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"Are our fighters ready to take off?" asked the base commander.

"Sir, two squadrons of fighters are ready for takeoff. The other two squadrons of fighters need to prepare."

"Then let the ground crew prepare immediately! Fifteen minutes later, the fighter jets of two squadrons will take off. After that, the fighter jets of the other two squadrons will take off immediately after they are ready. Those dive bombers and torpedo attack planes will also immediately carry out pre-take-off training." Get ready. Hopefully, you can get ready before the enemy's fighter planes arrive!" the base commander ordered.

Now he has no doubt that the war is about to start. Although the island countries and Germany have not declared war on each other at present, any fool knows that the enemy has adopted the tactics of undeclared war. Fortunately, the German navy has long been guarding against the island navy. Therefore, after the joint fleet of the island nation's navy went to sea, it immediately ordered all bases to enter the highest state of combat readiness.

"Yes, sir!"

The entire naval base on Yap Island has entered intense preparations. Everyone knows that war is coming. Although the war between Germany and Russia has begun long ago, it has nothing to do with these naval officers and soldiers stationed in the Pacific Ocean. They are also full of desire for war. Well now, their battle is about to begin, and they will soon be able to make meritorious deeds.

Soon, the air defense radar on Barbotuap Island also discovered the island nation's carrier-based aircraft fleet flying towards them. The naval base on the island also immediately entered the preparations for battle.

At 4:40 in the morning, the shore-based aircraft of the German Navy began to take off from the Yap Island Naval Base. The 24 BF-109 fighter jets of the two squadrons, under the guidance of the radar, flew towards the fleet of the island navy. It is estimated that after more than 20 minutes, they will encounter the island nation's fleet. However, the sky was not bright at that time, and it was very difficult to conduct air combat.

At this moment, the Mariana Islands, the four battleship battleships of the island navy, are already approaching the target. However, they did not launch an attack because it was not yet time to fire.

However, at this moment, the German Navy's bases on Guam, Rota, Tinian and Saipan have already received warnings from Yap and Balbotuap. Knowing that the navy of the island country has dispatched a large number of planes, these islands have also entered a state of emergency combat readiness. The ground crew is refueling the aircraft on the airport and adding ammunition.

When an island navy seaplane flew over Guam, it discovered this situation. The pilot immediately reported the situation to the flagship. Lieutenant Admiral Yoshida Zengo, commander of the 1st Battleship Squadron of the Japanese Navy, immediately ordered the fleet to attack. At the same time,

they also took the initiative to break the radio silence, sent a telegram to the "Ibuki" aircraft carrier, and reported the news to General Yamamoto Fifty-Six.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six decisively issued an order, requiring the four capital ship units to launch an attack immediately, and first destroy the German base on the Mariana Islands. As for whether their aircraft carrier-based air force can destroy the German naval bases on Yap Island and Balbotuap Island, it depends on luck. Even if it can destroy the target, its own loss will definitely not be small.

However, the battle has already begun, and the joint fleet of the island nation's navy has no way out. They can only hope that the carrier-based aircraft pilots of the island nation's navy can perform exceptionally and make contributions.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

On the sea to the west of Guam, the four "Kii-class" battleships of the island nation's navy lined up in a row and were shelling Guam with their main guns. Each of the "Ki-class" battleships is equipped with five double-mounted 410mm main guns with a caliber of 45 times, and the firepower is very powerful.

Every minute and a half, forty bombs fall on the airfield of the German Navy on Guam.

Although, launching shelling at night, the accuracy of the island navy will not be too high. However, for a fixed target on land, if the location has been figured out in advance, it is only necessary to fire according to the shooting parameters. With the bombardment level of the navy of the island country, it was still able to accurately drop the shells on the airfield of the German navy.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The explosion sounded on the Guam base of the German Navy, and the powerful naval guns easily left huge craters on the airport. Some fighter planes that were preparing for takeoff were hit or affected by shells, and they were martyred and turned into burning fireballs. After all, once these fighter planes that have just been refueled explode, they will be more terrifying than ordinary bombs.

The airport runway has become the key target of the island navy's battleships. As long as the airport runway is destroyed, these shore-based aircraft of the German Navy will not be able to take off.

"My God! This is definitely a large-caliber naval gun. We have been attacked! The despicable and shameless islanders are attacking us!"

"Take off, let the ready plane take off! If you stay at the airport, it will be completely destroyed by the islanders!" The base commander ordered with red eyes.

"Boom! Boom!"

Explosions continued to sound at the airport, and shells fell from the sky one after another, destroying the German navy fighter planes parked on the airport. The ground crew and pilots also suffered heavy casualties in the shelling of the island navy.

"Sir, the runway was blown up, and our fighter planes couldn't take off!" An officer reported.

"Damn! How could this happen?" The base commander's face turned pale. The fighter planes cannot take off, which means that they cannot fight back, or even evade.

"Retreat! Order all personnel to retreat immediately!" the base commander ordered.

There is no doubt that this base may not escape the fate of being destroyed when it is suddenly attacked by the capital ship of the navy of the island country. If you continue to stay here, you will only pay unnecessary casualties. In this case, protecting these pilots and ground crews has become the most important thing.

When the Naval Base of Guam was attacked by the navy of the island country, the islands of Rota, Tinian and Saipan in the north were also attacked by the main fleet of the navy of the island country.

These naval bases have just learned the news, and the fighter planes are also preparing for takeoff.

However, shells suddenly fell from the sky and hit the airport.

The unprepared German Navy's shore-based fighter force suffered heavy losses for a while. A large number of aircraft were destroyed before taking off, and pilots and ground crews also lost a lot. In addition, the airport was destroyed by the capital ship of the island nation's navy, and for a long period of time, these bases could not play any role.

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Over the waters northwest of Yap Island, the carrier-based planes of the island nation's navy that took off in the first wave are approaching. However, the 24 BF-109 fighter jets that took off from Yap Island Airport have also been killed. It is a little after 5 in the morning, and the sky is still gray with low visibility.

The four aircraft carriers of the 2nd Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the Japanese Navy carry a relatively small number of carrier-based aircraft. The "Fengxiang" aircraft carrier with a displacement of less than 10,000 tons only carries 9 Type Zero fighters and 12 Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft. machine. The "Longxiang" aircraft carrier carried 15 Type Zero fighters and 33 Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft. The "Canglong" aircraft carrier is the same as the "Flying Dragon" aircraft carrier, equipped with 16 Type Zero fighters, 36 Type 99 carrier-based bombers and 21 Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft.

In the first round of the attack, they only took off half of the fighters, 28 Type Zero fighters, 36 Type 99 carrier-based bombers and 38 Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft.

The Zero fighter's low-altitude dogfighting capability is very powerful. However, the German naval aviation has long known this. Therefore, the German naval aviation stationed in the Pacific Ocean, whether it is a carrier-based aircraft pilot or a shore-based pilot, knows how to deal with these Zero fighters. Moreover, many rehearsals have already been carried out.

