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## Chapter 1251

On the battleship 'King', Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy and Major General Felix were fully focused. They all know that the next battle is very important, and there cannot be any mistakes. Otherwise, the consequences will be very serious.

"Report, the radar found that the island nation's fleet is located 40 kilometers to the northwest, and there are twelve large targets, which are determined to be the opponent's capital ship!" The radar officer reported.

"Very well, we finally intercepted them. Now they haven't found us, right?" Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi asked.

"Should not, the formation of the enemy ships has not changed." The officer reported.

"Order all ships and prepare for battle. First concentrate firepower and eliminate the enemy ship at the front!" Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard ordered.

"Yes, General!"

After the order was issued, the five "King-class" battleships and three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet formed a battle line, aiming at the combined fleet of the island navy with broadside firepower. capital fleet.

The artillery sighting radar is distributing data to each turret. Under the command of the gunner commander, each main turret is rotating, aiming at the enemy tens of kilometers away. Of course, the distance is still relatively far away, almost beyond the range of the main guns of these battleships of the German Navy. It is best to zoom in to within 30 kilometers before firing. In this case, the probability of hitting will be higher.

Even so, it was almost an attack beyond the line of sight. This is almost unimaginable for these battleships.

The battleship 'Ki' became the flagship of the main fleet of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy. After all, the "Ki-class" battleship was originally the most powerful capital ship currently serving in the navy of the island country. Unless the 'Yamato-class' battleship is in service, no one can take this title away.

On the battleship 'Ki', Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo has not rested yet. Although, counting the time, it will be a few hours before they arrive at Pohnpei Island to launch an attack. However, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo didn't feel sleepy at all at the moment. This time the battle plan was perfected according to his thinking, which made him bear a lot of pressure in this battle. If successful, his promotion to admiral would be almost without any problem. However, if he fails, he may have to pay the price for it. If it doesn't work out, he will have to make a heart-broken apology.

Being able to become a lieutenant general of the Japanese Navy, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo naturally wants to climb to a higher position, and he doesn't want to die like this.

"I hope God Amaterasu will bless you, this time the plan must be successful." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo secretly prayed. For him, this time is also considered to bet his future and life. If he can succeed, he will take off again. If he fails, he will die.

"Damn, why do I always have a bad feeling?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo frowned. It was as if a catastrophe was imminent. This feeling made Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo very worried.

"Could there be a problem with the plan this time? It shouldn't be! It's dark now, and it's impossible for the Germans to send planes to attack us. At most, it's just a duel with their battleship. Could it be, our Aren't these cutting-edge battleships the opponents of the old battleships of the Germans? How is that possible?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo secretly analyzed.

In his view, as long as they persist until dark, and the German Navy's planes cannot take off, then in this battle, they will win most of the battle. Although the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers went to carry out the mission of attacking the German Navy's aircraft carrier, he still believed that with 12 battleships, it was enough to confront the 15 capital ships of the German Navy.

"Could it be other threats? Such as German submarines?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo thought. Except for the capital ships of the German Navy, the only thing that can pose a threat to them seems to be submarines. After all, even these capital ships of the Japanese navy have rough skin and thick flesh. But once hit by a heavy torpedo from a submarine, it is still possible to penetrate the defense.

However, now that the fleet is sailing at a speed of up to 20 knots, even if they encounter submarines of the German Navy, those submarines will not have a chance to attack. After all, the speed of submarines in this era is too slow to chase the fleet at all.

"Command the fleet, prepare for anti-submarine!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered. Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo gave the order despite thinking that the possibility was low. In this case, maybe it can make him feel better.

"Boom!"

Suddenly, there were bursts of muffled thunder in the sky, which made Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo frown even more.

"What's going on? Is it going to rain? Didn't the meteorologists say that there will be no rain?" When Yoshida Zengo looked up at the sky, it was clear that the moon and stars were sparse, and it seemed that it was going to rain of.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

On the sea in the distance, there was a violent explosion. A stream of water jets rose into the sky. A capital ship of the navy of an island nation was almost shrouded in the water column.

"What? How did this happen? We were attacked by a German battleship?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo was stunned, almost unable to believe such a fact.

The entire main fleet of the United Fleet was also shocked.

"It's the 'Nagato', the 'Nagato' was attacked by the Germans!" Fukushima shouted.

"Damn, where are the Germans? Why didn't they find anything?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Yoshigo cursed. The sudden attack by the battleship of the German Navy made him feel more and more bad.

"General, our sea search radar did not find the target. This means that the German fleet is at least 25 kilometers away from us!" Fukushige reported.

Due to technical reasons, the performance of the island navy's sea search radar is far behind that of the German navy. It can only detect places as far as 25 kilometers away, let alone guide the main gun.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo's face suddenly became very ugly. He knew that this duel started in a way that was beyond their expectations. At the same time, the possibility of their victory is not as high as they expected before.

"Command the fleet, prepare for battle!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered. In any case, the battle has already begun, and they can only do their best to win this naval battle.

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The "Nagato" battleship is the first powerful battleship built by the Japanese navy after the last World War with a main gun with a caliber of up to 410 mm. When it was completed, the displacement was as high as 33,000 tons. However, three years ago, this battleship underwent a large-scale modification, not only adding a large number of anti-aircraft weapons, but also further thickening the armor, causing the displacement to soar to more than 43,000 tons.

The powerful defense combined with the powerful main gun made the battleship 'Nagato' a first-class capital ship in the world.

However, the captain of the battleship 'Nagato', Colonel Tokunaga, is about to go crazy.

Cannonballs are falling around the battleship 'Nagato', and the jet of water splashed from the sea almost drenches the entire battleship. Although they have been modified and their defense has been greatly enhanced, if they are hit by these large-caliber main gun shells, they will still be severely damaged or even sunk. What's worse, the enemy launched an attack, but they didn't even know where the enemy was. This feeling was about to drive him crazy.

"Baga! Where did the Germans hide? Where are they?" Dazuo Tokunaga cursed.

This is also to blame for the bad luck of Dazuo Tokunaga, who made their position at the forefront of the entire fleet, which made them the first attack target of the battleship formation of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet. Five "King-class" battleships and three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers are all focusing their fire on it. In each round of salvo, as many as 72 armor-piercing projectiles weighing one ton were dropped. This kind of firepower is undoubtedly very fierce.

"Master Tokunaga, calm down. The German battleship is very far away from them, and it is not so easy for them to hit us!" Lieutenant General Koga Mineichi, commander of the 3rd Battleship Team of the United Fleet, learned After the status of Lieutenant General Tokunaga, he deliberately used a radio call to remind him. As one of the four battleships of the 3rd Main Fleet, Lieutenant General Koga Mine didn't want the combat power of the battleship 'Nagato' to be damaged so quickly.

