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Hopkins knows that the islanders are coveting those colonies, coveting them very much, and it is impossible to give up. He also knew that the islanders had made so many harsh demands, but they were just talking to the lion.

However, for the sake of future interests, the United States will definitely not be too many island countries and let them get too many benefits. In that case, it will be very detrimental to the United States. The U.S. government does not want the island country to rise to become another great enemy of the United States after finally defeating Germany. Therefore, they must do their best to prevent the rise of Germany.

"Your Excellency, if we can defeat Germany, then Nanyang can be handed over to your country. However, your country should not think about other territories." Hopkins said.

"Your Excellency, this is very unfair to us. In this war, we will devote all our strength and even mobilize more than six million troops. For this reason, we deserve more benefits!" Itagaki Seishiro said .

Hopkins knows that the military of the island country has a very large influence in the government. If these guys cannot be satisfied, then there will definitely be many problems in the next war. Once it affects the final battle situation and leads to the failure of the war, the consequences will be disastrous.

Hopkins thought about it, and he thought that if Australia could also be given to the islanders, it would almost be able to satisfy the appetite of the islanders. After all, if the island country wants to acquire these territories, it must defeat the Germans. Otherwise, everything will be empty talk.

"Everyone, how about this, the US government can agree that if Germany can be defeated, then Nanyang will be incorporated into your country and become your country's territory. Australia will also be ruled by your country. But India, this is the most important colony of Britain, There's no way the British government will back it down," Hopkins said.

The important ministers of the island's cabinet whispered to each other, and this result has met their psychological expectations. So, it still makes them feel satisfied.

"Your Excellency, what about the Middle East? We need a lot of oil!" Konoe Fumimaro said.

"The oil in Nanyang is enough for the island countries. The oil in the Middle East is completely useless for your country. Besides, I can tell you very clearly that the British government has promised that the Middle East will be handed over to the US government after the war. Yes. However, I can make the decision. If your country really lacks oil, the U.S. government will sell oil to your country at a low price. Even your country's capital can participate in the oil development in the Middle East." Hope Kings said.

Konoe Fumimaro nodded. This result undoubtedly made him very satisfied. If the oil reserves in Nanyang are astonishing, then the island country will not lack oil in a short period of time. After all, most of the island country's current oil is used for industrial and military consumption, and the number of private motor vehicles is very low, so it will not consume much oil. Even if it develops in the future, it will be decades later.

"However, Your Excellency the Prime Minister. Your country must ensure that it will do its best in this war. The US government does not want anyone to preserve their strength in the war. Because in that case, everyone will suffer in the end. Once you lose if there is a war, the consequences will be unimaginable!" Hopkins reminded with a serious face.

If the islanders dare to play tricks in the war, then the US government will inevitably use this as an excuse to regret it after the war. At that time, it will be impossible for the islanders to reap so many benefits.

"Of course, Your Excellency, Special Envoy, we are very clear about what kind of war we will face next. Germany is our sworn enemy, and we will definitely do our best to defeat Germany. Because, if we cannot if we defeat Germany, we will be the last to be destroyed!" Konoe Fumimaro said.

Hopkins nodded, it would be great if the islanders could do their best to fight this war. With the military strength of the island country, it is enough to cause Germany a lot of trouble. This is also the reason why the US government has been pampering the island countries. Otherwise, they will never support the island country again and again.

"Your Excellency Special Envoy, our government has one more request." Konoe Fumimaro said.

"What request?" Hopkins looked very confident. He had also expected that apart from territorial requirements, the islanders would definitely have other requirements. After all, this is a desperate war to take the fate of the country!

"In terms of the distribution of war reparations after the war, our government believes that we should get at least 30%!" Konoe Fumimaro said.

Hopkins frowned involuntarily, and he didn't expect the islanders to pay attention to this aspect.

After the last world war, Germany won the war and plundered a large amount of war reparations from the defeated countries. It is precisely because of these war reparations that Germany has been able to achieve rapid development again in the past two decades after the war. This made other countries have lost hope of competing with Germany, so that they had to unite against Germany.

There is no doubt that if Germany can be defeated this time, the victorious country will also ruthlessly slaughter the Germans and plunder enough war reparations. However, the U.S. government is determined to win this war reparation. After all, the U.S. government is already deeply in debt. The support provided to other countries also requires money! They were also counting on looting enough wealth from a defeated Germany to heal America's collapsing economy.

"Thirty percent is too much, and the U.S. government cannot agree. After all, the United States also paid a huge price in this war." Hopkins said.

Next, Konoe Fumimaro and Hopkins began to bargain, and the two were like hawkers in the vegetable market, you advance and you retreat. After a fierce confrontation, they set the number at twenty percent. This amount is only just meeting the expectations of the island nation.

Hopkins can be considered to have accepted these conditions proposed by the islanders, which made the islands very satisfied. Especially when Hopkins asked for instructions domestically, President

Roosevelt approved Hopkins' request, and fully agreed to the request to give Nanyang and Australia to the island countries after the war, and at the same time allocate 20% of the war reparations.

The United States and the island countries, fully agree. Both countries expect that they can have a pleasant cooperation in future wars.

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US special envoy Hopkins left Tokyo on a B-17 bomber and flew back to the mainland of the United States. Kazunari Ugaki, foreign minister of the island, saw him off at the airport in person. This time, Hopkins left with a smile on his face. Overall, his trip to the island country went smoothly.

Although, the islanders were very greedy during the talks. But that's nothing. As long as the islanders can fully devote themselves to the war and launch an attack on Germany, this is what the US government hopes to see.

After all, the benefits promised by the US government will only be realized after defeating Germany. If you fail in the war, there will naturally be no way to honor everything.

The U.S. government is not afraid that the island country will go back on its word now. According to the information they have obtained, the island country is indeed ready for war, and now it is ready to go. Besides, if the island country really dares to delay any longer, the United States can immediately impose sanctions on the island country. After all, the materials promised to be provided to the island country will not be shipped to the island country until after the war breaks out. If the island country wants to continue to obtain supplies from the United States, it must fulfill its promise and go to war with Germany.

After Hopkins left, the island government entered the final stage of preparations for the war. The army and navy of the island country have already issued an order for emergency combat readiness. A large number of soldiers are returning to the barracks, waiting for the next order. The top leaders of the island country's army and navy are also discussing how to launch an offensive. Because there is no overwhelming advantage, if the island country wants to win, it has to take a slanted sword.

Island Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe summoned Minister of Army Itagaki Seishiro, Army Chief of Staff Prince Kanin Miyazaihito, Director of Education Yamada Otozo, Marine Minister Mitsumasa Yonechi, Naval Commander Nagano Shoshin, and Combined Fleet Commander Yamamoto Isashiro.

