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"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The battleship "King" of the German fleet and the battleship "Ki" of the island fleet became the key targets of the attacks of both sides, and all the shells were aimed at them. Under such circumstances, no matter how powerful the battleship is, it cannot resist it. At this time, the fight is luck, and the bet is character.

"Boom! Boom!"

Two consecutive 380mm shells hit the battleship 'Ki'. A shell hit the midship of the battleship 'Ki', destroying the No. 3 main turret, and reducing the firepower of the battleship 'Ki' by one-fifth again.

Another shell hit the side of the battleship 'Ki', with only 292 mm of side armor, it was vulnerable to a 380 mm shell and was easily penetrated. Moreover, the location where it was hit was just near the waterline, and a big hole was blown out. Sea water began to pour into the battleship.

"General, the No. 3 main turret was destroyed. In addition, a hole was blown out on the port side, and damage control is in progress!" Colonel Fukushima reported.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo's expression suddenly became even uglier. In addition to the loss of the No. 5 main turret, they have already lost two main turrets, and the firepower of the battleship has dropped by a full 40%.

"Damn! Are we really going to lose this battle? Order the damage control and plug the loopholes. As long as you are not sunk, you must persevere!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered.

Now they only have four battleships against the eight battleships of the German fleet, and they are already at an absolute disadvantage in terms of numbers. If the battleship "Ki" is sunk again, it will be three to eight. At that time, they will be even more unable to defeat the German fleet.

"Hey, general. However, the general should evacuate the 'Ki' first, retreat to the 'Suruga' or 'Omi' to command the battle. It is too dangerous to stay on the 'Ki'!" Fukuru Shigeru Da Zuo suggested.

The current battleship "Ki" has been greatly traumatized because of being hit one after another. If it continues to be hit in the next battle, it will most likely be sunk. It can even be asserted that if the battle continues, the battleship 'Ki' may be sunk in a short time. Therefore, it is better for Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo and others to evacuate as soon as possible.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo frowned. Of course he didn't want to die if he could. However, he did not want to lose this naval battle.

"It's too early to evacuate now! Keep fighting! If the 'Ki' is destined to sink, I will evacuate!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said. Although sinking with the ship would be a high honor, he still had to continue to command the fleet to fight.

Fukuru Shigeru nodded and said nothing more.

"Let the 'Tosa' come as soon as possible." Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said. If the battleship 'Tosa' could arrive as soon as possible, they would add a powerful combat force, and perhaps they would not be defeated so quickly.

However, the speed of the "Tosa" battleship is three knots slower than that of the "Ki-class" battleship. It will take a while to arrive.

"Boom! Boom!"

The luck of the German fleet seemed to have run out in the previous naval battle. During this round of salvo by the island nation's fleet, two shells actually hit the battleship 'King'.

A shell hit the side of the battleship 'King'. Although the waterline armor was as thick as 350 mm, perhaps because of the long service time, the defense power has dropped a bit. The shell that could not resist the island nation's fleet was actually pierced. What's more terrible is that the place where it was hit was located two meters below the waterline. After a big hole was blown here, the sea water suddenly poured into the battleship frantically.

Another shell hit the tail of the battleship 'King', not only blowing up the steering gear, blowing up a propeller, but also tearing a big hole. The sea water followed there, frantically pouring into the battleship.

"General, we have suffered heavy damage. The starboard and stern sides have been heavily flooded. Although damage control is being carried out, it may be difficult to plug the leaks." The captain of the battleship 'King' reported.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy's face suddenly became very ugly. Are they finally going to pay their losses in this naval battle?

"General, evacuate the 'King'! The battle is still going on, and we still have an absolute advantage!" Major General Felix suggested.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi nodded: "Okay, evacuate the 'King'. If it is really impossible to keep the 'King', I will allow you to abandon the ship and retreat!" Theodor Burchardi said the lieutenant general.

"Yes, General!" The captain of the battleship 'King' replied.

Of course they will do their best to rescue the battleship 'King', even if it loses all its combat power, as long as it can not sink, it is possible to drive it back to a nearby port, and then tow it back to the mainland. With Germany's shipbuilding strength, it can be repaired soon.

Of course, they won't insist if it's impossible. The German Navy attaches great importance to the lives of officers and soldiers. Losing equipment is not terrible, as long as the personnel can be kept, it is a victory.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard and others evacuated the battleship 'King' and moved the command organization to the battleship 'Crown Prince'.