"Hi, General!" Colonel Tokunagai quickly replied. At the same time, he gradually calmed down.

"Sir, the flagship ordered us to form a battle line and prepare for battle!" said the staff officer.

"Follow the flagship's order!" Colonel Tokunagai ordered. At the same time, he also breathed a sigh of relief. After forming the battle line, the battleship 'Nagato' should not be at the forefront. In this way, they may not be besieged by the Germans again. After all, in the main fleet, there are several battleships that are stronger than the battleship 'Nagato'.

"Hi, sir!"

Under the surprise attack of the German navy, the main fleet of the island navy was shocked. But then the main fleet of the United Fleet, which calmed down, immediately began to prepare for the battle.

Under the command of Vice Admiral Yoshida Zengo, 12 capital ships will form a battle line. The four battleships of the 3rd Battleship Squadron were in front of the line of battle, the four battleships of the 1st Battleship Squadron were in the middle, and the four battleships of the 4th Battleship Squadron were in the rear.

Although Lieutenant Admiral Koga Mineichi, the commander of the 3rd Battleship Squadron, had some complaints about this, he did not show it on the battlefield. After all, this is an urgent battle. If he dares to disobey the order, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo will definitely not let him go. It might even be possible to use him as a scapegoat. Therefore, even if you are dissatisfied, you can only endure it temporarily.

The battleship 'Nagato' began to turn, trying to join other capital ships and join the battle line. Their position should be the third in the battle line.

However, it is a pity that the battleship "Nagato" seemed to have bad luck. It not only became the first attack target of the battleship formation of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet, but also became the first target to be hit.

A 380mm shell hit the side of the battleship Nagato hard. The 305mm side armor was easily torn apart, leaving a big hole. A 140mm secondary gun was also destroyed, causing a raging fire.

When the battleship 'Nagato' was being refitted, although its defenses were strengthened. However, the waterline armor and side armor have not been thickened, and are still 305mm. The deck armor and turret armor were thickened to be able to deal with attacks from enemy aircraft.

"Quickly put out the fire!" Colonel Tokunagai shouted loudly.

If the fires cannot be extinguished, this makes them the best targets under the night sky. However, at this moment, the capital ship of the German Navy is still 28 kilometers away, almost out of sight, and the soaring flames cannot be seen.

The radar waves emitted by the artillery sighting radar continuously scan the battleship 'Nagato', and then transmit the data to each main turret, so that these main turrets can be readjusted after each shot to ensure that the impact point is far from 'Nagato' The battleship HMS was getting closer and finally hit the target.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo couldn't help feeling tense after witnessing the battleship 'Nagato' being hit.

"Damn it, why are those old warships of the Germans so powerful? Even the 'Ki-class' battleships are absolutely impossible to hit the target at such a distance. Those old battleships that have been in service for more than 20 years, but has such an ability, it is really unbelievable!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo was completely shocked. This result was completely beyond his expectation. Originally, he thought that even in a confrontation with the main fleet of the German Navy, they could easily win. However, the current facts gave him a slap in the face.

"Boom!"

A violent explosion erupted on the battleship 'Nagato', and the flames almost enveloped the entire bow of the ship. A 380mm artillery shell penetrated the bow armor of the battleship "Nagato", exploded inside the battleship, and caused a fire at the same time.

In the following, shells hit the battleship 'Nagato' almost every minute.

Although these attacks were not fatal, they made the battleship 'Nagato' very embarrassed, and the entire superstructure even burned, as if it were a huge torch under the night sky. Many sailors on the battleship had already been killed during the battle. Almost everyone believed that if this continued, the battleship 'Nagato' would be sunk soon.

The old warships of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet showed unbelievably powerful combat power at the beginning of this duel.

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"General, the distance is too far, and the hit rate cannot be guaranteed. We assembled eight battleships for concentrated fire. Although we hit the target many times, we still couldn't sink it!" On the battleship 'King', Philippine Major General Lex said.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard nodded. From the initial shooting distance of 30 kilometers, it has now been shortened to 26 kilometers. Although the hit rate has improved a lot, it is still frighteningly low. Of course, this is much better than purely without artillery radar. The capital ship of the Japanese navy does not have a gun-sighting radar, and now it can only be beaten passively, with no power to fight back.

"At least it proves that our artillery radar performance is still very good. In this respect, we once again lead the world. It is impossible for a small country like an island country to compare with us!" Theodor? Lieutenant General Burchard said.

"However, if we want to sink all the capital ships of the island nation's navy, we don't know how long it will take. Maybe all the shells will be fired, and they will not be able to sink them all." Theodor Bull Lieutenant General Xia Di frowned.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we may be able to shorten the distance further. Even if the distance is shortened to 20 kilometers or even closer, it will be difficult for the capital ships of the islanders to hit us. After all, fighting in the night environment, The navy of the island country does not have a gun sight radar, and their hit rate will be frighteningly low!" Rear Admiral Felix said.

"Well, let's do this! Further reduce the distance to improve the hit rate!" Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard ordered.

The battleship formation of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet intentionally shortened the distance. It was not until the distance of 25 kilometers that the sea search radar of the navy of the island country discovered these battleships.

"General, the Germans have been found, a total of eight capital ships!" Fukurushige reported to Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo.

"Eight capital ships? It seems that these are the capital ships of the German Pacific Fleet. The capital ships of their Indian Ocean Fleet may be on their way. We must seize the opportunity and destroy them as soon as possible. Otherwise, there will be many accidents in this naval battle!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

The performance of the capital ship of the German Navy was beyond their expectations. This greatly affected Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo's confidence. The German Navy has only eight capital ships and they are under great threat. If the other seven capital ships also arrive, wouldn't they be completely at a disadvantage? In that case, the consequences may be even more serious.

Colonel Fukushige also nodded again and again. The battleship of the German Navy was able to spot them at a super long distance, and then opened fire. Although the hit rate is very low, it is already very good. For the navy of the island country, this has shocked them very much.

"Boom! Boom!"

The 380mm artillery shells continuously hit the battleship Nagato, making this huge battleship more injured. Although, these injuries were not fatal. However, the combat effectiveness of the battleship 'Nagato' continued to decline. After all, in addition to the four 410mm main guns with 45 times the caliber, those sighting equipment are also very important. Once those devices are damaged, it is almost impossible to hit long-range targets. In that case, even if there is powerful firepower in the air, it will be useless if it cannot hit the target.