"My lords, there are not many days left until the empire joins the war. For the empire, this war is not only a challenge, but also an opportunity. I hope that you can lead the imperial army in the next war. Defeat Germany and win the war. The future of the empire is in the hands of the lords!" said Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe.

"Hi, Your Excellency Prime Minister." The generals of these island countries said one after another.

"So, do you have any plans for the next battle?" Konoe Fumimaro asked. He doesn't know much about war. But he knew that war had to be left to professionals. Otherwise, meddling casually will only mess up the good situation. They are not the ones who endure the loss in the end. Therefore, Fumimaro Konoe just set a general direction, such as participating in the war. How to fight is still up to the army and navy to discuss.

The important generals of the army and navy of the island country looked at it, and Seishiro Itagaki said: "This time the empire launched an attack on Southeast Asia and Australia, which will be a cross-sea expedition. Therefore, the first targets to be resolved are the German Pacific Fleet and the Indian Ocean Fleet, only by solving the German navy, the army can successfully land in Southeast Asia and Australia, and confront the German army stationed there!"

Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe nodded, and looked at the three officers of the Navy.

"Your Excellency, although the strength of the Imperial Navy has developed rapidly over the years. But we have to admit that our foundation is too weak. Compared with the Germans, we have shortcomings in many aspects. Even if it is only Facing the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet, we are not sure of victory. After all, in naval battles, there are too many uncertain factors." Mitsumasa Minai said.

"Let Yamamoto-kun explain the specific tactics!" Minai Mitsumasa continued.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, gentlemen. At present, the joint fleet has completed formation, and all ships have completed overhaul and maintenance. All our warships are at the peak stage of strength and can go to sea to fight at any time. Now, the joint fleet has a total of 12 battleships , 4 battlecruisers formed into 4 capital ship formations. Eight aircraft carriers were divided into four aircraft carrier formations. Together with heavy cruisers, light cruisers and destroyers, the combined fleet assembled more than 150 ships warships. From the strength of the fleet alone, we can easily crush the German Navy's Pacific Fleet or Indian Ocean Fleet. But unfortunately, the two German fleets cooperate with each other. This makes our two sides roughly equal in strength Therefore, we must choose a suitable opportunity to attack and strive to severely damage the German fleet in one fell swoop. Otherwise, we may find it difficult to defeat them!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

All the people, including Konoe Fumimaro, couldn't help but become serious. Even the Fifty-Sixth Admiral Yamamoto, the commander of the United Fleet, does not have the confidence to win. It can be seen that it will be very difficult to win this naval battle.

"Yamamoto-kun, if there is no war, there is no certainty. As long as we do our best to fight for it, I believe that Amaterasu will bless us. The final victory must belong to us!" Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro said.

He did not criticize Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six, because he knew that the last disastrous defeat of the Japanese navy cast shadows on many people's hearts. Although the island nation's navy is now getting stronger and stronger. But the strength of the enemy is undoubtedly stronger. So, it's best to be cautious. Land battles are not comparable to naval battles. In land warfare, success may be achieved with courage and a fearless style of play. Naval battles, however, were different. In many cases, in addition to relying on strength, it also depends on luck.

"According to the information we have so far, the German Navy's Pacific Fleet is still staying in Lion City and the South China Sea. And the German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet has arrived in the waters east of Australia, and may go north at any time to join the Pacific Fleet and attack us. So , the United Fleet plans to attack one of the two fleets of the German Navy first. If they can be eliminated, we will be able to win this naval battle. Which one to attack first depends on the situation It depends." General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

In fact, the joint fleet of the island nation's navy does not have a suitable combat plan now. Because both fleets of the German Navy were too far away from them. It is almost impossible to get close without sound or odor. After all, the German Navy also built airports and deployed many land-based aircraft on those islands in the Pacific Ocean. Nanyang also has the German Air Force.

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"This time we are going to war against Germany, and it is undoubtedly the most appropriate to adopt the method of undeclared war. In this way, it may create an opportunity for the combined fleet. Otherwise, if we confront the German Navy head-on, we will be very It's hard to have a chance to defeat them, at most it will hurt both of them." Said Admiral Yong Ye Xiushen, head of naval command.

Undeclared war is despicable, but if it can be used to win the war, then there is nothing to say. After all, the first goal of the island nation in this war is to win the war. As long as you can win the war and win the final victory, even if you bear infamy, it is worth it. Because history will be written by the victors.

Konoe Fumimaro and others nodded repeatedly, and it was nothing to them to bear a little infamy. What they hope is to win the war.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, it is already January 25th, and this month will end in a few days. The combined fleet plans to go to sea in three days to find opportunities for combat. Anyway, we have not declared war with Germany. Therefore, even if we are It's no big deal if the Germans find out. As long as the Germans don't get caught in the door, they won't take the initiative to attack us. After all, the main target of the Germans is still on Russia. If this is the case, our chances of winning will be much greater." Said Minister Mitsumasa Minai.

"Yes! According to our agreement with the Americans, as long as the combined fleet leaves the port, we will be considered to have started the battle against the Germans. For the Americans, we have an explanation." Fumimaro Konoe said.

"Yamamoto-kun, the rise and fall of the empire this time is in your hands. I hope you can win a victory for us!" Konoe Fumimaro said.

"Hey, Your Excellency, Prime Minister, I will do my best to defeat the Germans!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded heavily.

"If the navy can win, can the army launch an attack on Nanyang and Australia to seize these two important colonies?" Konoe Wenmaro asked. Compared with the decisive battle between the navy and the German navy, Fumimaro Konoe is obviously more interested in capturing Southeast Asia and Australia. After all, according to the agreement they reached with the Americans, once Germany is defeated, Nanyang can be directly incorporated into the territory of the island country. Australia will also be their colony. For the island governments who covet fertile overseas territories, this undoubtedly makes them very excited.

"Your Excellency, the army has mobilized one hundred divisions. We will form a powerful southern army with a strength of up to fifty divisions. The southern army will take the lead in attacking Nanyang and defeat the German troops stationed there before attacking Australia. In this way, the Germans can be wiped out separately, thereby further reducing our casualties. Of course, the premise is that the navy

must be able to gain control of the sea, and no matter how bad it is, we must ensure the safety of our sea transportation lines. Otherwise, the army will have no There is a way to swim across the vast ocean and land in Southeast Asia or Australia!" said Prince Hanin Gongzaiin, Chief of Staff of the Army.

Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe nodded. Compared with the navy, the army has a better chance of winning. After all, judging from the information obtained, there are not many German troops in Southeast Asia and Australia, and there are only more than 800,000 troops in total. The Japanese army has now mobilized one hundred divisions, which is already more than two million troops. If another 100 divisions can be mobilized, the strength can be doubled. With such a large force advantage, it should be very easy to defeat the German army in Southeast Asia and Australia.

"Masters, the future of the empire depends on you. I believe that Amaterasu will bless us. Emperor Meiji is also waiting for the news of our victory." Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro said.