The rescue of the battleship 'King' lasted only ten minutes, and it was judged that the rescue was invalid. The captain gave the order to abandon the ship, and the others escaped in lifeboats in an orderly manner. The nearby destroyers also came to rescue them.

The island fleet cheered when they found that the 'King' was getting slower and slower and stopped firing. Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo yelled excitedly, as if they had won the naval battle.

However, less than five minutes after the battleship 'King' sank, the battleship 'Ki' was severely damaged. It was hit by two 380mm bombs one after another, and both of them tore big holes near the waterline.

A large amount of seawater poured into the battleship, and it was impossible to plug the loopholes. Even if the watertight compartment is closed, it still cannot prevent the battleship from tilting due to excessive water intake. Moreover, as the tilt becomes more and more severe, capsizing of the warship will be inevitable.

This may be the extreme joy begets sorrow!

With no alternative, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo and others had no choice but to evacuate to the battleship 'Suruga', using this battleship as the flagship to continue fighting.

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"Damn! The 'Ki' sank, and now it's three to seven, and we are even more at a disadvantage!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo's face was so gloomy that he could drip water. Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo almost couldn't accept it in just a few minutes from heaven to hell.

When they sank the battleship "King" of the German fleet, he once thought that they were going to be lucky and might be able to reverse the situation. However, the "Ki" was subsequently sunk, letting Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo know that they are still at a disadvantage now, and the disadvantage is becoming more and more obvious. If you want to defeat the German fleet, it may be even more difficult.

"General, the 'Tosa' is coming. The 'Mutsu', the 'Ise' and the 'Hyuga' are also speeding up. As long as they persist for a while, they will arrive. When the time comes, we will We can defeat the Germans!" said Colonel Fukushige.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo didn't say much, they have battleships coming quickly, but in the same way, isn't the German Navy also has reinforcements coming? Once the reinforcements of the German Navy arrive, they will have no chance of winning.

"Order all ships, gather firepower, and sink the first ship on the German battle line! This time, we must sink the opponent in the shortest possible time!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered.

"Hi, General." Colonel Shigeru Fukudou nodded.

But, he knew it was very difficult. Now they can only gather the firepower of three battleships to attack the enemy, while the enemy can gather the firepower of seven battleships to attack them. They are completely at an absolute disadvantage.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The main guns of the three 'Ki-class' battleships were all firing crazily. One after another, the shells roared and smashed into the battleship "Great Kurfürher" of the German fleet. Shells continued to fall around the battleship, splashing water jets into the sky. However, it seems dangerous. But in fact the hit rate is still not high. Fighting under the night sky, the line of sight is affected, and it is difficult to improve the hit rate.

"How far is the current combat distance?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo then asked.

"General, the current engagement distance is 15 kilometers."

"Continue to close the distance! Close the distance to ten kilometers or even closer! This time, we are going to bayonet the Germans. Our 410mm main gun is enough to tear their warships apart at close range. Broken!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said with red eyes. He was obviously pushed to the limit, so he planned to do his best.

"Hi, General!" Fukudome Shigeru faithfully conveyed Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo's order.

It's just that shortening the combat distance is beneficial to the island fleet, but similarly, the hit rate of the German fleet will also increase. After all, the German fleet is assisted by gun sight radar, and the closer the distance, the more accurate the data obtained.

The island fleet relied on its speed advantage to forcibly shorten the distance, making the battle even more tragic. The German fleet can only prevent the island fleet from occupying the T prefix as much as possible. Of course, because the German fleet still has seven capital ships, it is not afraid to fight the bayonet with the island fleet. They believe that even if they try their best, they will win in the end.

"The current combat distance has been shortened to less than 15 kilometers. If it is during the day, this is already the best strike distance. However, it is night, so the hit rate of the islanders is still not high. However, they still want to You need to get closer. Those guys really are crazy." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy said a little speechlessly.

Lost a capital ship, which is nothing to the German fleet. They still firmly occupy the advantage of the battlefield.

"It's a pity that wars can't be won by being crazy! Our strength is much stronger than them. Therefore, even if we are crazy, we are not afraid of them!" Major General Felix said.

"Concentrate firepower and try to sink another battleship of the Islanders in the shortest possible time! In that case, we will be able to secure the victory." Lieutenant General Theodore Burchardi said.

"General, don't worry, you will see it soon!" Major General Felix looked very confident.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The four "King-class" battleships and three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers of the German fleet violently poured shells on the "Owari" battleship. The shells fell like raindrops and hit the sea around the battleship 'Owari', splashing jets of water into the sky. Although the battleship 'Owari' is a huge battleship with a displacement of more than 40,000 tons, it is still like a small boat in a storm at this moment, and it may capsize at any time.