"Sir, an island country plane has been discovered!" The pilot's voice came from the ears of the squadron leader, Major Nix.

"Report the coordinates and prepare to launch an attack. Brothers, these damned islanders are heading towards our airport. No matter what, they cannot be allowed to blow up our airport. Therefore, their bombers will be the primary target of attack!" Nick ordered Major S.

"Yes, boss!" The other pilots replied one after another.

"The current visibility is insufficient, everyone be careful when attacking, I don't want accidental injuries. Alright, get ready to attack!" Major Nix ordered.

"Yes, the Empire will win!" The pilots shouted one after another, everyone's fighting spirit was high.

A few minutes later, 24 BF-109 fighter jets of the German Navy swooped down from high altitude and attacked the carrier-based aircraft group of the island navy.

"Boom boom boom!"

In order to ensure that the bombers of the island navy can be destroyed in the first round of confrontation, all the fighters of the German Navy used machine guns when attacking.

"Boom! Boom!"

A Type 99 carrier-based bomber was hit by a cannon shell and was blown to pieces on the spot. The scattered debris hit the sea, and the pilot was killed before he could even parachute.

One after another, the carrier-based aircraft of the island nation's navy were hit, and there were clusters of flames in the air.

During this round of attacks by fighter planes of the German Navy, 11 carrier-based planes of the island navy were shot down.

The carrier-based aircraft group of the navy of the island country was also taken aback, and immediately dispersed, just like a flock of frightened birds.

"Baga! We were attacked by the Germans! All Zero fighters, cover the bombers and attack planes, and shoot down the German fighters!" Commander Toichi Taro, the commander of the island nation's carrier fleet, ordered.

The Germans shot down more than a dozen of their carrier-based aircraft in their first attack, which is undoubtedly a relatively large loss.

The Japanese Navy's Type 99 carrier-based bomber and Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft scattered in all directions. The BF-109 fighter jets of the German Navy are chasing after them. The maximum speed of the Type 99 carrier-based bomber is only 450 kilometers, and the maximum speed of the Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft is only 370 kilometers. In front of the BF-109 fighter jet, such a speed is undoubtedly as slow as a snail. It is easy to be caught up. If it weren't for the relatively low visibility now, those bombers and attack planes would only be ravaged by the BF-109 fighter jets of the German Navy.

Although, the Type 99 carrier-based bomber also has not weak air combat capability. But that depends on who the opponent is. Facing a world-class advanced fighter like the BF-109 fighter, their strength is simply not enough.

The zero fighters of the island navy launched a frantic pursuit. But unfortunately, the speed of the Zero fighter is not dominant. At the same time, the current visibility is too low, and they have also been greatly affected. It is impossible to prevent the BF-109 fighter jets of the German Navy from shooting down their critical strike aircraft and attack aircraft.

"Damn! The German fighter jets are too fast, we can't catch up at all!"

"Baga, I'm bitten and I can't get rid of it!"

An island country carrier-based aircraft pilot roared in horror. Behind the Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft he was driving, a BF-109 fighter jet had already bit him tightly.

"Boom boom boom!"

The cannon of the BF-109 fighter jet fired, and several shells roared in, blowing the tail of the Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft to pieces. Afterwards, the Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft fell into the sea dragging thick smoke.

During the melee, the BF-109 fighter jets of the German Navy also suffered losses. After all, they targeted the bomber and attack aircraft of the island navy, which inevitably gave the island navy's Type Zero carrier-based aircraft a chance.

But even so, the exchange ratio is enough to make the island navy's carrier-based aircraft units distressed.

Twenty minutes after the battle broke out, the carrier-based aircraft group of the navy of the island country had already flown to Yap Island. At this moment, on the airport on the island, the remaining 24 BF-109 fighter jets are scrambling to take off. The rest of the dive bombers and torpedo attack aircraft moved away first.

Although the German navy tried its best to intercept, the carrier-based aircraft group of the island navy dropped the bomb on the airport on Yap Island.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

A violent explosion sounded on the airport, the control tower was blown down, and the runway was also full of potholes. Although the German Navy's fighter jets were still slaughtering the island navy's carrier-based fleet, they could not stop their attack.

After all, their number is too small, and the attack launched by the navy of the island country is so sudden that they are not prepared at all.

Soon, the second wave of the island navy's fleet also arrived. The addition of new forces has made the destruction of the airport by the island nation's navy faster. Although the fighter jets of the German Navy shot down many carrier-based aircraft of the island navy, they were unable to save the airport. In order to avoid crashing into the sea after running out of fuel, these fighter jets had to fly to the airport in the Caroline Islands.

When the airport on Yap Island was destroyed by the carrier-based aircraft fleet of the island nation's navy, the airport on Barbotuap Island was also attacked by the island nation's navy's carrier-based aircraft fleet. Although the fighter jets of the German Navy that took off from Barbotuap Island also shot down many carrier-based aircraft of the island navy, they still could not stop them in the end, and had to fly to the Caroline Islands to escape.

In the southern waters of the Bismarck Islands, on the aircraft carrier "Aries", the flagship of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet, the fleet commander Admiral Konrad Abbrecht, who was resting, was woken up. When he knew what happened, his face suddenly became very ugly.

When Admiral Konrad Abbrecht arrived in the war room, Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz, capital ship formation commander Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy, and aircraft carrier formation commander William Carr Lieutenant General Naris has arrived. Everyone also knew what happened, so everyone's faces were ugly as hell.

"There is no doubt that this is a well-planned sneak attack on us by the islanders. They despicably went to war without declaration. Our airport in the Mariana Islands was all destroyed by the islanders' battleships and carrier-based aircraft, and the loss was very great. Many planes were destroyed on the airfields. Casualties of pilots and ground crew were also very serious. After these airfields were destroyed, our power in the Pacific Ocean was greatly weakened. Now, we can only rely on The airfields in the Caroline Islands, Micronesia Islands, and Marshall Islands have resisted the attack of the navy of the island country!" Lieutenant General Oscar Kumets said with a serious face.

Everyone's heart is very heavy. After learning about the changes in the joint fleet of the island nation's navy, they guessed that the war might break out soon. But everyone still couldn't imagine that the navy of the island country would choose this kind of surprise attack. And it was such a big deal at birth, which made the German Navy pay a heavy price for it.

In this battle, the German Navy lost more than 600 fighters of various types. This is undoubtedly a heavy blow to the shore-based forces of the German Navy. You know, on all the islands in the entire Pacific Ocean, there are only a total of more than 2,000 shore-based aircraft of the German Navy. It seems that there are a lot of them, but they are distributed in the vast Pacific Ocean. Through this attack, the navy of the island country almost emptied the German naval power in this sea area. At the same time, this also brought a lot of variables to the next battle.