Although it is the time when Emperor Hirohito is in power, the power of the country is in the hands of the cabinet, and the emperor is just a mascot. Compared with Emperor Hirohito, Emperor Meiji, who initiated the Meiji Restoration, is undoubtedly more loved by these ministers.

"The empire will win!" Everyone said firmly. With the country's destiny at stake, the island nation has no way out. If they win, they will go to glory. If it fails, what awaits the island nation will inevitably perish. Therefore, they have no other choice but to do their best.

After the meeting, the three chiefs of the navy of the island country all went to the Ministry of the Navy. As the first force of the island country to participate in this war, the navy of the island country can imagine the pressure it has endured. If they cannot win, this will directly affect the subsequent army operations. Therefore, the Japanese navy is also very eager to win.

"Yamamoto-kun, you are under a lot of pressure now! If you can win a big victory, you will become a hero of the empire, and you will be promoted to marshal, and it will be a matter of course. But if you fail, not only you, the imperial navy and even the entire empire, I am afraid they will all fall into a place of eternal doom!" Minai Mitsumasa said with a serious face.

"Yes, Yamamoto-kun. It's up to you!" General Nagano Slim also said.

"Minei-kun, Nagano-kun, I know. It's just that our enemy is too powerful. So, this time we are taking a risk. If we can wait until the war between the Germans and the Americans breaks out before we join the war, then we The odds of winning are much greater." General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said helplessly.

Minai Mitsumasa and Nagano Slim smiled bitterly. How could the Americans allow the island country to join the war later? Otherwise, wouldn't the support they have provided to the island country over the years be wasted?

"Now we have no choice at all, we can only listen to the orders of the Americans. If we can win this battle, we will be able to control our own destiny." Minai Mitsumasa said.

"I know, and I firmly believe that this day will definitely come!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said. He knows that it is very difficult to win, but he can only go all out.

On the night of January 28, 1940, the main force of the combined naval fleet of the island country, including 16 capital ships and eight aircraft carriers, secretly left the Sasebo Naval Port in the south of the island country and sailed into the Pacific Ocean.

This also means that the island country has officially participated in this war. Although, the island nation did not declare war on Germany. But in fact, they are ready to fight. And once a fighter is found, an attack will be launched immediately, trying to use this method to gain a slight advantage for them. As for the condemnation of the international community, they simply don't care.

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Lion City, the home port of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet. Most of the capital ships of the Pacific Fleet are anchored here. In addition to the Lion City, there is also Cam Ranh Bay in Annam, which is also an important base.

Because the situation is getting more and more tense, all the main warships of the Pacific Fleet have returned to the home port of Lion City, waiting for orders. Patrols in the outer waters are all small and medium warships. In addition, the submarine force under the Pacific Fleet has deployed a large number of submarines in the western Pacific Ocean, especially along the coasts of island countries, to closely monitor the movements of the island country's navies.

In the Pacific Ocean, the navies of island countries are the biggest enemy of the German Navy. All the main forces of the U.S. Navy are gathered in the Atlantic Ocean, as if they have completely given up on the Pacific Ocean and are fighting with Germany for control of the Atlantic Ocean. This also forced the German Navy to deploy heavy troops in the Atlantic Ocean. After all, for Germany, the Atlantic Ocean is also a fundamental place, and there must be no mistakes. Otherwise, the homeland will be threatened. In that case, the battle situation will have a very big impact.

The strength of the island nation's navy is also very strong. Originally, with the national strength of the island country, it was impossible for them to maintain such a powerful navy. However, with the full support of the United States, the navy of the island country can develop rapidly. If the German Navy's Pacific Fleet is alone, I am afraid that it will not be an opponent of the island navy. Only by cooperating with the Indian Ocean Fleet can they have a chance of winning.

Of course, this is barely a chance of winning. There are too many uncertain factors in the naval battle, and a little carelessness may lead to the defeat of the naval battle. Before the final result comes out, no one can guarantee that the final victory will be achieved.

On the morning of January 29, 1940, a telegram broke the tranquility of the German naval base in Lion City. Admiral Konrad Abbrecht, commander of the Pacific Fleet of the German Navy who had just woken up, summoned Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz, Chief of Staff of the Fleet, Lieutenant General Theodore Burchard, commander of the battleship formation, and Commander William Canaris Lieutenant General.

"Gentlemen, the U-204 boat just sent a telegram. They found that all the warships of the island navy in the Sasebo Naval Port have disappeared. I think this is something we should be vigilant about. Therefore, I have decided that from now on, the entire Pacific Fleet, enter the highest state of combat readiness, and be ready to prevent surprise attacks by the navy of the island country at any time!" Admiral Konrad Abbrecht said.

"Your Excellency, Commander, is the navy of the island country coming at us? Maybe it's just a simple transition." Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz said.

After all, once the fleet enters the highest state of combat readiness, it is almost equivalent to entering actual combat. The island country has not declared war with Germany now, so it is too drastic to react now.

Admiral Konrad Abbrecht shook his head: "The current situation is tense, and we cannot be too cautious. After all, the comprehensive strength of the island nation's navy is much stronger than our Pacific Fleet. Once attacked by an island nation Human raids, if the losses are heavy, the consequences will be very serious. We must not give the navy of the island country a chance to attack us!"

Admiral Konrad Abbrecht has been the commander of the Pacific Fleet for several years, and he has been focusing on the navy of island countries over the years. Because he knows that in this world war, the navy of the island country is his biggest enemy. If they fail to defeat the island navy, the huge island army will land in Nanyang. Although the German Army has deployed 400,000 elite troops in Nanyang, General Konrad Abbrecht does not think that the Army is capable of defending Nanyang. The only way is for the German navy to defeat the island nation's navy, so that Nanyang will be spared. Without the cover of the navy, no matter how powerful the army of the island country is, it is impossible for them to swim to Nanyang.

"This afternoon, the capital ship formation and the aircraft carrier formation all leave the home port and prepare for battle!" Admiral Konrad Abbrecht continued to order.

If the islanders really dare to go to war, it is undoubtedly very dangerous to let the main force of the fleet stay in the port at this time. This is tantamount to giving the empire a living target. If it is attacked by the enemy with all its strength, the loss will be very serious.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Commander." Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz and Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi both replied. They all knew the purpose of Admiral Conrad Abbrecht in doing so.

"Your Excellency, if we find the main force of the island nation's navy at sea, can we launch an attack first?" Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi asked.

Admiral Konrad Abbrecht hesitated for a moment, and then said firmly: "If you really discover the main fleet of the island navy and the situation is favorable to us, I authorize you to take the initiative to launch an attack. All I will bear the responsibilities and consequences. Later, I will ask the Ministry of the Navy for instructions."