"Boom!"

A 380mm artillery shell hit the battleship 'Owari', causing the superstructure of this huge battleship to start burning.

The firelight has become the best guide, and the battleship 'Owari' at this moment is like a shell magnet, attracting a large number of shells.

Perhaps it was because the density of the shells was so high that the battleship 'Owari' was very likely to be hit. Almost every two rounds of salvo, a shell will hit the battleship 'Owari'. You must know that the main guns of the German fleet all use automatic loading machines, so that the main guns of the battleships can be increased to one shot per minute. Calculated in this way, the battleship 'Owari' will be hit by a shell every two minutes.

Despite the counterattack of the island nation's fleet, it also hit the battleship "Great Kurfürher" from time to time. However, in comparison, the shells that hit the battleship 'Grand Kurfürst' were much less than the shells that hit the battleship 'Owari'. So that under normal circumstances, if no miracle happened, the battleship 'Owari' would definitely be sunk before the battleship 'Great Kurfürher'. After all, in terms of defense, the defense of the battleship 'Grand Kurfürst' is also superior.

The fierce battle lasted for 20 minutes, and the battleship 'Owari' had already fired a full 12 shells. The huge hull is already covered in cuts and bruises. Even, several injuries have posed a fatal threat.

There is no doubt that the battleship "Owari" has persisted until this time, and it is almost impossible to persist.

Two minutes later, a 380mm shell hit the 'Owari' again. This time, the shell penetrated the No. 5 main turret on the rear deck. What's more terrible is that at this moment, there are two 410mm shells and hundreds of kilograms of propellant in the barrel of the main turret. These shells and propellants all exploded. The violent explosion blasted a big hole in the stern of the battleship 'Owari'. Obviously, this battleship can no longer be kept.

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"Your Excellency, Captain, it's over, we're over! The stern ammunition depot has exploded, and the entire stern has been destroyed!" An officer reported to the captain of the battleship 'Owari', Kiyoshi Daitani, with a look of horror. road.

"Hachi! Abandon the ship, abandon the ship immediately!" Commander Daiya Kiyoshi immediately ordered.

Obviously, after suffering such a severe trauma, the fate of the battleship 'Owari' has been decided. No one can prevent the battleship from sinking. Under such circumstances, abandoning the ship to save life has become the last choice.

"Hi, Your Excellency Captain!" The officer immediately issued an order.

However, at this time, the entire battleship 'Owari' was in chaos. There are sailors snatching lifeboats or buoys everywhere. Everyone is not a fool, and naturally knows that under such circumstances, the battleship 'Owari' is over. If we don't move quickly, we might all die here.

Actually, of the more than 1,400 people on the battleship 'Owari', less than a hundred people actually managed to escape. The rest of the people sank into the sea together with the battleship.

The sinking of the battleship 'Owari' was undoubtedly a huge blow to the island fleet. This made their disadvantages in this naval battle even more obvious.

However, while the battleship 'Owari' was slowly sinking into the sea, the island nation's fleet was also lucky and hit the battleship 'Great Kurfürher' twice. One of the shells even blew up a transmission shaft, causing the speed of the battleship 'Grand Kurfürst' to drop continuously. Under such circumstances, Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard had no choice but to order the battleship 'Grand Kurfürst' to withdraw from the battle, leave the battlefield under the cover of night, and return to the Lion City Naval Base for repairs under the protection of the destroyer. If it continues to stay on the battlefield, the battleship "Grand Kurfürst" after its speed has dropped will definitely become the target of the frenzied siege by the destroyers of the island navy. If it is seized by the island nation's fleet and sunk, the loss will be great.

Anyway, even if the battleship 'Great Kurfürher' withdraws from the battle, the German fleet still has six capital ships. In terms of numbers, they are already in an absolute advantage. Defeating the island nation's fleet is even more certain.

"We must ensure the safety of the battleship 'Grand Kurfürst', I don't want them to have any accidents!" Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard said. After losing the battleship 'King', he didn't want his fleet to lose any other battleships. In particular, the naval battle has just begun, and it is not known how long it will take until the end of the entire war. No one knows how many of these capital ships will be left after the battle is over. Even said, can it be left. Therefore, if you can keep one, it is one!