The island nation's navy is powerful, and the generals of the German navy know it well. But they still have a lot of confidence. Although the Pacific Ocean is far away from the German mainland. But Germany has been operating here for years. And there are so many naval bases and airfields to go with it. In particular, the performance of the German Navy's aircraft carriers and carrier-based aircraft is significantly ahead of the island navy. With these strengths, it will not be too difficult for them to defeat the navy of the island nation. But in fact, the performance of the island navy gave them a slap in the face.

"Gentlemen, it seems that we have underestimated the islanders. They are much more crazy than we imagined. If we don't go all out, we may fail! Once we fail to defeat the island navy. Or if we fail to Suppress their words. The war situation in the entire Western Pacific will further deteriorate!" Admiral Konrad Abbrecht said with a serious face.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we can't wait any longer. We must go north immediately to join the Indian Ocean Fleet and prepare for a decisive battle with the combined fleet of the island nation's navy! If we don't go north again, the island nation's navy will repeat the old trick and use capital ship formations Sneak attack on the Caroline Islands and Micronesia Islands. Once the airports on these islands are destroyed, our strength will be further compressed. In the next battle, we will be at a disadvantage!" Theodor? Lieutenant General Burchardy said.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander. We join the Indian Ocean Fleet, and our strength will not be weaker than the combined fleet of the island nation's navies. Even if we fight with them and lose both sides, we will have a greater advantage. After all, we still have many coastlines. Aircraft can assist!" Lieutenant General William Canaris also said.

Admiral Konrad Abbrecht nodded. He also knew that the island navy used this method to force them to a decisive battle. If they do not fight, the navies of the island countries may continue to attack the German navy's airports in the Pacific Ocean in the same way. Even if the defense is tight, I'm afraid they will succeed. After all, the capital ships of the Japanese navy will attack at night, unless they can be spotted and sunk by carrier-based aircraft during the day before. Otherwise, the airport on the island would not be able to withstand it.

Of course, if the German navy's fleet dispatches its capital ships to engage in night battles with the capital ships of the island navy, that would be another matter.

"Order the Pacific Fleet to go north immediately and join the Indian Ocean Fleet. Now, we have no other choice, we must fight the islanders!" Admiral Conrad Abbrecht ordered.

He has also made up his mind and is preparing for a decisive battle with the navy of the island country. After all, the combined strength of the Pacific Fleet and the Indian Ocean Fleet is not weaker than the combined fleet of the island nation's navies. Even if they fight head-on, they still have a good chance of winning. What's more, they are backed by so many naval bases and airports, and they can get support from shore-based aircraft.

The news that the islands in the Pacific Ocean were suddenly attacked by the navy of the island country was also reported to the country as soon as possible. At that time, the time was exactly 9 o'clock in the evening on January 31.

The Imperial Army Minister and Chief of the General Staff Marshal Manstein, Navy Minister Marshal Raeder, Air Force Minister Albert Kesselring, Prime Minister Vachter, Foreign Minister Ribbentrop and other important ministers all rushed to the palace.

"Your Majesty, our airfields in the Mariana Islands, Yap Island, and Balbotuap Island have all been attacked by the capital ships and carrier-based aircraft of the island navy. These airfields have all been destroyed, with losses of more than six Hundreds of combat aircraft. Although our pilots counterattacked and shot down dozens of carrier-based aircraft of the navy of the island country. However, we have lost control of this sea area." Marshal Raeder said with an ugly face. This is undoubtedly the biggest loss that the German Navy has suffered for so many years, and it is unacceptable to him.

Qin Tian is very calm, although the loss is a bit big, but for the German navy, it is not considered a traumatic loss at all. Besides, the use of sneak attacks is originally a method used by the islanders. Even if they can win in this way in the early stage, the further they go, the more disadvantaged they will be. After all, the gap in national strength cannot be reversed by one or two sneak attacks.

"Gentlemen, we have been shamelessly raided by the islanders. They have once again declared war on us! I declare that from now on, we are in a state of war with the islands. I authorize the land, sea and air forces of the German Empire to In this war, at all costs, defeat the island nation! Completely destroy them!" Qin Tian ordered.

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In the early morning of February 1st, in the Philippine Sea, multiple battleship teams of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy were sailing north. These fleets have all increased their speed to more than 25 knots. They don't know whether the German Navy has sent carrier-based aircraft to chase them, so they need to stay as far away from this sea area as possible, so that they can ensure their own safety.

The action in the early hours of this morning was undoubtedly a success. The four battleships successfully destroyed the German Navy's airports on Guam, Rota, Tinian and Saipan. I don't know how many planes were destroyed by their artillery fire on the airport, and I don't know how many pilots and ground crews died in their bombardment. This is undoubtedly a great victory for the Japanese navy. This also made the officers and soldiers of the island nation's combined fleet very excited and proud.

"General, the telegram has been drafted, and it can be sent to the flagship after you sign it." The chief of staff of the United Fleet's 1st Battleship Squadron, Chief of Staff Fukudome Shigeru, had a smile on his face.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo took the draft telegram, read it carefully, and then took out a pen to sign his name on it.

"Well, let's send it out like this!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

"Yes, General." Colonel Fukudome Shigeru nodded.

"Order the fleet and prepare for air defense. The more we are at this time, the more we cannot relax. Otherwise, the consequences will be disastrous." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

There is no doubt that in this battle, the United Fleet has already gained a certain advantage. As long as they are cautious in the following battles and further hold on to their advantages, and do not give the German navy a chance, they may be able to maintain their advantages until the end, and even win this naval battle.

"Yes, General!" Colonel Shigeru Fukuru immediately went to make arrangements.

At the same time, several other battleship teams were also sending telegrams to the flagship. Everyone is very satisfied with this success. After destroying the German Navy's airport on the Mariana Islands in one fell swoop, their room for maneuver became larger and the threat was further reduced.

On the aircraft carrier 'Ibuki', the carrier-based aircraft groups of the returning island nation's navy are landing in sequence. Some carrier-based aircraft are full of bullet holes, showing how fierce the previous battle was.

Lieutenant General Chuichi Nagumo stood behind General Yamamoto Fifty-Six with a serious face. Although, their attack was successful this time. The airfield on Balbotuap Island was successfully destroyed by them. However, under the counterattack of the shore-based troops of the German Navy, they paid a considerable price, which made Vice Admiral Nagumo Tadaichi feel a little uneasy in addition to his heartache.

"Your Excellency, the battle damage report has been calculated." Rear Admiral Kusanagi Ryunosuke, Chief of Staff of the 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the United Fleet, handed over a document to Vice Admiral Nagumo Chuichi.



Lieutenant General Nanyun Zhongyi looked even worse after seeing it. In this battle, the 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the United Fleet was the main force. The carrier-based aircraft dispatched by the four aircraft carriers were divided into two batches, and a total of more than 300 aircraft were dispatched. But they lost more than 50 under the counterattack of the shore-based forces of the German Navy. Among them, most of them are Type 99 carrier-based bombers and Type 97 carrier-based attack aircraft. Such a loss is enough to make Lieutenant General Nanyun Zhongyi feel distressed.

