage to fight them.

General Zhukov is now under tremendous pressure. Although he is the person in charge of this operation, those political workers are constantly making trouble for him, thinking that his current behavior has not implemented Joseph's order at all. He even kept leapfrogging to respond to the political commissar of the front army.

On the day of December 31, General Zhukov received a notification from the Front Army Command that Comrade Joseph wanted to see him and asked him to rush to the Kremlin immediately.

That afternoon, General Zhukov rushed to the Kremlin on a plane. Although it is very dangerous to fly by plane at this time, there is a possibility of being shot down by a fighter plane of the Luftwaffe. But traveling long distances in the ice and snow is obviously not as comfortable as flying.

General Zhukov was lucky and arrived in Moscow safely. After dinner that night, he was brought to Joseph's office. At this time, Marshal Voroshilov and Shaposhnikov were also here.

Joseph's face was a little ugly. Obviously, he already knew that the Russian army had lost troops on the front line, but he failed to achieve the goals he originally envisioned. Originally, Joseph also hoped that the Russian army would take advantage of the fact that it was not afraid of the cold, and strive to severely injure the German army. No matter how bad it was, the German slave country would have to pay a heavy price. However, the final result was that the Russian army suffered heavy losses.

"Comrade Zhukov, do you have anything to say about the front line?" Joseph asked.

"Comrade Joseph, I'm sorry, I failed your expectations." General Zhukov lowered his head, like a primary school student who made a mistake.

"Comrade Zhukov, I want to know why the front line is like this?" Joseph said.

General Zhukov thought for a while, and then said: "Comrade Joseph, this counterattack is too hasty and out of date."

Marshal Voroshilov and Shaposhnikov couldn't help but gasped. Zhukov, a fool, really dares to say anything! In this case, aren't you blatantly accusing Joseph of indiscriminate command? With Joseph's temper, it was obviously impossible to bear it. They can even guess that the expression on Joseph's face has become very ugly now, and it will soon be time for the volcano to erupt.

However, unexpectedly, Joseph was not angry. Instead, he seemed to be listening to Zhukov's reasons.

General Zhukov also discovered this abnormality, and then he bit the bullet and continued.

"Comrade Joseph, in the early days of the war, we were severely attacked by the Germans. Both the army and the air force suffered heavy losses, and the navy is now almost completely wiped out. So far, our losses have exceeded 3 million troops. The reason for the loss is so large, on the one hand, because of the strength of the German army, and on the other hand, the war broke out so suddenly that we were not prepared at all. In comparison, it is naturally difficult for us to defeat Germany people.

Under such circumstances, we are not rushing to fight back, but taking advantage of the rare respite now to reorganize our troops and prepare for the coming decisive battle next year. If I'm not wrong, the Germans should regard next year as the most critical year to defeat us. If we fail to withstand the German attack next year, perhaps we will be destroyed by them! General Zhukov continued.

"Armageddon? Next year?" Joseph frowned involuntarily. He didn't seem to really think about it.

"Yes, Comrade Joseph. The Germans have wiped out three million of us through previous wars. The losses we have caused to the Germans are very small. Next spring, the Germans will definitely launch another big war. The size of the attack. If you add the troops of the slave countries that the Germans invested on the battlefield, the scale of their troops will be much larger. In that case, our losses on the battlefield will be even greater. Even if we have sufficient troops resources, but can withstand the loss of a few three million? As long as the Germans wipe out two more three million of us, we will go to extinction!" General Zhukov said.

Joseph's face suddenly became very ugly. It wasn't that Zhukov's words offended him, but that he was really frightened by the scene Zhukov described. He knows that although Russia has a large number of soldiers, the total number of troops he can mobilize is at most 12 million. If the scale of conscription is expanded to include the elderly, children and criminals, the maximum is only one million. Fifteen million people. Now that three million has been lost, if two more three million are lost, how many troops are left in Russia? At that time, how will they resist the attacks of the Germans and their slave countries.

"If we can't hold off the Germans next year, will we lose six million men?" Joseph asked.

"Comrade Joseph, this is entirely possible. At the beginning of the war, the Germans only took one month to wipe out more than two million of our elite. The Germans will have enough time before next spring and winter. Therefore, we must be prepared for this. Save every ounce of power and use it in next year's war instead of wasting it needlessly. Get a favorable situation," Zhukov continued.

After Zhukov finished speaking, he looked at Joseph, as if waiting for his disposal. He also understood Joseph's character, and he knew that it was absolutely impossible for him to accept other people's opinions because he was stubborn and conceited. Therefore, Zhukov is even ready to be dismissed and exiled to Siberia.

Chapter 1200

After listening to General Zhukov's words, Joseph did not speak for a long time, as if he was thinking about these words of General Zhukov,

I have to admit that these words of General Zhukov shocked him a lot. No one had dared to talk to him like that before. Everyone is following his will.