"Okay, General!" Major General Felix nodded. It was still dark, and it was undoubtedly the best chance to evacuate. Once daylight comes, the chances of being found are much higher. At that time, the island nation's fleet can completely use submarines, destroyers or aircraft to destroy the battleship "Great Kurfürher".

"Order the ships, gather firepower, and kill the remaining two battleships of the islanders. Then we will go back and deal with their other warships!" Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard ordered.

In addition to these four "Kii-class" battleships, the island nation's fleet also has many other warships. For example, the 'Tosa' that is about to arrive at the battlefield, the 'Ise', 'Hyuga' and 'Mutsu' that are still chasing, and the 'Fuso' and 'Mutsu' that are at the back. Yamashiro' No. Therefore, even four capital ships of the island nation's fleet have been sunk so far. But there is still a very long way to go before the complete elimination of the island nation's fleet.

"Yes, General." Major General Felix replied.

Now is undoubtedly the best opportunity. If the remaining two "Kii-class" battleships of the island nation's fleet can also be dealt with, then the German fleet will undoubtedly win a big victory in this naval battle.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The remaining six capital ships of the German fleet aimed all their firepower at the battleship "Suruga", trying to sink the battleship in the shortest possible time.

The battleship 'Suruga' is now the flagship of the island nation's fleet. When the shells fell like raindrops, the face of Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo in the command tower of the "Suruga" battleship was as dark as the bottom of a pot.

"Baga! How could this happen?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo seemed a little incredulous of such a result. In this naval battle, their losses were too great, so big that it was completely beyond his expectations.

"General, what should we do now? Although the Germans have sunk one battleship and severely damaged one, they still have six, and we only have two. Six to two, we have almost no chance of winning." Colonel Fukushige was also pale.

Although, during the battle, they also destroyed a battleship of the German fleet and severely damaged one. It is undoubtedly very good to be able to achieve such a result under an absolute disadvantage.

But unfortunately, they are still at a disadvantage. And the disadvantages became more and more obvious. If this continues, I'm afraid they will all be sunk in a short time. At that time, in this naval battle, they will be completely powerless.

"How long will it take for the 'Tosa' to arrive?" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo asked.

"General, the battleship 'Tosa' is coming, but it will take at least half an hour." Colonel Fukushige reported.

The battleship 'Tosa' is now the second fastest battleship in the island nation's fleet after the 'Ki-class'. Now heading to the field at a speed of over 26 knots.

"However, General, even if the 'Tosa' arrives on the battlefield, it may not be able to change the situation. The advantage of the German fleet is too great." Colonel Fukushige almost lost confidence.

Although Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo is unwilling to accept this result, it is the fact that he cannot accept it. Even if the battleship "Tosa" arrived on the battlefield, it would not help the matter. The advantage of the German fleet is too great. Judging from the speed at which they sank the battleship 'Owari', it probably took less than half an hour to sink the battleship 'Suruga'. In this case, before dawn, these capital ships of the island nation's fleet may be all sunk.

"Send a telegram to the commander, telling him that we have failed and must retreat! Otherwise, our capital ships will be lost here!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo made up his mind.

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Aboard the aircraft carrier 'Ibuki', Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-six and Rear Admiral Takahashi Iwang still did not rest. Although, very tired. However, they didn't feel sleepy at all.

Before learning that the capital ship team was at a disadvantage, this made Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six's heart hang. In my heart, I kept praying to God Amaterasu, praying that their luck would be better, that they could reverse the situation and turn defeat into victory.

Of course, General Yamamoto Fifty-Six also knew that it was useless to pin his hopes on the blessing of this illusory god. However, the Fifty-Sixth General Yamamoto at this moment has no other way.

Before the outbreak of the naval battle, they expected everything too well, thinking that with their strong strength, once they were hit by the battleship formation of the German Navy, they would be able to win a crushing victory. But the current result gave them a slap in the face. Those seemingly old warships of the German Navy actually possessed extremely powerful combat effectiveness. The cutting-edge battleships of the Japanese Navy are no match for the old battleships of the German Navy in the duel.

"Your Excellency, Commander, go and take a rest, I will watch over here." Major General Takahashi Iwang said.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six shook his head: "How could it be possible to sleep! Our warriors are fighting with the Germans on the front line, life and death are uncertain. This naval battle is related to the fate of the empire. As the commander, how can I maybe he fell asleep?"

Major General Takahashi Iwang opened his mouth, but in the end he didn't say anything. He knew that the current battle situation was not going well, and General Yamamoto Fifty-Six was also in a very bad mood. Under such circumstances, how could General Yamamoto go to rest?