"What's the matter? Nagumo-kun? Did you lose a lot?" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six asked.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander. We lost more than fifty carrier-based aircraft. However, very few German fighter jets were shot down in the air battle. This was the case when we launched a surprise attack and the Germans rushed back. It's hard to imagine, once they are ready, what kind of result will be in the end." Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi said.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six could not help but frowned: "The performance of the German fighter jets and the quality of their pilots are higher than ours. Therefore, it is inevitable that our losses are greater than theirs. However, I believe that in this battle, we will be able to defeat the Germans."

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi replied.

"Your Excellency, several battleship fleets have sent telegrams, and we have successfully destroyed the German airport on the Mariana Islands." Rear Admiral Takahashi Imo, Chief of Staff of the Joint Fleet, reported.

"Have they all succeeded? Haha, yes, it's really great!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six was ecstatic.

Although, the loss of carrier-based aircraft of the aircraft carrier team was a bit large, exceeding their expectations. However, several capital ship teams have achieved success, which makes him very satisfied. Compared with the results they obtained, the losses they paid in this battle are undoubtedly insignificant.

Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi also showed a smile on his face. Indeed, the two aircraft carrier teams of the United Fleet lost nearly a hundred carrier-based aircraft in this battle. However, they destroyed at least more than 600 German combat aircraft. Such an exchange ratio still makes them very satisfied. If they can continue like this, they will win this battle, then there will definitely be no problem.

"Send a telegram to the country and tell them the news." General Yamamoto Fifty-Six ordered.

At this moment, the good news of the United Fleet in the island country is eager to see it! In particular, the news that Germany declared war on the island country overnight made the island government tremble with fear. They knew that the Combined Fleet must have launched an attack. Otherwise, Germany would not have declared war on the island nation at this juncture. However, they don't know whether the United Fleet won the victory. This also made the senior officials of the island's cabinet very worried.

When the good news from Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six came, the Ministry of the Navy and the Naval Command of the island country were all boiling. Of course, the combined fleet has not yet defeated the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet, but they destroyed six airfields of the

German Navy and more than 600 combat aircraft in their first battle. Such a battle is undoubtedly a great victory.

When the Minister of the Navy, Admiral Mitsumasa Minai, reported the good news to the cabinet, the cabinet ministers of the island government couldn't help but be overjoyed. They all believe that the United Fleet may really be able to win this time. In that case, they will be able to have a greater initiative in the next war.

Even Emperor Hirohito specially sent a reward telegram to them after learning the news that the United Fleet had won the first battle.

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"Gentlemen, thank you for your efforts. Let us be able to win this attack! According to the detection of our reconnaissance plane, we have destroyed the six airports that were attacked. In this battle, we have destroyed Over 600 German combat aircraft have been dispatched! The entire eastern Philippines and the Mariana Islands waters are no longer German. In this sea area, we will be very safe!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said with a look on his face. smile.

The combined fleet's victory this time exceeded his expectations. Before winning, even he himself did not expect it to be so smooth. Although there were some twists and turns in this attack, they were generally acceptable.

A group of senior generals of the United Fleet are also full of excitement. Victory in the first battle is undoubtedly an excellent boost to the morale of the fleet. This is undoubtedly of great benefit to winning this war.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we were able to achieve victory only under your wise leadership. Although the Germans are powerful, we will definitely be able to defeat them this time!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander. After we destroyed the German air base in the Mariana Islands, we have enough room to maneuver. This piece of sea can be used as a decisive battle between us and the Germans. With the joint The strength of the fleet can completely defeat the Germans in this battle!" Lieutenant Admiral Kakuda Koji also said.

General Yamamoto nodded in satisfaction. He was undoubtedly very satisfied with the confidence and fighting spirit of the generals. When the war just started, everyone was more or less worried. But now, after this victory, everyone's confidence is undoubtedly stronger.

Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi also had a smile on his face. As an aviation warfare expert in the joint fleet of the Japanese navy, he certainly believed that there was still a big gap between the carrier-based aircraft force of the combined fleet and the German navy. But he also believes that if this battle is well grasped, victory is also very possible. As long as the combined fleet can defeat the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet, they will be able to become the overlord of the Western Pacific and even the entire Pacific and Indian Ocean. Although the German navy is still very powerful, they have to guard against the Americans. Therefore, for a long time to come, the United Fleet will be able to sit back and relax. Once the army of the island country captures Southeast Asia and Australia, it

will be able to obtain massive resources from here. At that time, the military power of the island country will develop by leaps and bounds because of these resources.

"Gentlemen, this victory is only a preliminary victory. Don't forget, the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet still exist. Moreover, our attack this time has been exposed. Next, the Germans' The fleet will go all out. Therefore, for us, the real battle has just begun. Only in the next battle, if the German Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet are also eliminated in one fell swoop, can we truly obtain the final victory. victory!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

Although this victory made him very satisfied, it didn't make him feel elated. He knew very well that the victory this time did not hurt Germany. The two major fleets of the German Navy are the biggest threat to the combined fleet. Only by destroying the Pacific Fleet and the Indian Ocean Fleet of the German Navy can they truly win.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" The smiles on the faces of the generals disappeared. Everyone knows that now is not the time to be really happy. It's too late to be happy after the German navy is completely defeated.

"So, how can we defeat the Germans next, what do you think about this?" General Fifty-Six Yamamoto asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I'm afraid we have to be more careful in the next battle. After the Germans suffered a loss, they will definitely be more cautious. According to the information obtained, the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet have disappeared. It is certain that they must have rushed to the battlefield. This makes us have to prepare for the battle with the German fleet." Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi said.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded with a serious face. He also knew that it might not be so easy to win again. However, if it can win again, the United Fleet may be able to secure the victory.

"Masters, although it is very difficult to defeat the Germans. But for the sake of the empire, we must defeat the Germans!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

"Your Excellency, the German airfield in the Mariana Islands was destroyed by us. Then they only have airfields in the Caroline Islands, Micronesia Islands and Marshall Islands. Among them, the Caroline Islands There is only one small airport on the island, and there are not many planes parked. There are more seaplanes for reconnaissance. But they have three airports on Pohnpei Island in the Micronesian Islands. There, four There are more than a hundred combat aircraft, and they are very powerful. If we can destroy the airport on Pohnpei Island in one fell swoop, this will allow us to win another big victory. At the same time, it will be able to further compress the space for the Germans to move. Our The scope of activities can also be further expanded. It will be very beneficial to the next decisive battle with the Germans!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

"Do the old trick again and send a capital ship team to attack Ponapei Island? However, the Germans will definitely be prepared this time. If we want to succeed again, I am afraid it will not be so easy." Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

The Germans have already suffered a loss, and it is almost impossible for them to suffer the same loss again.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander. The Germans will definitely be prepared. However, we can take advantage of this opportunity to have a decisive battle with the German fleet.