As the supreme leader of Russia, Zhukov's will represents the will of the entire country. He is always right, and no one dares to oppose him. Zhukov is also very satisfied with this status quo. He is now even more powerful than the Tsar forever. This also made him inevitably arrogant, thinking that it was best for Buer to develop according to his ideas.

However, what Zhukov said now made him sober, and he suddenly realized that if he followed his ideas, Buer might really be defeated this time.

"No matter what, next year's war is very important for Bu Russia. If you lose the war, Bu Russia will cease to exist. And I'm afraid I will also become a prisoner. At that time, let alone what I have now With these powers in hand, it may be very difficult to even save your life. Therefore, this war must not be lost!" Joseph said to himself secretly.

National leaders like him, while enjoying supreme power, have to pay a huge price. Once Bu Russia is defeated, he probably has no other choice but to commit suicide. So, if you don't want to die, you have to win the war.

Originally, Joseph believed that if he followed his own thinking, they would definitely be able to defeat Germany. However, now his confidence has been shaken, and he seems to have seen the possibility of failure. This made Joseph feel fear from the bottom of his heart. People who are more used to enjoying power are more afraid of death. They want to be able to live forever. In this way, they can enjoy power all the time.

"Comrade Voroshilov, Comrade Shaposhnikov, tell me honestly, are we not prepared for a counterattack at all this time?" Joseph asked.

Although the expression on Joseph's face could not tell his joy or anger, Voroshilov and Shaposhnikov knew that Joseph must be very angry. But at this time, they also knew that it was impossible to hide any more, otherwise, once Joseph got angry, no one would be able to save them.

"Comrade Joseph, we are indeed not ready yet. Many soldiers don't even have winter clothes. Although the Americans have provided us with a lot of supplies, it will take time for these supplies to reach the Western Front." Voroshilov insisted Said with a scalp.

"Then why didn't you tell me the truth before?" Joseph asked.

Voroshilov and Shaposhnikov stopped talking immediately.

Joseph guessed what they were thinking when he saw their appearance. They were simply afraid of disobeying Joseph's will and incurring Joseph's anger, so they dared not tell him the truth.

This made Joseph very angry, because these guys reported good news but not bad news, which made him make a lot of wrong decisions, which caused Bu Russia to suffer heavy losses on the battlefield. At the same time, Joseph felt a little happy because he knew that Voroshilov and Shaposhnikov were loyal to him. It is precisely because of the loyalty of the two that he was able to hold the army firmly and secure his current position.

"In next year's war, can we resist the German attack?" Joseph asked.

Shaposhnikov thought for a while, and then said: "Comrade Joseph, the current situation is very unfavorable to us. Although we are in a crazy armed army, by next spring, our army will exceed nine million. But There is a shortage of weapons and equipment, and the soldiers lack training. Even when facing the Germans and their servants, they have an advantage in strength. But it may be very difficult to defeat the Germans and their servants. Therefore, next year's In war, we will be primarily defensive."

Joseph's brows couldn't help but wrinkled tightly. He could sense from Shaposhnikov's answer that Shaposhnikov obviously didn't have much confidence in next year's war, which seemed to mean that the situation would be more unfavorable than he had imagined before.

"Comrades, I have decided to stop the winter offensive plan from now on. From now on, the troops will strengthen their training and war preparations to ensure that in next year's war, we must resist the Germans' attack! No matter how big the loss is , and smash the German plot to destroy us next year!" Joseph said solemnly. Now he has already felt the seriousness of the matter.

"Yes, Comrade Joseph." Voroshilov, Shaposhnikov and Zhukov couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief. Joseph being able to make concessions on this issue meant that they no longer had to worry that Joseph would deal with them because of this.

"In addition, our army needs further mobilization. Before the Germans launch an attack next spring, our troops must be mobilized to the limit. In this way, we will have enough troops to deal with the Germans!" Joseph then made a request.

"Yes, Comrade Joseph. Before the Germans attack next spring, the number of our troops will increase to nine million!" Shaposhnikov said. In the past few months, Bu Russia will further improve the efficiency of mobilization to ensure that it can have enough troops to resist the German attack.

"According to our agreement with the United States, in less than a month, the island country will declare war on Germany. The United States is also very likely to go to war with Germany within the next year. At that time, the Germans will face multi-front warfare. So, as long as we can survive next year, we have a chance of winning." Joseph continued. He also knows that Bu Russia's own strength cannot beat Germany, so he can only pin his hopes on other countries.

Marshal Voroshilov and others also nodded again and again. If it wasn't because the island country and the United States were about to join the war, they would have no confidence at all.

Subsequently, under Joseph's order, the Russian army's winter offensive stopped.

In addition, Zhukov was also transferred from the position of commander of the Western Front to serve as the commander of the newly formed Reserve Front. This group army has jurisdiction over the 24th, 34th, 60th, and 63rd Infantry, and the 2nd, 3rd, and 63rd Assaults. The 4th and 5th Army, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Guards Army, the 1st Guards Tank Army, the 2nd Army, the 2nd Air Force Army, and the 3rd Army.