"Your Excellency, Commander, Yoshida-kun will definitely be able to lead the fleet to defeat the Germans!" Rear Admiral Takahashi Iwang said.

General Yamamoto Fifty-Six nodded. Of course he hoped that Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo would win. But he also knew that this possibility might not be too great. This time the battle situation will become more difficult.

"Your Excellency, Commander, General Yoshida Zengo requests to retreat!" A staff officer walked in and reported to General Yamamoto Fifty-Six.

The faces of General Yamamoto Fifty-Six and Major General Takahashi Iwang suddenly became even uglier. Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo couldn't hold on any longer and wanted to request a retreat, which undoubtedly meant that the situation was getting worse. This is undoubtedly even more unfavorable for the island fleet.

"How could this be? Has our loss been too great to persist?" Major General Takahashi Iwang said with pain on his face.

"How big is our loss?" General Yamamoto Fifty-Six took a deep breath to calm down his mood.

"Your Excellency, Commander, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo reports that so far, the battleships 'Nagato', 'Kaga', 'Ki' and 'Owari' have all been sunk. The rest The battleships are also at a disadvantage and are completely suppressed by the German fleet. If we continue to fight, we may have more battleships sunk by the Germans." The officer reported.

"Baga! Are the Germans so strong? Only relying on the eight battleships of the Pacific Fleet, our 12 battleships have no power to fight back. How can we defeat the Germans in this battle?" Yamamoto The fifty-six general was very speechless. If the 7 capital ships of the German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet also arrived, wouldn't they be defeated? Besides, even the capital ship team they thought had a huge

advantage could not defeat the Germans, let alone the aircraft carrier team. The strength of the German aircraft carrier team is stronger than that of the island navy. These all cast a shadow over this naval battle. It is undoubtedly very, very difficult for the combined fleet of the island nation's navy to win the final victory, at least from now on.

"Your Excellency, Commander, do we need to send a telegram to Yoshida-kun?" Major General Takahashi Iwang asked.

Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six shook his head: "The capital ship team is, let Yoshida-kun handle it. Since he thinks we have to retreat, let's retreat. Although, the combat effectiveness of our capital ship team is not as good as that of Germany. Fleet. However, our capital ships should at least have the advantage in terms of speed. In this case, there is no problem in withdrawing the battleship. After losing four battleships, our capital ship fleet suffered heavy losses. But if we add four more' For the Amagi-class battlecruisers, we still have 12 capital ships, and we still have the strength to fight against the German fleet. If we are lucky, we may not have the possibility of defeating them."

Rear Admiral Takahashi Iwang nodded. Although the German fleet is at a disadvantage now, it is often difficult to say clearly about naval battles. Maybe the island nation's fleet will have better luck in the next battle and easily defeat the German fleet.

"Nagumo-kun, get ready for the carrier-based aircraft. After dawn, you will be needed to **** the capital ship team and dispatch carrier-based aircraft to attack the German capital ship force!" said Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six.

In the case of the disastrous defeat of one's own capital ship team, General Yamamoto can only pin his hopes on the carrier-based aircraft force, hoping that the carrier-based aircraft force can reverse the situation for the combined fleet of the island nation's navy.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Lieutenant General Chuichi Nagumo replied with a serious face. He also knew that the situation was very critical. This time, if the joint fleet of the island nation's navy cannot survive, it may face a disastrous defeat. The consequences of that will undoubtedly be very serious.

On the frontline battlefield, the battleship 'Suruga' has already been hit by several 380mm shells. Although it was not fatal, it made Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo more determined to retreat. He knew that if he persisted, the battleship 'Suruga' would be sunk in a short time. At that time, they will not be able to leave even if they want to.

"Order all ships to retreat from now on!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered.

"Hi, General!"

Fukurushige issued the order to retreat to the capital ships of the island nation's combined fleet. The ships began to turn one after another, increasing the engagement distance with the German fleet.

"General, the islanders want to escape, they are scared!" Major General Felix looked excited. At this point in the battle, they finally won.

"Hmph! The islanders want to run now, so it's not that easy. Order all the ships to pursue immediately! Seize this opportunity and sink as many battleships as possible!" Theodor Burchard Lieutenant General Di ordered.

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"General, almost all the capital ships of the islanders have an advantage in speed. I am afraid it will be difficult for us to catch up. Especially the 'King-class' battleships are too slow to catch up." Major General Felix said.

Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard nodded, of course he knew this.