If we send a capital ship team to attack Ponapei Island, if the Germans want to stop us, there is only one way, and that is to send a capital ship to fight us. I believe that with the strength of the 16 capital ships of the combined fleet, there is absolutely no problem in defeating the 15 old capital ships of the Germans. If we can successfully sink those battleships of the Germans, then we will win most of the battle. The next battle will undoubtedly be much easier." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

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"Yoshida-kun, you mean that we obviously went to the airport on Pohnpei Island. But in fact, it was to force the German navy to fight us?" Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo asked.

"Yes, Nagumo-kun. There is no doubt that the strength of our capital ship team is far superior to that of the Germans. Whether it is day or night, if we engage in a decisive battle with the German capital ships, the possibility of our victory is very high. Big. If we can severely damage the German capital ship force, this will give us a greater advantage in naval battles." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

Among the 16 capital ships of the United Fleet, except for the "Fuso-class" battleships and "Ise-class" battleships that served in the early days, the 12 ships in the area are all very powerful advanced capital ships, equipped with powerful 410 mm main gun. In particular, the "Kii-class" battleships and the "Amagi-class" battlecruisers are equipped with five double-mounted 410mm main guns with a caliber of 45 times. This kind of combat power can definitely be regarded as world-class. In contrast, the capital ships of the German Navy are all old warships that have been in service for more than 20 years. The generals of the Combined Fleet have every reason to believe that once the battle of capital ships is fought, the victory must belong to them.

Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded. He undoubtedly also believed that when the battleships were engaged in a decisive battle, the combined fleet would definitely win. After all, their advantage in this aspect is too great.

"However, we have to guard against the attack of the German carrier-based aircraft. In the previous battles, we have lost nearly a hundred carrier-based aircraft. Now, we only have more than 400 carrier-based aircraft. In terms of number In that case, I am afraid that there are only about 60% of the carrier-based aircraft of the two German fleets." Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Zhongichi reminded.

The performance of the capital ship of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy is indeed very strong, but if it is besieged by the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy, the final result may still be very tragic.

"Indeed, this is a very troublesome question. However, if we grasp it well, we may be able to successfully attack the German aircraft carrier team!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo had a smile on his lips. For these possible problems, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo has already had his plan.

"Yoshida-kun, do you have any plans? If we can succeed this time, then you will be the hero of the empire." General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

"Your Excellency, if our capital ships appear in the northern waters of Pohnpei Island, the Germans will definitely dispatch a fleet to intercept us. They will definitely guess that we intend to repeat our old

tricks and attack Pohnpei Island." The airport launched an attack. In order to keep Pohnpei Island, the Germans will definitely dispatch the main fleet to intercept us. In this case, their aircraft carrier will most likely appear in the south of Pohnpei Island in order to ensure safety. At this time, If our second capital ship formation can bypass the southern part of Pohnpei Island, then it is possible to launch a surprise attack on the German aircraft carrier fleet. I believe that with the strength of the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers, once they approach If you are alone, it is enough to tear all the German aircraft carriers to pieces!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

There is no doubt that the combined combat power of an aircraft carrier and carrier-based aircraft has surpassed that of a battleship. However, under certain scenarios, capital ships can still easily kill aircraft carriers. For example, when the capital ship is close, the aircraft carrier will undoubtedly suffer a catastrophe. The main gun of a capital ship can easily damage an aircraft carrier and even sink it easily. The 'Amagi-class' battlecruiser is the most powerful battlecruiser of the island nation's navy, with a speed of almost 30 knots, and equipped with five dual-mounted 410mm main guns, it is undoubtedly the best candidate for sneak attack missions. Once the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers succeed in sneak attack, even if they cannot destroy all the aircraft carriers of the German Navy, as long as half of them are destroyed, the joint fleet will win the naval battle.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six began to frown and think. The battle plan proposed by Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo seems to have a great possibility of success. Although, if you want to really realize it, you also need to take risks. But islanders have never been afraid to take risks. As long as you can win, the risk is completely worth it.

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

"It may be very difficult to find the location of the German aircraft carrier. If the German aircraft carrier is not found before dawn, then the second battleship team may have to be besieged by the German carrier-based aircraft." Nagumo Lieutenant General Zhongyi said.

"Yes, but if we plan to attack Pohnpei Island, the German aircraft carrier should appear near the south of Pohnpei Island. Therefore, the chances of finding them are still very high." Yoshida Zengo will say.

"What's more, the Germans will never stand by and watch their airport on Pohnpei Island be destroyed by us. Whether they send capital ships to intercept us, or wait until dawn to dispatch carrier-based aircraft to attack us, their The fleet must be dispatched. In this case, it will undoubtedly give us an excellent chance for a decisive battle." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded: "This is indeed a very good plan, and the chance of success is still very high. If the time is well grasped, we have a high possibility of winning. For example, after nightfall, the capital ship team We arrived in the waters near Ponapei Island. In this case, we will have enough time to fight the German main fleet. The second battleship team also has enough time to search for the position of the German aircraft carrier. Dawn Before, the fleet retreated no matter whether they won the victory or not. At the same time, the aircraft carrier fleet took off carrier-based aircraft to \*\*\*\* the battleship fleet, and at the same time, it could also dispatch carrier-based aircraft to attack the main fleet or aircraft carrier fleet of the Germans. If we cooperate well, we will It is absolutely possible to severely damage the German fleet in one fell swoop and win!"

Although General Yamamoto Fifty-Six also knows that it is very difficult to successfully implement this complex combat plan. But if they succeed, they will be able to win the naval battle. Therefore, General Yamamoto Fifty-Six is willing to take this risk. At the same time, he also believed that the \*\*\*\* of luck was on their side. The final victory must belong to them.

"Let the combat staff, improve this combat plan immediately! This time, we will defeat the Germans in one fell swoop!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six ordered.

"Hi, Commander!"

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It took a full day for the combat staff of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy to perfect the combat plan. When the chief of staff, Major General Takahashi Ino, handed over the battle plan to General Yamamoto Fifty-Six, General Yamamoto nodded in satisfaction. He is undoubtedly very satisfied with this battle plan. If all goes well, the odds of success are high.

The Islanders have never been afraid to risk everything to gamble, and they have done so many times in previous history. And, all were successful. This time, General Yamamoto Fifty-Six obviously wanted to take a desperate gamble like his predecessors Yuto Ito and Heihachiro Togo. He also hopes to be able to win like his predecessors.

This decisive battle between the combined fleet of the island nation's navy and the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet seems to have become a battle that concerns the fate of the island nation.