The battleship 'Nagato' finally entered the line of battle. Although the superstructure was severely damaged, it managed to hold on and escaped the catastrophe. This also made the officers and soldiers, including Colonel Tokunaga Ei, a bit relieved. tone.

It's just that, unfortunately, the German navy seems to have been staring at them. Even after hiding in the battle line, the eight capital ships of the German Navy have been tilting shells towards it.

As the distance got closer, the watchman on the mast could faintly see it with a telescope. After all, the soaring flames can be seen from a long distance under the night sky.

"How far are we from the Germans?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo asked.

"General, we are currently at least 22 kilometers apart!" Mr. Fukushige reported.

"Order the ships to fire! Target the first battleship on the enemy's battle line!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered.

Although, this distance is within the range of the capital ships of the Japanese navy. However, it is very difficult to hit a target at such a long distance even during the day. Not to mention it's still night. It can be said that firing now is simply a waste of shells.

But Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo has no choice. If he keeps not firing and passively faces the battle, the morale of the troops will only continue to decline. Even if it can't hit the warship of the German Navy, as long as it can cause a little interference to it, it will be very useful.

Perhaps, the crisis of the battleship Nagato can be alleviated. It is hard to say how long this battleship, which was under fire from eight battleships of the German Navy, can last.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Under the order of Lieutenant Admiral Yoshida Zengo, 12 battleships of the island navy also started firing.

Orange flames gleamed at the muzzle, and the shells roared and smashed towards the German fleet in the distance. But, unfortunately, at a distance of more than 20 kilometers, it is undoubtedly very difficult to hit the target. The impact points of these capital ships of the island navy are very far away, and the threat posed to those capital ships of the German Navy is almost negligible.

The German fleet simply ignored the bombardment of the island navy. They still concentrated their firepower on the battleship Nagato, trying to sink the battleship that had already suffered a lot of trauma. As the saying goes, it is better to cut off one finger than to hurt his ten fingers. Solving the battleship "Nagato" will undoubtedly be a major blow to the Japanese navy.

"Damn it! Damn the Germans, why have they been staring at us all the time? Could it be that they really thought they could sink us at such a long distance?" Dazuo Tokunaga's face was as black as the bottom of a pot.

He never thought that the battleship he commanded would become the primary target of the German Navy in this battle. And, will be hit so many times. Although, all he suffered now were minor injuries. However, the accumulation of these small injuries has already had a considerable impact on the battleship Nagato.

For example, the sighting equipment has been destroyed. The firing of the battleship "Nagato" is really a waste of shells. Apart from emboldening the officers and soldiers on the battleship, it has no other role.

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"General, the islanders are completely wasting shells by doing this!" Major General Felix had a smile on his face.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardir was also very happy. The islanders began to waste shells, which undoubtedly indicated that they were impatient. This is undoubtedly good news for the German fleet.

"Continue to close the distance, and after reducing the distance to 20 kilometers, keep this distance! If there is no other need, keep this distance until all these ships of the islanders are sunk!" Theodore Lieutenant General Burshadi ordered.

"Yes, General." Major General Felix nodded.

At a distance of twenty kilometers, the hit rate of the German fleet is not high. But at least it can guarantee that it can hit the warships of the island navy. But if the island nation's fleet wants to hit the German fleet at this distance, it is almost impossible, unless it is full of luck.

This is undoubtedly very beneficial to the German fleet. They can continuously hit the warships of the island nation's fleet while ensuring their own safety. Although the hit rate is a little lower, it can also sink the island nation's fleet as it decommissions over time.

"Boom!"

A 380mm shell hit the battleship Nagato again. The shell hit the armor near the waterline. The 305 mm thick armor could not resist the 380 mm shell and was easily pierced.

The weakness of the waterline armor has become the fatal wound of the "Nagato-class" battleship. Of course, the island navy is not unaware of this. But they have no way to increase the defense any more. After the displacement increased from more than 33,000 tons to more than 43,000 tons, the speed of the "Nagato-class" battleship also dropped from 26.5 knots to 24.3 knots. If the defense of the waterline armor is to be further increased, the displacement may be further increased. At that time, the speed of the battleship will inevitably drop further. In this case, it is not conducive to warships going to sea to fight. After all, if the speed is too slow, it is impossible to keep up with the aircraft carrier.

It is precisely because of this reason that the "Nagato-class" battleship is very dangerous in this battle. Perhaps the island nation's fleet did not expect such a tragic battle between battleships. Their powerful main guns are unable to destroy the enemy at all, but make themselves constantly attacked.

"Your Excellency, the waterline on the port side has been penetrated, and a large hole with a diameter of more than one meter has appeared!" An officer reported in horror.

"Baga! Plug the loophole!" Commander Tokunagai ordered with a dark face.

After the battleship 'Nagato' was refitted, its displacement increased significantly, which also caused a large drop in reserve buoyancy. If too much water entered, it was very likely that the battleship would capsize. This made Colonel Tokunagae very worried.

Damage control personnel are desperately trying to plug the leak, but it is very difficult. It was hard to block the hole with a steel plate, but the next second, the battleship 'Nagato' was hit again. The violent vibration caused the steel plate to fall off, and sea water poured into the hull again.

When the fierce battle went on to the 28th minute, the battleship 'Nagato' finally came to the end of its life. At this time, this huge battleship has been hit as many as 16 times. Except for two hits to the waterline armor, the rest of the injuries were not fatal. However, due to too many injuries, the battleship was unable to return to the sky and capsized on the sea.

"General, the Nagato has capsized!" Colonel Fukushige reported in horror. Before he became the Chief of Staff of the 1st Battleship Squadron, he also served as the captain of the battleship Nagato. But he did not expect that the battleship 'Nagato' would be sunk so quickly. At the same time, this also made Colonel Fukushige feel a little grateful that he is not the captain at the moment. Otherwise, he might be the one who sank into the icy sea with the battleship.



Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo's face was gloomy, even though he knew that losses would inevitably occur in war. However, what he never expected was that their losses would come so quickly. Also, those old warships of the German Navy were able to sink their capital ships. Originally, he thought that even if there was a loss, it should have been besieged and sunk by German Navy fighter planes.

"Damn the Germans, their old warships are so powerful!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo couldn't help cursing.

The victory that was originally thought to be within easy reach now seemed so far away from them, which made Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo very uneasy, as if their plan would really fail this time.

"General, although the warships of the Germans have been in service for a long time, they should have been modernized. Especially in terms of radar and distance measuring equipment, the Germans are already ahead of the world. Therefore, they can hit the target at such a long distance." Colonel Furushige guessed.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo agrees with Colonel Fukudome Shigeru's conjecture, but what's the use of thinking about it now? It's too late!