"Let the 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers speed up. Although their speed is not as fast as the islanders' 'Ki-class' battleships, other battleships are faster than the 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers." The cruiser will slow down a lot." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard ordered.

"General, is it dangerous to let the three Derfflinger-class battleships pursue alone? Once they are besieged by the islanders, our losses may be even greater." Major General Felix was a little worried.

"Tell the captains of the ships to control the distance of engagement, and don't give the islanders a chance to besiege. Keep the sea search radar on. If this is the case, it is impossible for the island fleet to besiege us."

Major General Felix nodded, and immediately conveyed Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard's order.

The battle line of the German fleet was disbanded immediately. The three 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers began to accelerate continuously, while the three 'King-class' battleships gradually fell behind. After all, the maximum speed of the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruiser can soar to more than 27 knots. The "King-class" battleship can only maintain a speed of 24 knots at most.

"Ask General Otto Schneewendt, where is his fleet? The islanders have begun to retreat. If they still can't arrive, then we can only watch those islanders flee." Lieutenant General Odor Burshadi said. If possible, he certainly hopes to sink all the capital ships of the island nation's fleet in this battle. But he knew that this was impossible, so he could only sink as many capital ships of the island nation's fleet as possible.

"Okay, General." Major General Felix said. Now that they have an absolute advantage, the next step is to find a way to further expand their advantage as much as possible.

Soon, they received a call back from the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet.

"General, General Otto Schneewendt's fleet is fifty kilometers north of us. They are preparing to outflank the rear of the islanders." Rear Admiral Felix reported.

"Very good, tell General Otto Schneewendt that their speed should be faster. Otherwise, we can only watch the islanders slip away." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchard said .

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The battle is still going on. Although the speed of the three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers of the German fleet cannot catch up with the "Ki-class" battleships of the island navy, they can surpass other

battlecruisers of the island nation. The battleship 'Tosa' was about to arrive at the battlefield, but now it had to turn around and evacuate. However, the three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers of the German fleet targeted it, making the battleship miserable.

If they only rely on their own strength, it is obviously impossible to withstand the attack of the three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers of the German Navy. As a last resort, the battleship 'Tosa' had no choice but to ask for help from the flagship to slow down the speed of 'Suruga' and 'Omi', and wait for them at least. In that case, they won't be at a disadvantage in three-on-three.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo had no choice but to slow down. However, he did not dare to be too slow. Once the three "King-class" battleships of the German fleet catch up, they will be at a disadvantage again.

Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo didn't know that another German fleet was about to join the battlefield.

The seven capital ships of the German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet are entering the battlefield at high speed. These seven capital ships are four 'Nassau-class' battleships and three 'Blücher-class' battlecruisers. The "Nassau-class" battleship is the "New Iron Duke-class" battleship that the British Navy did not complete in the last world war. The "Blücher-class" battlecruiser is an unfinished "Prestige-class" battlecruiser.

After the end of the war, the construction of these warships was restarted with the input of Germany, and the construction was finally completed.

The "Nassau-class" battleship has a displacement of more than 40,000 tons, is equipped with three triple-mounted 50-caliber 380mm main guns, and has a maximum speed of 24 knots. The "Blücher-class" battlecruiser has a displacement of 39,000 tons, and its maximum speed has reached an astonishing 31 knots.

On the battleship Nassau, the flagship of the formation, the commander of the formation, Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt, looked calm. However, the eagerness in his eyes betrayed his current mood.

The battleship formation of the Pacific Fleet fought so beautifully in this battle, and sank four capital ships of the island navy. Although it lost one of its own, another was severely damaged. But overall, it's still worth it. Not to mention, the battleship formation of the Pacific Fleet is still chasing the navy of the island country, and it may be able to reap some victories in the next battle.

This made Lieutenant General Otto Schneewent very envious. He couldn't wait to join the battle and sink the capital ships of the island navy, proving to the world that the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet is also powerful.

"How long will it take us to reach the battlefield?" Lieutenant General Otto Schneewent asked.

"General, it is estimated that we will be able to enter the battle in an hour." The formation chief of staff, Major General Abraham, said.

Lieutenant Admiral Otto Schneewendt nodded: "Let the ships prepare for battle. Once we find the island nation's fleet, we will immediately go into battle. This time, we must kill all the island nation's capital ships!"

"Yes, General." Major General Abraham nodded.

An hour later, two targets were spotted on the radar screen of the battleship 'Nassau', the flagship of the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet.

"General, two targets were found 35 kilometers southwest of us. According to the information obtained from the battleship formation of the Pacific Fleet, it was preliminarily determined that they were two Fuso-class battleships of the islanders." The radar officer reported.