"Very well, this battle plan has been completed. You can take a look, and if you have any comments, please raise them now." General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

The senior generals of the United Fleet all began to read this battle plan. Even Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo looked very seriously. Even though this battle plan was proposed by him, he just proposed an idea. The specific improvement still depends on the combat staff.

It is now February 2, and the combined fleet is still in the Philippine Sea. After clearing the bases of the German Navy on the Mariana Islands, this piece of sea is still very safe. In particular, the joint fleet of the island nation's navy can also obtain information from the Americans, which is even more beneficial to them.

After reading the battle plan, a group of generals put forward suggestions for revision according to their ideas. After careful consideration, General Yamamoto adopted some of them, making this combat plan more complete. The probability of success is also higher because of this.

"Masters, from now on, implement this battle plan! God Amaterasu will bless us. We will definitely defeat the Germans!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said vigorously. After perfecting this battle plan, he became full of confidence.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Everyone replied. Everyone hopes to defeat the German navy in this battle, not only for the country, but also for themselves. If it fails, the island nation will be completely over. At the same time, they are also very likely to die in the war. But if they can win, not

only will the island nation have a bright future, but they will also gain great merit for it. Maybe everyone will be promoted because of this, which is undoubtedly the goal they are pursuing.

"Takasu-kun, you lead the 2nd Battleship Squadron and leave first. This time, whether you can defeat the German aircraft carrier fleet in one fell swoop depends on you!" Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six ordered.

"Hey, Your Excellency, Commander, I will do my best in this humble position!" Lieutenant Admiral Takasu Shiro, commander of the 2nd Battleship Squadron, replied. This time, the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers of the 2nd Battlecruiser Squadron of the United Fleet led by him will sail south from the Philippine Sea, from the waters east of the Caroline Islands, to the south of Ponapei Island. Once the battle started, his mission was to find the German Navy's aircraft carrier and destroy it. As long as it succeeds, the United Fleet will be able to establish a victory in this battle.

"Yoshida-kun, Koga-kun, and Inoue-kun. The battleships you lead will become the main force in the battle against the Germans' main fleet. However, you only have 12 battleships. Can you defeat the Germans' 15 battleships? I know it is difficult. But I hope you will be successful!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I will definitely defeat the Germans! Although the two fleets of the Germans have a total of 15 capital ships, they may not act together. We may only encounter one of their fleets. In this way if so, we will have an overwhelming advantage to defeat them!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said confidently. He didn't think they would lose at all. Even if 12 battleships confronted the 15 capital ships of the German Navy, he still believed that they had a good chance of winning. After all, their battleships can be regarded as cutting-edge battleships, and the caliber of the main guns is also larger. It is not impossible to win more with less.

Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six also nodded, he was still very confident about his capital ship team. However, General Yamamoto Fifty-Six and the senior generals of the island nation's combined fleet will soon discover that the old battleships of the German Navy are not as weak as they thought. Not only does it fully possess the strength to confront their so-called cutting-edge battleships, it even has an advantage. Of course, at that time they realized that it was too late.

"Mr. Nanyun, Mr. Kakuda, the task of the aircraft carrier team is mainly divided into two. One is to cover the retreat of the capital ship team, and the other is to dispatch carrier-based aircraft to attack the German main fleet or aircraft carrier fleet. As long as the German fleet is found After dawn, dispatch carrier-based aircraft to defeat them in one fell swoop!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Lieutenant General Chuichi Nagumo and Lieutenant General Koji Kakuda both replied.

"My lords, the risk of this attack is greater, but if we win, the benefits will be greater. Therefore, this time we must do our best to win. The future of the empire is in our hands. This If the battle is won, the empire will be invincible in the Pacific Ocean and occupy a large area of territory. If it fails, the empire will be completely destroyed. Therefore, we have no other choice. This battle must be won!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

"The empire will win!" All the generals shouted loudly. There was a frenzied expression on everyone's face. They all know that this battle will be a gamble on the future of the island nation. If you

win, everything is easy to say, and the rise of the island nation will be unstoppable. At least, in a short period of time, they can capture a large area of territory and achieve rapid development. But if it fails, the consequences will be very serious. A series of their combat plans will not be implemented. Moreover, the possibility of complete defeat in this world war will become very high. Once Germany defeats Bu Russia and the United States and Britain, they will definitely not let them go in the end. Waiting for the island country will be completely sunk.

After Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six issued the order to start the operation, the combined fleet immediately began preparations. The second capital ship battle group began to turn and break away from the fleet. The other three battleship teams also began to speed up.

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In the northern waters of the Bismarck Islands, the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet have converged. After the confluence of the two fleets, it became a huge fleet with 15 capital ships and eight aircraft carriers. The strength of this fleet is undoubtedly already very powerful, enough to dominate the entire Pacific Ocean.

Pacific Fleet's flagship "Aries" aircraft carrier, Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Konrad Abbrecht and Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz are working with Indian Ocean Fleet Commander Alfred Savage Special Admiral and Chief of Staff Hans? George? Von Friedberg Lieutenant General to discuss the current situation. The expressions on their faces were very serious. Obviously, they are not very optimistic about the current battle situation. It is really the attack launched by the islanders before, which caused them too much loss.

"The entire base in the Mariana Islands was destroyed. We lost a lot of fighter planes. Pilots and ground crews also died in battle. In addition, the radar on the island was also destroyed by the islanders. This is tantamount to erasing our power in that sea area and turning it into a blank area. As a result, there are huge loopholes in our defense network. The next battle may be very difficult!" Kang Admiral Ladd Abbrecht said.

Admiral Alfred Savacht nodded: "Indeed, this attack by the islanders has hurt us. We did not expect them to dare to launch such an attack. It is beyond our reach. However, fortunately, although the loss this time is not small, it has not yet reached the point of breaking the bones. At least our two fleets are still intact. In the next battle, if we grasp the If it's good, it's not a delusion to defeat the combined fleet of the island nation's navies."

"Yes. However, we must be more careful in the future, and we cannot give the islanders a chance. There is no doubt that the islanders are very good at launching sneak attacks. Before it was undeclared war. Now our two countries are in Now that the state of war is over, we will not be able to give them another chance," said Admiral Konrad Abbrecht.

"General, the most important thing for us now is to find the traces of the islanders. Only in this way can we launch an attack and destroy them! Judging from the previous engagements, our fighter planes can completely crush them in air combat They. So, as long as we find them and launch an attack, they will definitely not be able to stop us!" Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz said.

"This sea area is too big. We don't know where the islanders are hiding. However, the biggest possibility is the Philippine Sea. It is backed by the American colony. Although the Americans did not participate in



the war, they are friendly with the islanders. It's almost time to wear a pair of pants. They will definitely provide intelligence support to the islanders." Lieutenant General Hans Friedberg said.

The other generals nodded again and again. If the bases in the Mariana Islands were not destroyed, they could still launch reconnaissance planes from those bases to search that piece of sea. But now, only long-range seaplanes and submarines can be dispatched. The intensity of the search has dropped a lot, and the difficulty of finding out the joint fleet of the island nation's navy has also increased a lot.