"Order the ships to start speeding up, and find a way to get closer! If this continues, we will be gradually consumed by them!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered.

"But general, the maximum speed of the Fuso-class battleship is only 22.5 knots. If they speed up any more, they may not be able to keep up!" Colonel Fukushige reminded.

"Then let the 'Fuso' and 'Yamashiro' stay, and the other warships quickly launch a pursuit! The German warships have been in service for more than 20 years. Even if the power system has been improved, the speed is definitely not much faster. Go! As long as we can further shorten the combat distance with them, the final victory will definitely be ours!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered.

The capital ship of the German fleet does not have much advantage in terms of speed. Even if it has been modified, the hull deconstruction is too old, and the potential for modification is very limited. Coupled with the installation of a large number of electronic equipment, the displacement has been increased to a certain extent, which has affected the speed of the ship. If these new warships of the Japanese navy are determined to get closer, they cannot stop them.

"Hi, General!" Colonel Fukushige immediately issued the order.

The island nation's fleet began to accelerate further, and the slowest battleships "Fuso" and "Yamashiro" were left behind, and they could only catch up from a distance. The remaining nine battleships pursued further frantically, trying to increase the hit rate by shortening the combat distance, thus reversing the situation.

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"General, the island nation's navy has begun to speed up! Radar shows that their battle lines have split. The last two battleships have separated from the front nine battleships." Major General Felix reported.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard nodded: "It seems that we have dealt with one of their battleships and pushed them into a hurry. In order to improve the hit rate and hit them, they did not hesitate to accelerate crazily."

"General, what should we do then?" A trace of worry flashed across Major General Felix's face.

Although they sank a battleship of the island navy, the island fleet still has 11 battleships. And they only have eight ships. Even if two capital ships of the island nation's fleet were abandoned due to speed, it would be nine to eight, and they did not have any advantage.

These eight capital ships of the German Navy do not take advantage of their speed. The 'King-class' battleship is, after all, an old ship from the last world war. At that time, the general speed of capital ships of various countries was only about 20 knots. Therefore, the speed of the "King-class" battleship at that time was 23 knots, which was considered very fast. But now, the speed of capital ships of various countries has moved closer to 30 knots. In comparison, the 'King-class' battleship is very slow. Even after modernization and enhancement of the power system, the current maximum speed of the "King-class" battleship can only be maintained at 25 knots. This speed is slower than other battleships except for a little faster than the "Fuso-class" battleships of the Japanese navy.

The maximum speed of the "Ise-class" battleships of the Japanese Navy is as high as 25 knots, the maximum speed of the "Nagato-class" battleships is also as high as 24.3 knots, and the maximum speed of the "Kaga-class" battleships is as high as 26.5 knots. The maximum speed soared to a terrifying 29.75 knots. It can be said that in front of these new battleships, the 'King-class' battleships are as slow as snails.

The three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers can maintain a maximum speed of 27.5 knots. But in front of the "Ki-class" battleships, they still can't take any advantage.

"How long will it take for the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet to arrive?" Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi asked.

It is undoubtedly impossible to eat these battleships of the combined fleet of the island nation's navies solely by relying on the battleship formation of the Pacific Fleet. It is necessary to join the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet, so that they can have an overwhelming advantage. Even if they fight head-on with the main fleet of the United Fleet, they are sure of winning, and at most they will lose a little more. But as long as he can win, no matter how big the loss is, it will undoubtedly be worth it.

"General, the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet is on its way. However, the distance is relatively far away. It will take at least four to five hours to arrive at the battlefield." Major General Felix said.

Obviously, it is impossible to count on the rescue of the Indian Ocean Fleet in a short time.

However, Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi did not give up.

"If we turn now and go in the same direction as the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet. Then, we will be able to meet in two and a half hours." Lieutenant General Theodor Burshadi said.

"Yes, General." Major General Felix nodded.

"Well, the fleet is starting to turn gradually. In order to chase us, the fleets of the island nations will definitely follow suit. In this way, we can quickly join the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet.

At that time, we can gather all our strength to beat them Meal!" Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard ordered.

"Yes, General."

Facing the high-speed approach of the island nation's fleet, the German fleet also began to turn while increasing its speed in order to increase the distance.

After Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo discovered this situation, he immediately ordered the fleet to follow suit. It was hard to catch the German fleet, and they had already lost a capital ship. How could it be possible for the German fleet to escape? In that case, isn't their loss in vain?

"Damn the Germans, they know they are scared now and want to escape, there is no way! This time, we must sink them all!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo had a smile on his face, he seemed to feel that he Once had the advantage.

"General, the speed of the battleship 'Mutsu' is too slow, which dragged down our speed. If the battleship 'Mutsu', even the battleship 'Ise' and the battleship 'Hyuga' can be temporarily dropped, we The speed can be increased to more than 25 knots. In this way, we will be able to catch up with the Germans in a shorter time." Said Colonel Fukushige.

However, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo did not adopt this suggestion. Because, if there are three more battleships left, then they will only have 6 battleships left. The Germans had eight battleships. The current Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo does not dare to underestimate these old warships of the Germans. Therefore, even with six cutting-edge battleships against the eight old battleships of the Germans, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo is not sure of victory. Therefore, he didn't want to take any risks.

"Unless it is absolutely necessary, we can't take such a risk. The combat effectiveness of these old warships of the Germans exceeded our expectations. If we rush to catch up, I am afraid that we will suffer a lot of losses." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

"Hi, the general is wise!" Colonel Fukuro Shige complimented quickly.

The German fleet gradually turned, from sailing north before to sailing east. The island fleet pursued closely, unwilling to give up this opportunity to destroy the German fleet. At the same time, the seven capital ships of the German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet are also speeding up to the battlefield.

Being able to sink a battleship of the island navy during the first encounter, although not sure which one it was, this has already made the German fleet very satisfied. At least, this proves that their modification of those old battleships is very effective and very successful. These old battleships, in this war, will once again erupt with strong combat effectiveness and contribute their strength to the German Navy's victory in the war. In this case, the German Navy's chances of winning in this war are undoubtedly much greater.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

On the sea, the two sides are still exchanging fire. However, the hit rate is very low. In the case of a warship sailing at high speed, even with the assistance of the artillery sighting radar, the hit rate cannot be high. As for the island fleet, because the distance is too far, the hit rate is even zero.

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"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The roaring sound of the main guns spread far under the night sky, and the orange flames could even illuminate the entire battleship. However, the battleship soon disappeared under the night sky again.