"Yes, Your Excellency, Commander." Lieutenant General Theodore Burchardi nodded. After obtaining this authorization, they will be much more flexible in dealing with the crisis.

No matter what, it will be inevitable that the island country and Germany will be enemies. Even if the two sides have not yet torn their faces, they will really start a war. But Admiral Konrad Abbrecht is also very clear that if there is an opportunity to seriously damage the navy of the island country, they will definitely not let it go. In this case, the German navy will have an advantage in the Pacific Ocean. The next battle will also be easier. Therefore, even if it is a risk to provoke a war, the country will never pursue it. Not only that, but I'm afraid he will record a great achievement for him.

"Your Excellency, Commander, do we want to inform the Indian Ocean Fleet?" asked the Fleet Chief of Staff Oscar Kumetz.

"Well, the Indian Ocean Fleet needs to be notified. This time our two fleets will join forces to deal with the islanders! Let them be careful." Admiral Konrad Abbrecht said.

The strength of the Pacific Fleet alone is difficult to overwhelm the navy of the island country. Only by uniting with the Indian Ocean Fleet will they have a chance of winning.

That afternoon, the main fleet of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet left its home port in Lion City. Five "King-class" battleships, three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers, and four "Constellation-class" aircraft carriers, these are the main force of the Pacific Fleet. In the northern waters of Australia, there are four "Nassau-class" battleships, three "Blücher-class" battlecruisers, and four "William the Great-class" aircraft carriers of the Indian Ocean Fleet.

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In the northeast waters of the Okinawa Islands, a huge fleet is heading south. This fleet is the main force of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy. In the center are those aircraft carriers. This time, the eight aircraft carriers of the Japanese navy gathered here. The combined fleet commander, General Yamamoto Fifty-Six, regards these aircraft carriers as the most important main force.

In addition to these eight aircraft carriers, there are those huge battleships. 12 battleships and four battlecruisers, these are all accumulated by the island navy over the past 20 years. Even in the middle of the economic crisis, they tightened their belts to build these capital ships, which enabled them to have such a powerful fleet again.

The flagship of the United Fleet is the battleship 'Ki'. This is a huge battleship with a full load displacement of more than 45,000 tons. It is equipped with five dual-mounted 410mm main guns with a 45-caliber caliber and a maximum speed of 29.75 knots. Before the "Yamato-class" battleship entered service, it could be called the most powerful battleship of the island navy, and it could also be regarded as a world-class battleship.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six stood on the deck of the battleship "Ki", and the sea breeze blowing on his body was very cold, but it kept him awake. He had to admit that leading such a powerful fleet made him feel elated. After all, the fleet he leads is definitely the most powerful fleet in the history of the island nation. It can even be said to be the most powerful fleet in the entire Pacific region. If the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet can be defeated in this battle, then the navy of the island country will be able to dominate the Pacific Ocean and even expand its sphere of influence to the Indian Ocean.

It is precisely because of this that General Yamamoto Fifty-Six was under a lot of pressure. It is really that this battle is too important for the island country. If the navy of the island country has no way to win, then they will be suppressed by Germany on the mainland, let alone invade Southeast Asia and Australia. Therefore, Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six must not fail in this battle, at least he must maintain pressure on the German Navy to ensure the safety of the sea transportation line. In this way, the army of the island country can safely attack Nanyang.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I have just received news that the German Navy's Pacific Fleet has left Lion City." Rear Admiral Ichi Takahashi, Chief of Staff of the Joint Fleet, reported.

"Huh! The Germans' reaction was really quick. We had just set off, and they made corresponding actions. They were obviously watching us closely." The expression on General Yamamoto's face became serious. The German navy is already prepared, and it is almost impossible to defeat the German navy in one fell swoop by means of a sneak attack, so we can only think of other ways.

"Your Excellency, Commander, what should we do now?" Major General Takahashi Iwang asked.

"Where is the German Indian Ocean Fleet? Is there any news?" General Yamamoto asked.

With the strength of the navy of the island country, if it is alone against the Pacific Fleet and the Indian Ocean Fleet of the German Navy, it can completely have a crushing advantage. The only worry is that the two fleets of the German Navy will unite. In that case, they will not be sure of victory.

"I got the news two days ago that the German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet is still in the Solomon Sea. I don't know their exact location now. After all, the German Navy has built a large number of airports on those islands in the Pacific Ocean. It is difficult for us to send ships or The plane went deep into those sea areas," said Major General Takahashi Iwang.

In the last world war, all German colonies in the Pacific Ocean fell. However, when Germany defeated the island nation, they had to obediently return those colonies to Germany. In addition to the islands seized from Britain, France and other countries, almost all the islands in the central Pacific, except for the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands, fell into the hands of the German Navy. In the past two decades, Germany has built many airports on these islands and sent troops to garrison them. The entire central Pacific Ocean is operated almost like an iron drum.

"Send a telegram to the country to let them collect information about the two German fleets as soon as possible." General Yamamoto Fifty-Six ordered. Only when he learned of the movements of the two fleets of the German Navy, could he make tit-for-tat deployments.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major General Takahashi Imo immediately went to send a telegram.

At this moment, the United Fleet is still on its way south. However, if you continue to go south and go deep into the central Pacific Ocean, you may be discovered by German ships or seaplanes operating in these waters. Although the two countries have not declared war on each other now, Yamamoto Fifty-Six believes that if the German Navy seizes the opportunity, it will never miss the opportunity to strike them. Therefore, he didn't want to be exposed early unless it was absolutely necessary.

However, if the two major fleets of the German Navy stay in the South China Sea or the central Pacific Ocean, the combined fleet will have no way to destroy them. In this case, the war will inevitably enter a stalemate, which will be very unfavorable to the island countries. Once Germany wins another major victory on the Russian battlefield, they will be able to devote more power to Southeast Asia or other battlefields. At that time, if the island nation wants to win, it may have to pay a higher price.

"No matter what, this naval battle must be won within half a month! Even if you can't win completely, you must gain an advantage. Only in this way can you safely send the army to Nanyang to land!" Yamamoto Fifty The six generals said secretly.

After the United Fleet of the island nation requested a telegram to search for the two major fleets of the German Navy and sent it back to the country, the intelligence department of the navy of the island nation immediately acted. Many of their merchant and fishing vessels operate in the South China Sea and the central Pacific Ocean. Because the two sides did not go to war, the actions of these merchant ships and fishing boats were not stopped.

At the same time, the intelligence department of the US Navy also actively joined in. The United States is backed by the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands in the Pacific Ocean. Even though the main force of the US Navy is no longer in the Pacific Ocean, there are still many other investigative forces. Especially now that although the United States continues to make moves behind the scenes, it has not torn face with Germany on the surface. Therefore, they can take this opportunity to provide intelligence support to the island countries. Germany could hardly catch them or counter them.

With the efforts of the island countries and the US intelligence agencies, the traces of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet cannot be hidden at all.