"Next, to be on the safe side, our fleet will stay in the waters between the Bismarck Islands and the Micronesian Islands. At the same time, a large number of submarines, seaplanes, and other small and medium-sized warships will be dispatched to search for the navy of the island country. The traces of the United Fleet. Let's launch an attack after confirming their location!" Admiral Konrad Abbrecht said.

Alfred Savacht Admiral agreed. This is undoubtedly the safest tactic. Although somewhat conservative, it can ensure the safety of one's own side to the greatest extent. Moreover, even if it continues to drag on, it will be very beneficial to the German Navy. After all, the longer this war drags on, the more likely Germany will win on other battlefields. At that time, Germany will be able to mobilize more forces to deal with the island nation. Even if the German Navy will transfer the Mediterranean Fleet as a reserve to the Pacific Ocean, this will give the German Navy an overwhelming advantage. It will be very difficult to defeat the island navy.

In contrast, the navy of the island country must win as soon as possible. Although they relied on sneak attacks in the previous battles, the German Navy suffered a lot. But such a small victory is not enough to change the balance of strength between the two sides. Therefore, the navy of the island country needs to launch continuous attacks in order to completely defeat the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet and win. And this will also give the German Navy a chance. Once the opportunity is seized by the German navy, the combined fleet of the island nation's navies will never be able to stand up again.

The German navy adopted a relatively conservative but very safe tactic, preferring to miss a fighter plane rather than give the island navy a chance to sneak attack. Such a strategy is undoubtedly correct. After all, in terms of strength, the combined forces of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet are stronger than the combined fleets of island navies when coordinating with those bases in the Pacific Ocean. Therefore, there is absolutely no need for them to take risks. Of course, if you take risks, you may get a huge victory. But at the same time, it is also possible to encounter disastrous failures.

While the German navy dispatched a large number of ships and aircraft to search for traces of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy, the island nation's combined navy fleet was also implementing their combat plan.

On the afternoon of February 3, a seaplane of the German Navy took off from Pohnpei Island and discovered a huge fleet of the island navy. The huge fleet composed of as many as 12 capital ships shocked both the Pacific Fleet and the Indian Ocean Fleet of the German Navy.

Although the aircraft carrier of the Japanese navy has not yet been discovered, Admiral Konrad Abbrecht and others believe that the aircraft carrier of the Japanese navy must be near the main fleet.

Moreover, it can be clearly judged that the target of the main fleet of the island navy is Ponapei Island.

Under such circumstances, General Konrad Abbrecht and General Alfred Sawacht immediately made a decision to face the battle after discussing it. The main fleets of the Pacific Fleet and the Indian Ocean Fleet immediately went north to the northern waters of Ponapei Island to meet the main force of the combined fleet of the island nation's navies. The aircraft carrier stayed in the southern waters of Ponapei Island, waiting for an opportunity to launch an attack after dawn, destroying the main fleet and aircraft carrier fleet of the island navy's combined fleet, and completely crushing them!

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On the afternoon of February 3, a large fleet was sailing southeast at a speed of 20 knots in the waters about 500 kilometers northwest of Ponapei Island. This fleet is exactly the fleet composed of the 1st, 3rd and 4th battleship battleships of the combined fleet of the island country navy. Their goal is obviously to go to Ponapei Island.

Of course, if the German Navy does not send a fleet to intercept them, this fleet will attack those airports on Pohnpei Island and destroy those airports. And if the German Navy sends a main fleet to intercept it, the island navy combined fleet wants to take this opportunity to destroy the German Navy's capital ships in the Pacific Ocean in one fell swoop. Perhaps it is because they have strong confidence in the performance of their own capital ships, so the senior generals of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy believe that they can win the duel.

On the battleship 'Ki', Vice Admiral Yoshida Zengo looked serious. This time, he was ordered to lead three capital ship teams to fight, and he naturally hoped to win. But at the same time, he also knows how big the risk is, and if there is a mistake, the consequences will be disastrous.

"How long will it be before it gets dark?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo asked.

For this fleet of capital ships, the German Navy's aircraft will be their worst enemy. Only after dark were those planes unable to take off for combat. At that time, they will be truly safe.

"General, it will be dark in four hours. Calculating the time, if the Germans are going to send planes to attack us, it should be within this hour. If it is later, when their planes return, it will be already It's getting dark." Chief of Staff of the 1st Battleship Squadron Fukudome Shigeru reported.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo nodded: "How about the air search radar? Once you find a German plane, immediately notify the aircraft carrier team and let them take off their fighter planes to assist our air defense!"

Although, these warships of the island navy are also equipped with a lot of anti-air weapons. But even so, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo did not have the confidence to resist the enemy's air strikes. Fortunately, the United Fleet's No. 1 and No. 2 aircraft carrier teams are only two hundred kilometers away from them. Once the radar detects an enemy situation, it can immediately request the aircraft carrier team to send aircraft to assist them in air defense. In this case, the certainty of resisting the German Navy's aircraft attack will undoubtedly be much greater.

"General, the air defense radar is working well, and no German planes have been found so far. The contact with the aircraft carrier team has also remained unimpeded. The aircraft carrier team keeps dozens of air defense fighters on duty in the sky at all times. Once the enemy is found, you can Come and reinforce us immediately," Colonel Fukushige reported.

After confirming that there were no problems with these, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo breathed a sigh of relief. He knew that as long as he persisted until dark, it was time for them to take the initiative. At that time, the powerful main guns of their 12 battleships can destroy all enemies. This time the plan has a very high chance of success.

The combined fleet of the island nation's navy had better luck, although the German Navy sent many ships, submarines and aircraft to further search for their traces. But in the vast sea, even a huge fleet is just a drop in the ocean, trying to find them is completely like looking for a needle in a haystack. Therefore, until dark, the German Navy did not find any trace of the combined fleet. At this moment, the capital ship team of the United Fleet is only more than 300 kilometers away from Ponapei Island. Calculating the time, they will be able to arrive at Ponapei Island at 2 am on February 4th at the latest.

Aboard the aircraft carrier 'Aries', Admiral Konrad Abbrecht and Fleet Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz both frowned. The combined fleet of the island nation's navy seemed to have disappeared, which made them feel quite threatened.

"Damn it, where did those islanders hide? Haven't our planes and ships found them?" Admiral Konrad Abbrecht said angrily.

"General, we didn't find them before dark. After dark, it will be even more difficult to find them!" Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz said.

"However, what is certain is that the islanders must have come from the airport on Pohnpei Island. We have deployed a large number of aircraft there, which poses a great threat to the island navy. When our fleet is not found before, they would definitely try to destroy those airports, just like what they did in the Mariana Islands." Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz continued.