Heavy shells roared and smashed towards the distant enemy. The shells smashed into the sea, splashing a column of water that soared into the sky.

The German fleet and the island nation's fleet are fighting crazily. Both sides come and go, constantly throwing shells at each other. It's just that most of these shells hit the sea, and there was nothing to gain.

"Modify the bombardment parameters!" The gunner of the battleship 'King' ordered.

Three 380mm main guns with 50 times the caliber stopped firing. According to the data obtained from the gun sight radar, after slightly modifying the shooting parameters, they continued to fire.

"Boom!"

A 380mm artillery shell successfully hit the battleship 'Kaga'. Although it failed to cause serious damage to it, it successfully ignited it. The raging flames spread on the battleship 'Kaga', turning the battleship 'Kaga' into a flaming torch, which can be clearly seen even if it is more than 20 kilometers away.

The eight battleships of the German Navy assembled all their firepower to open fire on the battleship 'Kaga'. Even if the hit rate is very low, it can still hit the 'Kaga' continuously. After sinking the battleship "Nagato", the battleship "Kaga" at the forefront of the battle line became the primary target of the German fleet.

It's just that, although it has hit the 'Kaga' many times, it has also caused some damage to it. But there is undoubtedly a very long way to go before sinking this battleship.

"Although our 380mm main gun is not weak, it is still very difficult to sink the huge capital ship of the island navy! If we can replace it with a more powerful 410mm main gun, maybe we have killed two. There are three battleships of the navy of the island country." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy sighed.

Germany's artillery technology is already very powerful. If we increase investment, not to mention the 410mm main gun, I am afraid that even the 460mm main gun has been developed and equipped on battleships. But it is a pity that since the last world war, Germany has made a decision not to build capital ships, and has made every effort to develop aircraft carriers, which makes the navy only able to use those old warships for refitting. Although, the effect of the modification is very good, and it can suppress the cutting-edge battleships of other countries. However, the performance is still not enough.

"General, there is no way around it. It is too difficult to rely on battleships to sink the enemy's battleships. If it is daytime and the carrier-based planes of the aircraft carrier launch an attack, it will be relatively much easier." Felix Major General Si said.

Lieutenant Admiral Theodor Burchardi nodded: "Order the ships, concentrate their firepower, and eliminate the target as soon as possible! Only in that way can we confront the islanders."

After the island fleet temporarily abandoned the two slower Fuso-class battleships, only nine battleships came up to pursue them. If one can be sunk, it will be eight to eight. In this case, even if the island nation's fleet further shortens the distance, it will not be a cause for concern.

"Yes, General!" Major General Felix nodded, he knew what Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi meant.

It's just that the battleship "Kaga" of the island navy has really good performance. At a distance of more than 20 kilometers, it is undoubtedly very difficult to sink it. Now the German fleet has temporarily suppressed the island nation's fleet by virtue of the technical advantages brought by the gun-sighting radar. But if you want to sink it, it will undoubtedly take a lot of time.

Compared with the German fleet, the island fleet is undoubtedly much more aggrieved. From the beginning of the battle to now, they have wasted a lot of shells, but achieved very few hits. Although the battleship "King" of the German Navy was built before the last World War. But the defense is still very strong, even if it was hit by a 410mm shell, it did not cause much damage. Judging from this, it is not known how long it will take to sink a warship of the German Navy.

"How far are we from the Germans now?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo asked.

"General, there are still 22 kilometers left. After the Germans turned around, we chased up again, which wasted a lot of time." Said Colonel Fukushige.

At this moment, the island nation's fleet only has an advantage of 1 knot in speed. It will undoubtedly take a long time to rely on such a small advantage to shorten the engagement distance to more than ten kilometers.

"How is the situation of the 'Kaga'? Can it continue?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo asked.

Battle so far, the battleship 'Kaga' has been hit many times. Although those injuries do not seem to be fatal, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo is also worried that the battleship "Kaga" will follow in the footsteps of the battleship "Nagato". In that case, their strength will be further weakened. This will undoubtedly be even more unfavorable for the next battle.

"General, the situation of the 'Kaga' is already quite bad. Although, it was not fatally injured. But the Germans were able to score almost one hit in a few salvos. If this continues, the 'Kaga' The Battleship No. 1 may not be able to hold on for long." Said Colonel Shigeru Fukudou worriedly.

There is no doubt that the entire island nation fleet is now being suppressed.

Lieutenant Admiral Yoshida Zengo hesitated a little. He knew that another capital ship force of the German Navy must be on the way. If they don't seize the time to severely damage the main fleet of the Pacific Fleet, they will have no chance of winning when the main fleet of the Indian Ocean Fleet arrives.

"If we want to intercept the Germans, is there any way?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo asked.

"General, at present, there are only two ways. One is to accelerate again. But in that case, I am afraid that only the 'Ki-class' battleships and the 'Kaga-class' battleships can reach this speed. Even, if you want

to If the speed is increased to 29 knots, only four "Ki-class" battleships can do it. But the advantage is that it only takes one hour, and we can shorten the engagement distance to a distance of more than ten kilometers. However, This will also make our four 'Ki-class' battleships encounter the siege of eight German capital ships." Fukushima said.

Such a method is undoubtedly a bit risky, which is why Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo did not choose this method before.

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Although the "Ki-class" battleship is considered to be the best-performing battleship currently in service with the Japanese navy, it is essentially a fast battleship. In other words, the entire design idea still follows the previous design concept of emphasizing firepower and speed and despising defense.

This makes the firepower of the "Ki-class" battleship very powerful, and the speed soars to an astonishing 29.75 knots. But the armor defense is not high. If four "Ki-class" battleships are used to attack at high speed and intercept the German fleet, although the German fleet can be intercepted. However, there is no doubt that it will be besieged by the eight capital ships of the German fleet. With the defensive power of the "Ki-class" battleship, it is very difficult to say whether it can persist, or it will be severely damaged or even sunk.

The original design intention of the "Ki-class" battleship is to accompany the aircraft carrier in combat. A battleship that is too slow cannot follow an aircraft carrier to fight at all. That's why the "Ki-class" battleship will abandon defense and pursue speed and firepower. However, such a design concept makes it impossible to take advantage of any advantage in the duel of battleships, and it is even at a disadvantage.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo simply did not dare to take these "Kii-class" battleships to take risks. Once there is another loss, he doesn't know how to win this naval battle. Once the naval battle fails, he will definitely not end well. Waiting for him, I'm afraid there is only one way to apologize by harakiri.

"Another way?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo asked.