Lieutenant General Otto Schneewent could not help but shine.

"All ships speed up, and get rid of these two 'Fuso-class' battleships first!" Lieutenant General Otto Schneewendt ordered.

"Yes, General."

The seven capital ships of the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet of the German Navy rushed towards the two "Fuso-class" battleships of the island fleet at high speed.

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The two "Fuso-class" battleships of the island nation's fleet are also old ships that have been in service for more than 20 years. In the last world war, when the German expeditionary fleet slammed the island nation, two "Fuso-class" battleships were under construction, and they could not keep up with the naval battle. Of course, if it catches up, it is probably also the result of being sunk by the German fleet.

In 1933, the navy of the Japanese island country carried out modernization and modification of the "Fuso-class" battleship, strengthened the defense, added anti-aircraft weapons, and the displacement rose to nearly 40,000 tons, and the combat effectiveness was greatly improved. However, unlike the modification of the German Navy, the improvement of the modified combat power of the island nation's navy is limited, and it cannot be compared with the German Navy at all. This also made the two "Fuso-class" battleships basically useless in this battle.

Now it is being targeted by the battleship formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet of the German Navy. Seven hits two. It is naturally conceivable what effect it will have next.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The four "Nassau-class" battleships and three "Blücher-class" battleships of the German Navy started shelling, and the 380mm shells slammed into the "Fuso" battleship frantically.

The shell fell into the sea, splashing a jet of water into the sky.

"Baga! What's going on here? How can there be German warships here?" The captain of the battleship "Fuso" Tsutomu Sato stared dumbfounded at the German warships that were firing in the distance.

They received orders to leave the battlefield quickly, so they are retreating at maximum speed. But unexpectedly, it was attacked by the German fleet. They thought that the German fleet was chasing other warships and they would never find them. After all, they were already far away from the battlefield because of their slow speed.

"Your Excellency, Captain, seven capital ships, that is the main fleet of the German Indian Ocean Fleet!" said a staff officer.

"Asshole! What should we do now?" Tsutomu Sato panicked.

This time, the capital ship fleet of the island nation's fleet suffered a big setback. So far, four capital ships have been sunk. Now, they have encountered seven capital ships of the German Navy, and the end is undoubtedly extremely tragic.

"Send a telegram to the battleship 'Suruga', tell them that we have encountered the main fleet of the German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet, and request reinforcements!" Sato Tsutomu said.

"Hi, Your Excellency Captain!" The communications officer immediately went to send a telegram.

However, Sato Tsutomu probably knew that even if he sent a telegram asking for help, it probably wouldn't have any effect. Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo is leading the fleet to flee for his life now, so how can there be time to rescue them!

Indeed, when Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo received a telegram from Sato Tsutomu for help, his face turned pale.

"Damn, the German Indian Ocean Fleet has appeared! This time, we are completely finished!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo's eyes were full of despair.

In the previous battle, he was preparing for the battleship formation of the German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet. However, what he didn't expect was that they were defeated by just the eight capital ships of the Pacific Fleet. Now the seven capital ships of the Indian Ocean Fleet have also arrived. Isn't this killing them?

"General, the battleship 'Fuso' and the battleship 'Yamashiro' are probably in danger this time." Said Colonel Fukushige.

Lieutenant Admiral Yoshida Zengo nodded. Now the capital ship team of the island nation fleet has only eight capital ships except for the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers performing sneak attack missions. Moreover, they are still in pursuit of the German fleet. By the end of this naval battle, it is undoubtedly difficult to say how many capital ships will be left. However, one thing is certain, that is, in this naval battle, the combined fleet of the island nation's navy has already suffered a complete defeat.

"Send a telegram to Tsutomu Sato and let them evacuate by themselves!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo said.

"Hi, General!" Colonel Fukudome replied.

Obviously, Lieutenant Admiral Yoshida Zengo is going to let the battleships "Fuso" and "Yamashiro" fend for themselves.

Of course, Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo has no choice. Now they are already at an absolute disadvantage, and it is already very difficult to deal with the eight capital ships of the Pacific Fleet. Coupled with the seven capital ships of the Indian Ocean Fleet, it is enough to solve them all. If warships are sent to rescue the battleships "Fuso" and "Yamashiro", their losses will only be further increased.

"Send a telegram to the 'Ise', 'Hyuga' and 'Mutsu' to tell them to turn around immediately and leave the battlefield as soon as possible!" Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo ordered.