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"Your Excellency, the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet have been found. The information just received shows that the German Navy's Pacific Fleet is sailing eastward in the Java Sea. The German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet is located in the northern part of the Bismarck Islands. We judge that Germany The two fleets of the navy probably want to merge." Rear Admiral Imo Takahashi, Chief of Staff of the Joint Fleet, reported.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six couldn't help frowning tightly. If the two fleets of the German navy converge, their strength will be no worse than that of the island nation's navy. Of course, the German navy is a head behind the Japanese navy in terms of capital ships. But the opponent's eight aircraft carriers made him fearful. Once the war starts, it is hard for him to believe that his own carrier-based aircraft force can withstand the attack of the German Navy's carrier-based aircraft. In addition, the German Navy still has many land-based aircraft deployed on islands in the central Pacific Ocean. In that case, the Japanese navy would have even less chance of winning.

"No, it is absolutely impossible for the German navy to converge. In that case, it will be difficult for us to win!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

However, if the German navy wants to join forces, the island navy will have nothing to do with them. Can't Yamamoto Fifty-Six directly order that the two fleets of the German Navy are not allowed to join? The German navy is not a fool, how could it possibly listen to them?

Besides, the reason why the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet chose to converge is entirely to unite to deal with the island navy. It is precisely because of the strength of the island nation's navy that the two fleets of the German Navy felt the pressure, so they had to unite. The German Admiralty has issued an order to unite the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet, and the fleet will remain united until the island navy is defeated. Admiral Conrad Abbrecht, commander of the Pacific Fleet, has full command. Admiral Alfred Savacht, Commander of the Indian Ocean Fleet, assisted.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six's brows were just wrinkled together. He knew that now he was facing a very difficult problem.

"Let Nagumo-kun, Kakuda-kun, Yoshida-kun, Takasu-kun, Koga-kun and Inoue-kun come to see me immediately!" Yamamoto Fifty-Six ordered.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Commander." Major General Takahashi Izo immediately went to convey the order.

These generals are the main generals of the fleets under the combined fleet. The 16 capital ships and eight aircraft carriers of the United Fleet are divided into four battleship squadrons and two aircraft carrier squadrons. Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi served as the commander of the First Aircraft Carrier Squadron, commanding the aircraft carriers 'Ibuki', 'Hotaka', 'Kurama' and 'Togakushi'. Lieutenant Admiral Kakuda Koji served as the commander of the second aircraft carrier team, commanding the aircraft carriers 'Soryu', 'Hiryu', 'Hosho' and 'Ryujo'. Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo will be the commander of the First Battleship Squadron, commanding four "Kii-class" battleships. Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro will be the Commander of the Second Battleship Squadron, commanding four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers, and Lieutenant General Koga Mine will be the Commander of the Third Battleship Squadron, commanding two "Kaga-class" ships Battleship and two 'Nagato-class' battleships. Lieutenant General Inoue Chengmei will be the commander of the fourth battleship detachment, commanding two "Ise-class" battleships and two "Fuso-class" battleships.

After Admiral Yamamoto fifty-six gave the order, in less than half an hour, these high-level executives of the United Fleet came to the meeting room of the aircraft carrier 'Ki'.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six looked at everyone with a serious face, and then said: "Masters, the current situation is very unfavorable to us. The Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet of the German Navy are converging. Once they converge, they will have fifteen ships The capital ship and eight aircraft carriers. Such strength is no less than that of the combined fleet of the Imperial Navy. It will be very difficult for us to defeat them. We may even end up losing both sides. If that happens, it will be very difficult for us to capture The command of the sea in the Western Pacific is over. At that time, the German Navy may even deploy fleet reinforcements from other regions. In that case, we will be suppressed!"

The expressions on the faces of the generals of the United Fleet also became serious. It was not easy for the navy of the island country to gather so many warships. If they fail to win in one fell swoop this time, what awaits them will be an endless war of attrition. The national strength of the island country simply cannot compete with Germany. Even if the United States joins the war, I am afraid it will not be able to completely crush Germany. Therefore, what they are after is a big victory. Only in this way can they gain an advantage in the next battle. A series of goals set before can also be achieved.

"Now, the German Navy's Pacific Fleet is passing through the Java Sea to join the Indian Ocean Fleet. The Indian Ocean Fleet is in the northern waters of the Bismarck Islands. And what should we do?" General Fifty-Six Yamamoto asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, it is impossible for us to go deep into the central Pacific Ocean to fight. In that case, the land-based aircraft deployed by the Germans on those islands will make us pay a very heavy price. At that time, the two fleets of the German Navy If we come out to a decisive battle with us, we will have no chance of winning." Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi said.

Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded, although he also knew that the two fleets of the German Navy had not yet converged. If they could take the first shot and defeat one of them, then the navy of the island

country would be able to gain the upper hand. But he also knew that going deep into the central Pacific Ocean was no different from courting death. The land-based aircraft deployed by the German Navy on the archipelago are not vegetarians.

Even though the United Fleet now has eight aircraft carriers, the number of carrier-based aircraft that these aircraft carriers can carry is not many. There are eight aircraft carriers, and there are only 500 carrier-based aircraft of various types in total. And the total number of land-based aircraft deployed by the German Navy on those islands in the Pacific Ocean is more than that. In terms of fighter performance, the carrier-based aircraft of the navy of the island country has no advantage.

Once the United Fleet wants to forcibly enter the central Pacific Ocean and attack a fleet of the German Navy, they will definitely be besieged by those land-based fighters. By then, the United Fleet will suffer heavy losses before it meets the German Navy. In this case, they would have no way to fight the German navy again. Therefore, before destroying the two fleets of the German Navy, the combined fleet must not go deep into the central Pacific Ocean, which is no different from courting death.

Chapter 1237

In the conference room of the battleship 'Ki', all the high-level executives of the United Fleet were frowning, trying to figure out how to solve the current difficult situation. If it cannot be resolved, it may not be so easy for them to win this war.

The bases built by the German Navy on these islands in the Pacific Ocean are like chains of chains. Once they break in, they will strangle the necks of the United Fleet and eventually strangle them alive.

"Your Excellency, Commander, there is a way, maybe you can try it!" Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi said.

"Oh? What way?" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six asked.

The other generals also looked at Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi. If they can solve the problems they face, then they may be able to gain an advantage in this battle. It's even possible to win! The importance of this war to the island nation is self-evident. They can no longer afford to lose. Once they fail, the island nation will have no future.

"Your Excellency, the bases built by the German Navy in the Pacific Ocean are indeed a big trouble. Especially when the two major fleets of the German Navy are eyeing each other. These naval bases cooperate with their fleets, and their strength will increase. Much stronger than us. If we can destroy those naval bases before the decisive battle with their fleet, we at least have enough strength to fight the German navy. Moreover, our chances of winning will not be too low. In that case, even if the two major fleets of the German Navy converge, we will still be able to fight!" Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi said.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded. It would be best if the base of the German Navy could be destroyed first. However, everyone knows this, but it is not so easy to do it.