"General, as another way, we can only organize destroyers to launch lightning strikes. Relying on lightning strikes to force the German fleet to turn around, or even disband the formation. However, the German fleet also has many small and medium-sized warships for protection, and now it is sailing at high speed. , It is very difficult for a lightning strike to hit the target." Said Colonel Fukushima.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo nodded, although the night environment is more suitable for launching lightning strikes. However, when the enemy's battleship is under heavy protection, it is undoubtedly very difficult to succeed.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo has not yet made a decision on whether to take risks. After all, once you choose to take risks, it's okay if you succeed. But if it fails, the consequences will be very serious.

This naval battle is related to the national destiny of the island country. This makes Yoshida Shingo must try his best to ensure victory when making a choice. He is certainly not afraid of death, but if the

island country loses the war, or even perishes, then he will become a sinner for the entire country and nation of the island country.

"What should we do? The current situation is very unfavorable to us. If this continues, we will not be able to win this war." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo was expressionless, but he was already very anxious up.

"I still underestimated these old warships of the Germans! Otherwise, we would not have fallen into such a disadvantageous situation." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo is now somewhat regretful. If he had known that these old warships of the German fleet were so difficult to deal with, he would not have proposed such a tactic. However, there is no one who regrets taking medicine in the world. It is useless to say these now.

"Boom!"

A 380mm artillery shell hit the conning tower of the battleship "Kaga". Although, the armor of the conning tower of the battleship "Kaga" is as thick as 356 mm. However, it still failed to withstand the armor-piercing projectile.

After the shell tore through the armor of the conning tower, it exploded inside. The violent explosion killed all the officers, including Captain Nishi Shinzo. For a while, the command of the battleship "Kaga" fell into chaos.

"General, the conning tower of the battleship 'Kaga' was penetrated, and Colonel Onishi Shinzo and others were all killed!" a staff officer reported.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo's face suddenly became even uglier. He knew that the situation of the battleship 'Kaga' was undoubtedly more dangerous. If it's not done well, I'm afraid it won't last long.

"Damn it! Let the Kaga continue!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered.

This passive state of being beaten made him very aggrieved. However, he has no choice.

"Yes, General!" Shigeru Fukudome nodded.

Just two minutes later, the battleship 'Kaga' was hit again.

A 380mm artillery shell hit the midship of the battleship "Kaga". After the shell tore through the armor, it exploded inside. The violent explosion caused problems in the boiler room of the battleship 'Kaga'. High temperature and high pressure steam leaked from several boilers. These high-temperature steam instantly killed the island sailors in the boiler room. The deaths of these sailors were miserable, and they were all steamed.

At the same time, the leakage of high-temperature steam directly caused the loss of power of the battleship, and the speed continued to drop.

At this moment, the commander on the battleship "Kaga" is a chief engineer. After the death of Dazuo who built Daxi Xinzang, his military rank was already the highest on the battleship. Faced with such a situation, he had no choice but to order to contact the flagship and request to withdraw from the battle.

After all, in such a fierce naval battle, the loss of power means that the battleship cannot keep up with the battle line. It may even be besieged by the enemy and easily sunk. Therefore, it is undoubtedly the best choice to withdraw from the battle and return to the country for rest. In addition, the battleship "Kaga" was hit continuously in the previous battles, and now it is covered with injuries. If you continue to fight, there is a high possibility of being sunk.

After Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo learned of the situation of the 'Kaga', his expression became even uglier.

"Send a telegram to the 'Kaga' and let them withdraw from the battle!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered. He has no right to let the battleship "Kaga" continue to fight under such circumstances. In that case, he would let the battleship "Kaga" die.

"Yes, General." Colonel Shigeru Fukudou nodded, and immediately went to give orders.

The battleship 'Kaga' immediately turned and broke away from the battle line. Their speed is getting slower and slower, and it is not easy to escape back to the mainland of the island country.

The German fleet did not pursue the departure of the "Kaga". Instead, send a telegram to the base, asking them to send a submarine to see if they can pick up the leak. The current task of the German fleet is still the island fleet.

After the battleship 'Kaga' left the battlefield, the situation on the battlefield became more and more unfavorable to the island nation's fleet. It is very difficult for them to reverse the situation. Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo knew that it was impossible not to take risks at this time.

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"Order the four 'Ki-class' battleships to sail at maximum speed and intercept the Germans! Let the 'Tosa' keep up with us as much as possible. The rest of the 'Mutsu' and two 'Ise-class' battleships, also increased to the maximum speed, and joined the battle as much as possible. In addition, the two "Fuso-class" battleships that fell behind also rushed to join the battle as soon as possible!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo issued an order.

Under the circumstances that the situation was seriously unfavorable to the fleet of the island nation, Vice Admiral Yoshida Zengo finally made a choice. He has no other way. If he doesn't take risks, he will have to watch his warships being dealt with by the German fleet one after another at a long distance. When the main fleet of the German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet arrived, they were even more dead end. Therefore, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo can only choose to take a risky fight. If he is lucky, winning can severely damage or even defeat the German Navy, reversing the unfavorable situation.

"Yes, General!" Colonel Fukudome replied.

He also knows that the island nation's fleet is now at a critical juncture, and when there is no other option, he can only fight hard. If successful, the situation will be changed accordingly. But if they fail, they may have to retreat immediately. Otherwise, they will pay a higher price for it.

"I hope God Amaterasu can bless us and defeat the Germans in one fell swoop!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo secretly prayed in his heart.



On the other side, the atmosphere on the battleship König, the flagship of the German fleet, was relatively less tense. Although, in the previous battle, the battleship 'King' was also hit three times. 3 Every 410mm shell caused a certain degree of damage to the hull of the "King" battleship. However, several core parts were not injured. This made the combat effectiveness of the battleship 'King' not affected in any way. As the battleship "Kaga" was severely damaged and withdrew from the battle, this made the situation on the battlefield more favorable to the German fleet.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy had a smile on his face. After sinking one ship and severely damaging an enemy ship, the situation on the battlefield has become eight to eight. Next, as long as the German fleet can continue to suppress, the possibility of them winning this naval battle will be very high.

"General, a telegram has been sent to the flagship. Your Excellency, Commander, will send a submarine force to search for it. It would be great if the capital ship of the severely damaged island nation fleet can be found and destroyed." Fei. Major General Lex said.

"Look at your luck! It's not so easy to find a warship on the vast ocean." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi said.

Although it only severely damaged the battleship 'Kaga', it was not able to sink it, which made Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy feel a little regretful. However, being able to have such an effect is already considered pretty good. After all, compared to the island nation's fleet, they have already taken advantage of it. The island fleet has been fighting for so long, but they have not achieved any results. On the contrary, they have suffered more and more losses. They are the most aggrieved.