Admiral Konrad Abbrecht's face is constantly changing. If the airport on Pohnpei Island is also destroyed, this will undoubtedly be a big loss for the German Navy. What's more, being succeeded by the islanders twice in a row is also a big blow to the morale of the fleet. These generals are also shameless!

"Let the airport on the island get ready. Once the navy of the island country advances to a more dangerous distance, all combat aircraft on the island must take off and transfer to the Bismarck Islands!" Admiral Konrad Abbrecht ordered. In the absence of other options, the only option is to ask the combat aircraft on the island to transfer, so that even if the airport is destroyed, at least most of its strength can be preserved.

"Yes, General. Maybe we can find them!" Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz said.

The luck of the navy of the island country cannot always be so good. In fact, it is true.

At 8:30 p.m. on February 3, a submarine of the German Navy spotted the main fleet of the island nation's navy two hundred and sixty kilometers northwest of Ponapei Island.

After the island nation's fleet left, the submarine surfaced and sent a telegram.

The telegram was sent to Admiral Konrad Abbrecht immediately.

"Very well, the islanders are here! Our main fleet, how far are they from here?" Admiral Conrad Abbrecht asked.

Now that the island nation's navy has been found, the next step is to fight. As long as the island nation's navy can be defeated in combat, the crisis on Pohnpei Island can be resolved.

Although, most of the capital ships of the Japanese navy are cutting-edge capital ships with advanced performance. The capital ships of the German Navy are almost all old ships. However, Admiral Konrad Abbrecht is still full of confidence in the main fleet of the German Navy. He believes that even in a head-on confrontation, the main fleet of the German Navy will not be defeated. What's more, it is still fighting at night, and the main fleet of the German Navy should have a greater advantage.

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"General, the fleet led by General Theodor Burchardi is only more than 100 kilometers away from the island fleet. If we set off to intercept it now, it is expected to encounter it in two hours. In addition, Otto Schnee of the Indian Ocean Fleet The fleet led by General Winter is a little farther away, more than two hundred kilometers away." Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz replied.

If the traces of the island nation's fleet can be found now, the German Navy can dispatch the main fleet to intercept it. In this case, there is no need to evacuate the fighter planes deployed on Pohnpei Island. Even after dawn, they were able to dispatch fighter planes to attack the combined fleet of the island nation's navies. If all goes well, the German navy can take this opportunity to defeat the combined fleet of the island nation's navy in one fell swoop and win this naval battle.

Admiral Konrad Abbrecht nodded, and the traces of the island navy were exposed, which made his worries dissipate a lot. The initiative of the naval battle seems to have returned to the hands of the German navy. They can calmly make arrangements to defeat the island navy in one fell swoop and win the naval battle.

"Send a telegram to General Theodor Burchardy, asking him to lead the fleet to intercept the German Navy. Also send a telegram to the Indian Ocean Fleet, asking General Otto Schneewendt to lead the fleet to rush for reinforcements. Only our eight I'm afraid it won't be able to completely defeat the main fleet of the island nation's navy." Admiral Konrad Abbrecht ordered.

"Yes, General." Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz nodded. If the main fleets of the two fleets converge, there will be a total of 15 battleships. It won't be a big problem to defeat the main fleet of the island nation's navy. After all, with the assistance of the gun-sighting radar, the capital ships of the German Navy will take advantage of it when fighting at night.

"In addition, continue to search for traces of the aircraft carrier of the island navy. As I remember, the island navy still has four powerful battlecruisers, right? They may be staying with their aircraft carrier. Find them, and dispatch shore-based aircraft or The carrier-based aircraft launched an attack and eliminated them in one fell swoop. In this case, we will win completely." Admiral Konrad Abbrecht said.

Defeating the main fleet of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy is only the first step. The real threats are those aircraft carriers. Only by destroying those aircraft carriers can the German Navy win the battle.

"Yes, General, I'll arrange it now!" Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz replied.

After receiving the order from Admiral Konrad Abbrecht, the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet immediately began to act. The main fleet of the Pacific Fleet, which was closer to the main

fleet of the island nation's combined fleet, rushed to intercept it first. Although the main fleet of the Pacific Fleet has only eight capital ships, they are confident in fighting the main fleet of the United Fleet. No matter how bad it is, they can be held back until the main fleet of the Indian Ocean Fleet arrives. At that time, their chances of winning will be even greater.

On the battleship König of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet, Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardir was very excited, perhaps because he drank two cups of espresso in succession, he is not sleepy at all now.

Although, the adjutant reminded him that the battle might break out in two hours, and it would be a battle that lasted for several hours. He could take a rest first to refresh himself.

However, under such circumstances, how can Lieutenant General Theodore Burchard sleep? This is a large-scale duel of battleships! After the rise of aircraft carriers, replacing battleships as the absolute main force of the navy, such battleship duels became very rare. Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy is naturally overjoyed to have such an opportunity now.

Lieutenant Admiral Theodore Burchadi is a believer in giant ship cannons. Although it has long been proved that the capital ship is replaced by an aircraft carrier, no one can change the fact. However, he still loves this huge and mighty battleship very much. The main gun of the capital ship fired, and the shocking feeling of destroying the world made him even more obsessed with it.

"General, Your Excellency Commander, let us hold the islanders first, and wait until the capital ship of the Indian Ocean Fleet arrives, and then join hands to deal with them." Rear Admiral Felix, chief of staff of the battleship formation, said.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi shook his head: "No, my chief of staff. I want to try how much damage we can do to the islanders with our eight capital ships. They don't look down on us Are these old capital ships? Then let them see that these old ships that made great achievements in the last world war still have strong combat power in this battle!"

Germany stopped building capital ships and turned to fully develop aircraft carriers. This made other countries that continued to build capital ships continue to ridicule the German navy for relying on the old capital ships that had been in service for more than 20 years. This also made the generals of the German Navy feel suffocated all the time. In the current war, it is undoubtedly the best way to vent your anger.

"But, General, is this a little risky?" Major General Felix asked. After all, the German Navy wanted to ensure victory in this battle.

"Don't worry, there will be no problem. Didn't we conduct many exercises before? If it was during the day, we might be a little more dangerous. But at night, it's different!" Theodor Bull Lieutenant General Xia Di had a confident smile on his face.

Fighting during the day will not affect the line of sight. Even if the hit rate of the battleships of the island navy is not as good as that of the German navy, it will not be too low. But at night it's different. The capital ships of the German Navy can use radar to guide bombardment, keeping the hit rate at a high level. But the battleship shooting of the Japanese navy can only rely on experience and luck. In this comparison, it is natural that the German Navy will take advantage.

Major General Felix thought about it, and this is indeed the truth, so he no longer refused.

Time passed bit by bit, and the distance between the main fleet of the island navy and the battleship formation of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet was getting closer. The capital ship formation of the Japanese Navy did not know that the enemy had arrived. The battleship formation of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet is already ready for battle.

Just after 10 pm, the two fleets encountered. The first large-scale battle of battleships in this world war kicked off.