"Your Excellency, the naval bases of the German Navy have shore-based aircraft. Once our fleet approaches, we will definitely be attacked by them. However, we can send the fleet to attack at night. In this case, their fighter planes will not then we can't take off. And our capital ships can take the opportunity to bombard their bases. Relying on the main guns of the battleships, it only takes one or

two hours to destroy those airports! Even, we can still Dispatch carrier-based planes to bomb the German airport at dawn. As long as their planes can be blown up on the airport, they will be no danger to us!" Lieutenant General Chuichi Nagumo continued.

General Yamamoto's fifty-six eyes suddenly brightened, this is undoubtedly a very good way. The United Fleet has a full 16 capital ships, and the firepower of these capital ships is very powerful. Once a raid is launched on the base of the German Navy at night, the German Navy simply has no power to resist it. After all, although the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet have many capital ships. But it's all too far away. In addition, Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six also has great confidence in the capital ships of the island navy. After all, their capital ships are all newly built and in service, unlike the capital ships of the German Navy, which are old warships that have been in service for more than 20 years. From a performance point of view, the capital ships of the Japanese navy should be able to take advantage. Even if it is a decisive battle of capital ships, the navy of the island country has a high probability of winning.

Of course, this is just General Yamamoto's own guess. The capital ships of the German Navy are indeed old. However, before the outbreak of the war, these capital ships were all modernized and refitted. Although the hull is old, many of the core equipment inside have been replaced. The power system uses the most advanced steam turbines and boilers, and the main gun is also the most advanced main gun. Coupled with advanced equipment such as fire control radar and gun sight radar, the capital ships of the German Navy have almost undergone a complete change.

What's more, these capital ships of the Japanese navy are equipped with 410mm main guns with a caliber of up to 45 times. The capital ships of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet are equipped with 380mm main guns with 50 times the caliber. Although the caliber is a little smaller, the ratio of diameter to diameter is larger, and the armor-piercing performance is also stronger. If there is a fight, the main guns of the island navy will not take advantage of it. The naval guns of the German Navy have always been powerful. This is why the German Navy has not built a capital ship for so many years, but still has the confidence to confront the navies of other countries.

"The Germans are in the Mariana Islands. There are four airports in Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. We have four battleships. If we approach these islands at night at high speed, Then shelling the airports on the island can definitely destroy these airports in one fell swoop. After completing the task and fleeing quickly, the Germans will have nothing to do with us. At that time, we can use such tactics to destroy the Germans in one fell swoop. Destroy those bases in the Pacific Ocean. Even if not all of their bases can be eliminated, at least most of them can be eliminated. In this way, when we have a decisive battle with the German fleet, we don't have to be afraid of being attacked by them Our shore-based aircraft are attacking!" said General Yamamoto Fifty-Six.

"The Germans have deployed more than 500 combat aircraft at the four airports in the Mariana Islands. If these airports are resolved, it will be enough to cause heavy losses to the Germans!" Lieutenant General Chuichi Nanyun also said.

"However, Commander, when the capital fleet is attacking the Mariana Islands, the aircraft carrier battle can also attack Yap Island and Balbotuap Island. If the German naval bases on these two islands can be eliminated If so, we can open up a safe sea area of millions of square kilometers east of the Philippine Islands. We can even wait for work in this sea area and wait for the Germans to come to our door. In this

case, there is still a great possibility defeated the Germans." Lieutenant General Chuichi Nagumo continued.

General Yamamoto nodded again and again. If the raid plan can be successful, the entire Philippine Sea and even the waters to the east will be safe. In addition, the Americans are also on their side, and they can use the United States to search for traces of the German fleet. This made it easier for them to spot the German fleet. At that time, their chances of winning will further increase.

"If it succeeds, then the possibility of our victory in this battle will be much greater. This is our only chance to win at present, we must seize it!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six secretly thought.

Chapter 1238

"My gentlemen, what do you think of Nagumo-kun's proposal?" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six asked.

"Your Excellency, this is a very good way. If it can be successful, we will be much less constrained. This will make it possible for us to defeat the Germans. Therefore, this plan I think we should go and execute it!" Lieutenant General Koji Kakuda, commander of the 2nd Aircraft Carrier Squadron, first agreed.

The commanders of several other battleship fleets also agreed. After all, the islanders are originally a very gambling nation. In their view, as long as there is a slight hope of winning, they dare to risk everything to gamble. If you can win the bet, everyone will be happy. If you lose the bet, you will often lose completely. But even then, they want this madness to gamble everything.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six also nodded, he is also inclined to implement Lieutenant General Chuichi Nagumo's plan. After all, this is the best way they can think of at the moment. If it is really successful, it will be of great help to them in winning the war.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we have not declared war on Germany now. If we raid the Mariana Islands, wouldn't that be tantamount to war with Germany?" said Rear Admiral Takahashi Iwang, chief of staff of the Joint Fleet.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six couldn't help being taken aback. Indeed, although the island countries are now preparing to attack Germany, they have not gone to war after all. Originally, I wanted to take this opportunity to overshadow the German fleet. Of course, that's the best result. But now, since there is no chance to raid the German Navy's fleet, the only option is to raid the Mariana Islands.

"Let's start the war! As long as we can defeat the Germans in this war, it is the same whether we start the war by raiding their fleet or by raiding the Mariana Islands. General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Major General Takahashi Imo nodded.

The other generals of the United Fleet also looked deeply convinced. The biggest goal of the island navy is to win this naval battle. They don't care at all about the tactics they adopt, and they don't care if they are shameless or not. As long as you can win, nothing else matters.

"Gentlemen, for us, this is an excellent opportunity for us to regain our disadvantage. We are not at war with Germany now, so we can use this to attack the Mariana Islands. Therefore, we must seize this opportunity. Because we only have this chance. After that, it will be very difficult to attack the Germans again. Therefore, I hope that we can take the German bases on the Mariana Islands in one fell swoop in this battle. Complete destruction!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Everyone replied.

"Next, I will assign tasks. The 1st aircraft carrier team is responsible for counting Balbotuap Island, the 2nd aircraft carrier team is responsible for attacking Yap Island, the 1st battleship team is attacking Guam, and the 2nd battleship team is attacking Rota Island, the 3rd battleship team attacked Tinian, and the 4th battleship team attacked Saipan. The aircraft carrier team launched an attack at dawn, and the capital ship team launched an attack in the middle of the night!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" All the generals replied.

However, this operation is undoubtedly relatively safe for the capital ship fleet of the island navy. They would attack at night and retreat under the cover of darkness. At night, the shore-based aircraft of the German Navy cannot take off, so there is no way to pose a threat to them. The two major fleets of the German Navy are still far away from the theater. It is impossible to threaten them.