"General, the radar found that the island nation's fleet is accelerating!" A staff officer reported.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy and Major General Felix quickly picked up the binoculars.

I saw that the speed of the island nation fleet in the distance began to increase continuously. Although it is too far away, I can't see clearly. But it can be seen that the speed of the island nation's fleet is indeed constantly improving. Because when the gun is fired, the flame shining from the muzzle will illuminate the hull.

"The islanders want to work hard." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi said.

"According to the information we have received, the islanders' Kii-class battleship can reach a maximum speed of 29.5 knots. Our "King-class" battleship is simply incomparable." Major General Felix said.

"Hmph! So what can we do? Let them catch up. Pay attention to turning, don't let them grab the T prefix. After their four 'Ki-class' battleships catch up, we can also concentrate Deal with them with firepower. With eight ships against four ships, we still have an advantage." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi said.

He did not arrive at any threat to this change of the island nation's fleet. He firmly believes that although the "King-class" battleships and the "Derfflinger-class" battleships have been in service for many years, except for their firepower and speed being inferior to the "Ki-class" battleships, they are not weak in defense at all. stronger. With twice the advantage, it would definitely be able to defeat the four Kii-class battleships of the island nation's fleet. Of course, in the following battles, the German fleet

may also suffer certain losses. There is no way to do this. In the middle of the battle, there will definitely be casualties. It is very difficult to defeat the enemy with zero casualties.

Major General Felix nodded, he also knew that the real battle was coming soon. The islanders went crazy and desperately, but the German fleet still had a great advantage. Therefore, they have a great chance of winning, and they don't have to be afraid of the island fleet.

"Ask the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet, how long it will take for them to arrive. Whether they can defeat the island nation's fleet in one fell swoop, or how many battles they can achieve, depends on them." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi ordered .

"Yes, General." Major General Felix replied.

Once they further inflict heavy damage on the island fleet, the island fleet will definitely retreat. At that time, it will be necessary to rely on the Indian Ocean Fleet to detour in advance to intercept. Otherwise, with the speed advantage of the island nation's fleet, it would undoubtedly be very difficult to kill them all.

The speed of the four "Ki-class" battleships became faster and faster, and soon increased to 29 knots. This speed has far exceeded that of the German fleet. The battle distance between the two sides is also constantly narrowing.

"Aim at the German flagship and concentrate your firepower to destroy them!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo gave the order with a serious face.

Four "Ki-class" battleships assembled forty 410mm main guns and fiercely opened fire on the "King" battleship.

At the same time, the five 'King-class' battleships and three 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers of the German fleet were also concentrating their firepower on attacking the 'Ki' battleship, with 72 380mm main guns firing violently, For a while, bullets rained down.

The German fleet and the island nation's fleet have entered a hand-to-hand battle.

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"Fire! Sink the German flagship!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered with red eyes. Now he is like a gambler who has put all his money on him. If he fails, then he really loses completely.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The five twin-mounted 410mm main guns of the battleship 'Ki' roared loudly, and smashed shells one by one towards the battleship 'King', the flagship of the German fleet. The other three 'Ki-class' battleships were also firing desperately.

However, these shells fell into the sea, and had no other effect except splashing high water columns.

"Damn it!" Seeing such a situation, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo couldn't help scolding.

"What is the combat distance now?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo asked.

"General, the combat distance has been shortened to 18 kilometers." Colonel Fukushige replied.

"Not enough, further shorten the distance! Our main guns have a larger caliber than the Germans, and the closer the distance, the better for us!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

Fire at too far a distance, because the vision at night is affected, and the hit rate of the shelling is very low. Under such circumstances, only by closing the distance as much as possible can the hit rate of the island nation's fleet be improved.

"Yes, General!" Shigeru Fukudome nodded. He also knew that now they were tantamount to fighting the German fleet again. If they are lucky in the battle and can sink the warships of the German fleet while keeping their own side intact, they will win.

"Boom!"

There was a violent explosion, and the battleship 'Ki' shook violently. Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo hurriedly grabbed the handrail, otherwise, he would have fallen.

"Damn it, report the loss!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo roared loudly.

"General, the rear deck was hit, and the No. 5 main turret was stuck, unable to rotate, and temporarily unable to shoot!" Soon a staff officer reported.

"Can it be fixed?"

"Yes, but it will take time!"

"I order you to repair it in the shortest time!" Yoshida Zengo ordered with a dark face. With the loss of one main turret, the firepower of the battleship 'Ki' dropped by one-fifth. This made it even more difficult for them who were already at a disadvantage.

"Hi, General!"

On the other side, the eight capital ships of the German fleet were also firing crazily. Everyone knows that the real war is coming, and it is time to test them the most. As the engagement distance gets closer, the likelihood of them being hit increases. If you want to ensure your own safety, there is only one way to sink the enemy's warship before it is sunk.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The German fleet's 50-caliber 380mm main gun opened fire violently. The armor-piercing projectiles they fired were enough to easily penetrate the capital ships of the island nation's fleet. Moreover, as the distance continues to shorten, the hit rate of the German fleet is also constantly improving. This allowed the German fleet to continue to maintain its advantage in this naval battle.

"The islanders are really crazy! However, the crazier they are, the better it is for us. The speed of these 'Ki' battleships is already the fastest. After we get rid of them, maybe we can help other island nations. The battleship is under attack. Even if they want to escape, it will not be so easy." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi said.

Except for the four "Kii-class" battleships of the island nation's fleet, which are extremely fast, the speed of the rest of the battleships is not so amazing. At least three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers will not be slower than them and can hunt down the German fleet.

"General, the islanders are a crazy nation. But their luck is better, so they can become one of the world's powerful countries. But this time, their opponent is the empire. The empire will definitely defeat them completely, and They will never be given a chance to rise again!" Major General Felix said.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardit nodded. Although Germany has many powerful enemies this time, they all firmly believe that Germany will win in the end.

"Boom!"

A 410mm artillery shell hit the side of the battleship 'King'. A 150mm secondary gun was blown up, detonating a bunch of secondary battery shells at the same time, and a fire broke out.

The fire illuminated the hull of the battleship 'King', which could be seen from far away.

"Damn it! Let the damage control personnel quickly put out the fire!" Lieutenant General Theodore Burchardi ordered.

The firelight will serve as a guide for the enemy, which will further increase the possibility of the battleship 'King' being hit.

In fact, this is exactly the case. The four "Kii-class" battleships of the island fleet seized this opportunity to fire fiercely at the "King" battleship. And, the point of impact is getting closer and closer.