However, the two aircraft carrier teams are different. They will attack at dawn. At that time, once the four airfields in the Mariana Islands are destroyed, the shore-based aircraft of the German Navy will definitely be ready. Although the German Navy has a total of more than 200 combat aircraft on Balbotuap Island and Yap Island, it is far less than the carrier-based aircraft of the island navy. However, there is a certain gap in the performance of the carrier-based aircraft of the two sides, and the navy of the island country may pay a considerable price for this.

Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi thought for a while, and once again made a suggestion to General Yamamoto Fifty-six, hoping that the capital ship team's attack would also be at dawn. In this case, the bases of the German Navy on the islands of Balbotuap and Yap will not be prepared in advance.

"In this case, will the capital ship team be in danger? If an attack is launched at dawn, the Germans will be able to launch fighter planes to attack us from the airports on other islands." Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

If there is a great risk, he would rather give up on Balbotuap Island and Yap Island. After all, before the decisive battle with the two major fleets of the German Navy, the capital ships of the island navy are very precious, and it is necessary to ensure that they are intact as much as possible.

"Your Excellency, there may be certain risks, but the risks will not be too great. After all, once the airports in the Mariana Islands are attacked by us, their fighter planes will not be able to take off. The fighter planes on other islands, it will take time to come here. In addition, the distance is endless, almost beyond their combat radius. As long as the timing is good, it is entirely possible for us to get rid of them. What's more, we The **** warships of the battleship battleship of the capital ship team all have powerful anti-aircraft firepower. If they give up attacking Balbotuap Island and Yap Island, in the next battle, the Germans can completely attack these two islands and continue to attack Dispatch shore-based aircraft to search the Philippine Sea. In this case, our room for maneuver will be greatly compressed, which is not conducive to the next battle." Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi continued.

"My gentlemen, what do you think?" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six asked.

"Your Excellency, you can try it! If the timing is right, there should be no danger." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo, commander of the 1st Battleship Squadron, said.

The commanders of several other battleship battleships also expressed their support.

"Your Excellency, Commander, there is only one chance to sneak attack on the Germans, so we must seize this opportunity to maximize our advantage. In this way, we will have a greater chance of winning in the next battle!" Lieutenant General Kakuda Koji also said.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded: "Well, let's do this! Gentlemen, the rise and fall of the empire is in our hands! The empire will win!"

"Victory!"

Chapter 1239

On the afternoon of January 30, the joint fleet of the island nation's navy began to change its course. They turned to sail southwest, preparing to enter the western part of the Philippine Sea. Only the Philippines is here, and the United States has sea and air bases in the Philippines, which can provide them with intelligence support. If a German plane or ship is found, they can be notified in advance to avoid it.

On the afternoon of the 31st, the navy of the island country entered the waters of the central Philippines. It is only a few hundred kilometers away from the Mariana Islands occupied by Germany. At the same time, they received information that the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet were still in the Bismarck Sea in the south.

For the sake of safety, the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet plan to rendezvous before heading north. In this case, their strength is even stronger. If the two fleets go north alone, once they encounter the joint fleet of the island nation's navy, they will probably have no chance of winning. Although the German navy is powerful, the only ones that can be used to deal with the navies of island countries are the Pacific Fleet and the Indian Ocean Fleet. Therefore, their strength is also very precious, and it is undoubtedly the best if they can not be lost.

It is precisely because of the conservative tactics of the German navy that the navy of the island country was given the opportunity to attack the Mariana Islands.

Of course, this is also because the German navy never expected that the island country would be so shameless and bold, and once again used the tactics of undeclared war to launch a sneak attack on Germany. The German Navy paid a heavy price in the early days of the war.

At two o'clock in the afternoon on the 31st, General Yamamoto Fifty-Six issued an order to attack.

"Masters, lead your fleet to set off! Launch an attack at 5:30 tomorrow morning. Destroy the German airport in one fell swoop and completely eliminate them!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" The commanders of the United Fleet replied one after another.

Subsequently, each team broke away from the main force of the fleet and headed towards their respective intended targets.

The eight aircraft carriers of the two aircraft carrier teams can launch attacks from a long distance. They don't need to get too close to the target, they just need to take off the carrier-based aircraft in advance.

Although the carrier-based aircraft of the navy of the island country cannot launch an attack at night. But, after years of fumbling, they can also take off at night. However, the risk factor is relatively higher. If you are not careful, the plane may be destroyed.

However, for the fanatical island navy carrier-based pilots, this danger is nothing at all. As long as they can win and let them sacrifice their lives, it is estimated that no one will refuse. Under the poison of Bushido spirit, the carrier-based aircraft pilots of these island navies have become the most fearless people.

Of course, this also has a lot to do with the selection of pilots in island countries. In island countries, both land-based aviation and naval aviation are selected from the elite. They receive the most rigorous training, but also enjoy the best treatment. Even when the island nation's economic situation was tense, the treatment they enjoyed was very good. This makes them willing to work hard for the country and regard it as their own glory. Even if they died on the battlefield because of this, they would not care.

The four battleship battleships of the island navy all set off. The 12 powerful battleships and four battlecruisers represent the most powerful capital ships of the Japanese navy. These battleships will be the most powerful capital ships in the world, at least until the more powerful 'Yamato-class' battleships enter service. At present, only the US and German navies are equipped with equally powerful battleships.

The battleship 'Ki' was originally the flagship of the United Fleet. But now the 1st Battleship Squadron is going to attack Guam, so the flagship of the Combined Fleet is temporarily switched to the aircraft carrier 'Ibuki'.

"From now on, the fleet will keep the radio silent, and the Germans will not be able to find us! In addition, the seaplanes will be dispatched. Once the German Navy ships are found, they will immediately evade them!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered.

There are still a few hours before it gets dark, and this period of time is undoubtedly more dangerous. Once discovered by the German Navy, the German Navy will prepare in advance. Even if the German Navy's fleet is still relatively far away from the theater, at least those planes on the Mariana Islands can be evacuated early. In this case, even if the island navy destroys those airports, the damage to the German navy will not be too great. It just takes a while to fix those airports. After all, airplanes and pilots are the most precious.

I have to admit that the luck of the island navy is relatively good. When several capital ship teams were in action, they were not exposed. It wasn't until night fell that the island nation's navy breathed a sigh of relief.

"Command the fleet to maintain the current speed!" Vice Admiral Yoshida Zengo ordered.

With the current speed of 20 knots, they can arrive in Guam around 5 o'clock in the morning, and after a little preparation, they can launch an attack. Calculating the time, it was almost just right.

The other capital ship squadrons were also able to reach the intended target at about the same time, and then launched an attack.

In fact, for the navy of the island country, as long as it is not exposed before dark on the 31st, the possibility of their plan succeeding is much greater. Even if the German Navy discovers something, it will be difficult to respond.

At 3:00 a.m. on February 1, in the central part of the Philippine Sea.

On the sea, the fleet of the navy of the island country is brightly lit. The flight decks of the eight aircraft carriers of the two aircraft carrier teams are all under the illumination of searchlights, which are extremely bright.

One by one, with the help of the ground crew, the fuel was filled, the ammunition was added, and they were ready to take off.

The pilots are listening to the combat briefing.

At 3:30 in the morning, the first Type Zero carrier-based fighter took off from the aircraft carrier 'Ibuki'.

Subsequently, other carrier-based aircraft also took off.

Because the flight deck has only one straight deck and no angled deck. Therefore, the take-off efficiency of carrier-based aircraft is limited, so that the aircraft carriers of the navies of these island countries can only take off half of the carrier-based aircraft at a time. After these carrier-based aircraft take off, those carrier-based aircraft parked in the hangar can be lifted to the deck by elevators and then take off.

But even if it is divided into two waves, the upper management of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy is still very confident in this. They believed that in the event of a surprise attack, the German Navy could not be prepared. This time, they will definitely win.

Chapter 1240

More than two hundred carrier-based aircraft took off from the eight aircraft carriers of the island navy and flew in the air. Although the sky is still too dark to be grouped. But the pilots of these island navies are not worried at all. Soon it will be daylight. They have enough time to organize in flight and then launch an attack on the target.

The carrier-based aircraft of the navy of the island country is divided into three types, one is the Type Zero carrier-based fighter, the other is the Type 99 carrier-based bomber, and the other is the Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft.

Zero fighters are naturally to seize air supremacy, protect the fleet and fleet of fighters, be responsible for fighting with enemy fighters, and suppress the enemy's anti-aircraft firepower. The Type 99 carrier-based bomber is a bomber, capable of carrying three aerial bombs weighing 250 kilograms. Of course, there are still some gaps compared with the Stuka dive bombers and ship-based Stuka dive bombers used by the German Navy. The Stuka dive bomber is capable of carrying two aerial bombs weighing up to 500 kilograms. If it is carrying 250 kilograms of aerial bombs, it can carry four. The carrier-based dive bombers of the German Navy all carry two aerial bombs weighing 500 kilograms. This

heavy-duty aviation armor-piercing projectile will pose a greater threat to sea targets. Even a well-defended battleship or an aircraft carrier converted from a battleship cannot withstand an aerial bomb weighing 500 kilograms. After the potential energy is converted into kinetic energy, these heavy aviation armor-piercing projectiles will have a terrible armor-piercing ability.

The Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft is a torpedo attack aircraft, which can carry a Type 91 heavy torpedo, and can also mount aerial bombs for horizontal bombing, acting as a horizontal bomber.

After the attack of these carrier-based planes of the Japanese Navy, both Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi and Kakuda Koji were very nervous. Although, they have been training for a long time and have practiced many times. But this is the first time it has been dispatched in actual combat. Whether they can succeed, neither of them has a bottom line.

"Mr. Nagumo, you must have confidence in our carrier-based aircraft force. The Germans are not prepared for our sudden attack this time. In addition, the target of this attack is still a target on land. Therefore, we will definitely win!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

"Your Excellency, Commander, is right. We have a good chance of winning. However, the Germans should have air defense warning radars on those islands. Our fighter planes are probably 300 kilometers away, and they will be spotted by them. By then, they took off their carrier-based aircraft to intercept. Our carrier-based aircraft may suffer some losses." Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi said.

Germany is still at the leading level in the world in the field of radar electronics. Their air defense warning radar and sea search radar are the most advanced. The detection distance and accuracy are far ahead of other countries. However, other countries are not aware that Germany has initially been able to use radar to guide the main guns of battleships. Now, German scientists are still conducting further research, allowing radar to guide anti-aircraft guns and other anti-aircraft firepower. In this case, combined with the proximity fuze, the German Navy's air defense network will become impenetrable. If the navies of other countries want to use carrier-based aircraft to attack the German navy, it is impossible to break through the German navy's air defense network without paying a heavy price.

"Even if the German air defense warning radar can detect our carrier-based aircraft. But, what kind of preparations can they make in an hour? Besides, counting the time, when our carrier-based aircraft arrives, the genius just came to light. At that time, the Germans didn't have time to take off many fighters. Our Zero fighters are also very advanced. Even if they are slightly inferior to the Germans' fighters, they can still defeat them if they launch a siege. Somewhat Losses are nothing to us at all. There will always be casualties in wars. As long as we can win at the smallest cost, it is worth it to us." General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi nodded. He also knew that the island nation had no way out. Therefore, the only thing they can do is to try their best to win. Only with victory can the island nation have a future. Otherwise, their country might not even exist.

Yap Island, the base of the German Navy, a large long-range air defense warning radar is working. Invisible radar waves are emitted in all directions, scanning the nearby airspace, and reflecting all the situations on the display screen.

The radar soldier yawned and focused on the radar display screen. For radar soldiers, this is a very boring task. However, the importance of radar is self-evident. This makes the German Navy attach great

importance to these overseas radar stations. It is precisely because of these radars that the German Navy's overseas bases can be protected from enemy sneak attacks.

In the naval base on Yap Island, hundreds of combat aircraft are parked, half of which are BF-109 fighter jets, and the rest are dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft. Their first task is to resist the enemy's attack, and then the active dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft attack the target. The main task of dealing with the enemy's surface fleet will be performed by the fleet.

At 4:15 in the morning, bright spots appeared on the radar screen. The warning device also remembered. The radar soldier who was dozing off suddenly woke up.

"What is this? Is it a migratory bird? No, it can't be a migratory bird, it's an airplane!" The radar soldier's face changed drastically.

He immediately grabbed the phone and asked the duty room at the base if there was any plane returning from his side. After learning that there was no one, the officer on duty at the radar station decisively sounded the alarm.

"Woo! Woo! Woo!"

Stern sirens sounded over the base, and the sleeping pilots of the German Naval Air Force were awakened one after another. They put on their clothes, shoes and socks as quickly as possible, and rushed to the airport.

According to the combat readiness regulations, once the alarm sounds, it means that the battle is about to start, and everyone must be ready for battle.

The ground crew also rushed out of the dormitory and began to check the fighter plane before takeoff.

A large number of anti-aircraft soldiers ran to the anti-aircraft artillery positions. A series of anti-aircraft guns and anti-aircraft machine guns have been aimed at the sky, ready to attack at any time.

"What's going on?" The commander of the base also rushed into the headquarters immediately.

"Report, sir, the air defense warning radar has found more than 100 aircraft approaching at high speed, and the distance is only 300 kilometers away from us." The officer on duty reported.