Just two minutes later, a 410mm artillery shell hit the battleship 'King' again. The shell penetrated the front deck of the battleship 'King' and blew a big hole, killing more than a dozen sailors on the spot.

"Bastard!" Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy couldn't help scolding seeing such a situation. He suddenly had a bad feeling that his flagship might not be able to hold on in this battle.

"Good job! Sink the German flagship!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo roared excitedly. Now he finally sees the hope of sinking the battleship of the German fleet. If the capital ship of the German fleet can be sunk as soon as possible, this will allow them to reverse the situation step by step.

"Boom!"

Just two minutes after the battleship 'King' was hit, the German fleet retaliated. A 380mm artillery shell hit the battleship 'Ki' again. The shell hit the superstructure of the "Ki" battleship, not only blasting a big hole, but also causing a raging fire.

The fire illuminated the hull of the battleship 'Ki', which also further improved the hit rate of the German fleet.

"Damn it, the Germans have eight battleships and a total of 72 main guns. We are at a disadvantage in such a duel!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo couldn't help cursing.

However, things have come to this point, even if you want to quit, it is impossible. They can only fight with all their strength, hoping to sink the capital ship of the German fleet before they are sunk. Only in this way can they reverse the situation and win.

The battle distance between the two sides is constantly shortening, the hit rate is also constantly increasing, and the battle becomes more and more fierce.

#### Chapter 1260

In the waters southeast of Pohnpei Island, on the aircraft carrier "Aries", the flagship of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet, the fleet commander, Admiral Konrad Abbrecht, and the chief of staff, Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz, have not rested yet. Even though it was late, they didn't feel sleepy at all. How could they sleep when their own battleship formation was fighting fiercely with the island nation's fleet?

"Your Excellency, the battle situation seems to be very favorable to us! Our battleship formation has already sunk and severely damaged one of the capital ships of the island nation! When the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet arrives, we can destroy those island nation fleets." All the battleships have been killed." Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz had a smile on his face.

The loss of hundreds of combat aircraft before made everyone feel a big stone in their hearts. Now, the fleet has an advantage in the duel, so they finally let out a sigh of relief.

As long as the fleet can win this naval battle, the final victory still belongs to the German Navy.

Admiral Konrad Abbrecht nodded: "It's not easy to kill all the battleships of the island fleet. However, it should be possible to kill their main force. Generally speaking, in this battle We still won!"

"After dawn, we will send fighter planes on Ponapei Island to attack. If we are lucky, we may be able to catch the islanders' aircraft carrier team. At that time, it is time to secure the victory in one fell swoop."

"Send seaplanes to take off before dawn, and focus on searching the northern and northwest waters of Ponapei Island. After finding the aircraft carrier fleet of the islanders, immediately take off shore-based aircraft and carrier-based aircraft to defeat them in one fell swoop!" Conrad ? Admiral Albrecht said.

With the strength of the German Navy, in addition to the more than 400 combat aircraft on Pohnpei Island, there are more than 600 carrier-based aircraft on the eight aircraft carriers. Once such a terrorist force discovers the aircraft carrier fleet of the island navy, it will be enough to crush them all.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz nodded.

The top brass of the German Navy are still very satisfied that their own battleship formation can gain an advantage in the duel. It now appears that even if they did not build new battleships, they were able to suppress the enemy's advanced battleships by virtue of modification. This fully proves that these modifications are very successful. Being able to suppress the island nation's fleet now undoubtedly means that in future wars, they will not be at a disadvantage in the face of the advanced battleships of the US Navy. The worries in the hearts of many high-level German Navy can be put down.

After all, although the German Navy has determined the development of aircraft carriers, it stopped building battleships. However, when the United States and island countries are building battleships on a large scale, many people still feel a little worried, thinking that their own battleships may not be able to support their own battleships only by relying on those old battleships. It now appears that those concerns were completely unnecessary. This naval battle has fully proved that the old battleships of the German Navy still have very strong combat effectiveness.

Now, they just need to wait until their own battleship formation wins, and at the same time wait for the dawn. Once the sun rises, it's time for the real decisive battle between the two sides. They all believed that with a huge advantage in hand, the German navy would definitely be able to win this decisive battle at sea.

The navy of the island nation took over the aircraft carrier "Ibuki", the flagship of the United Fleet, and the commander of the fleet, Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six, also couldn't sleep. Although the fleet is now in radio silence, the signal can still be received. Therefore, Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six is very clear about the current situation of the battleship fleet. It is precisely because of this that the Fifty-Sixth Congress of Yamamoto fell into anxiety.

"Baga! One step is wrong! How can those old German battleships be so powerful? They are stronger than our cutting-edge battleships? Our battleship team has nothing to do with them. It is cheap. If this continues, what should we do? Once our capital ship team loses too much, it will undoubtedly be more difficult for us to win this battle!" Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six secretly thought.

Although before implementing this battle plan, he thought they had a great chance of winning. But now it seems that everything is not as he expected. If this continues, it may be very difficult for them to win.

"How is the situation on Yoshida-kun's side?" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, General Yoshida has led four 'Kii-class' battleships to catch up. They are now fighting the Germans! However, the situation on the battlefield is still not very favorable for us." Rear Admiral Takahashi Imo, Chief of Staff of the Joint Fleet Said.

"Baga! How can those old warships of the Germans be so powerful?" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six couldn't understand this very much.

"Your Excellency, Commander, before the outbreak of the war, the Germans modernized and refitted the old battleships, which greatly improved the performance of these old battleships. The Germans already have a great advantage in the research and development of warships. This may be the reason why their old battleships can have such powerful combat effectiveness!" Rear Admiral Takahashi Iwang sighed.

Originally, when Germany stopped building battleships and used those old battleships to fill up the number, all countries believed that Germany had voluntarily given up its capital ships. But unexpectedly, everyone was deceived by them. Even if the Germans didn't build new battleships, they just used those old battleships to refit them, and they still had very strong combat effectiveness. Although the performance of those old battleships is at a disadvantage in some aspects. But the overall performance is still at the leading level in the world. The cutting-edge battleships of other countries cannot compete with it.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six was full of bitterness in his heart. The stronger the German navy, the less likely they were to win. This is not good news for them!

"Send a telegram to Yoshida-kun and let him win as much as possible!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six ordered.

"Yes, General." Major General Takahashi Ibo nodded.

But they all know that the possibility of Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo winning is not too great.

"Nagumo-kun, the carrier-based aircraft unit is ready. Attack after dawn, and the Germans must pay the price!" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six ordered. With the capital ship fleet unable to win, he can only pin his hopes on the carrier-based aircraft of the aircraft carrier fleet.