Now, the battle has not started with these warships. If you don't take advantage of this opportunity to evacuate as soon as possible, once the German fleet catches up, these three capital ships will obviously not be able to escape.

"Hi, General."

Lieutenant Admiral Yoshida Zengo did this, undoubtedly in order to safely withdraw as many battleships as possible from the island nation. With the German fleet occupying an absolute advantage, it can only keep as many capital ships as possible.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The battle was very fierce. The main guns of the battleships on both sides fired crazily, and heavy shells hit the sea one after another. The island nation's fleet wanted to evacuate safely, but the German fleet was chasing after it, wanting to sink more island nation battleships.

It can be said that in the battle, the German fleet has completely gained the upper hand. Under their attack, the island nation's fleet couldn't resist at all, and could only watch helplessly as its capital ships were sunk one after another.

After all, in the case of night battles, the island fleet is at a disadvantage. Although their capital ship is equipped with radar, it can only play a search role, and cannot guide the main gun to fire at all. However, the German fleet was able to use the artillery sighting radar to effectively increase the hit rate. This is why the German fleet was able to gain an advantage in this naval battle.

Under the siege of the battleship formation of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet, the battleships "Fuso" and "Yamashiro" were successively sunk. And they caused almost no damage to the German fleet.

In addition, the battleship "Tosa" of the island nation fleet was also sunk during the battle, but one of the three "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers chasing the island nation fleet was also sunk. The remaining two "Ki-class" battleships used high speed to withdraw from the battlefield. Except for the three "Blücher-class" battlecruisers, the German fleet couldn't catch up at all.

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While the capital ship formations of the two fleets of the German Navy were fighting with the three capital ship fleets of the combined fleet of the Japanese navy, the second battleship squadron of the combined fleet of the Japanese navy disappeared.

The German Navy didn't care about this. They believe that these four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers are together with the aircraft carrier fleet of the island navy and **** the aircraft carrier fleet. But in fact, the planning of the Japanese navy is far bigger than the German fleet expected.

At this moment, the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers led by Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro are sailing at high speed on the sea. A series of light cruisers and destroyers guarded the four 'Amagi-class' battlecruisers in the center. As the latest battlecruiser built by the Japanese Navy, the "Amagi-class" battlecruiser is undoubtedly very powerful. It not only has five dual-mounted 45-caliber 410mm main guns, but also has a high speed of 31 knots. It is undoubtedly very good to be able to maintain such a high speed for a huge warship with a full load displacement of more than 48,000 tons.

In the battle plan drawn up by the joint fleet of the island nation's navy, the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers of the 2nd battleship squadron did not participate in the duel with the main fleet of the German Navy. Because they have a more important goal, the German Navy's aircraft carrier fleet.

Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six and others are very clear that compared with the main fleet of the German Navy, the German Navy's aircraft carrier fleet is more powerful and poses a greater threat to them. Therefore, Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-Six hopes to sneak attack the German Navy's aircraft carrier fleet in one fell swoop in this naval battle, and make the German Navy pay a heavy price for it. In that case, they might be able to reverse the situation and win the naval battle.

On the battlecruiser 'Amagi', Lieutenant Admiral Shiro Takasu didn't feel sleepy at all. Even though it was late at night, none of the officers and soldiers on the entire battleship had a rest. Everyone knows very well how important the battle tonight is to the combined fleet of the island nation's navy. If their plan can succeed, then they may be able to win the war, if they fail, the island country will be completely finished. Therefore, the burden on everyone's shoulders is very heavy, which makes them very nervous.

"I hope God Amaterasu can bless us and win this battle!" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro prayed secretly. As the commander of the 2nd Battleship Squadron of the Combined Fleet and the person in charge of this operation, Lieutenant Admiral Shiro Takasu especially felt a lot of pressure.

"General, the decisive battle between the other three battleship teams and the German main fleet is very pessimistic! Many of our battleships have been sunk by the Germans." Rear Admiral Suzuki Yoshio, chief of staff of the second battleship team A look of worry.

Although for the sake of confidentiality, the entire 2nd Battleship Squadron is now in radio silence. However, they were still able to receive the telegram. They also received the telegram sent by Lieutenant General Yoshida Zengo to the "Ibuki" aircraft carrier. It is precisely because of this that Lieutenant General Suzuki Yoshio's complexion is very ugly.

"How big is Yoshida-kun's loss?" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro asked.

"General, four capital ships have been lost so far, three have been sunk and one has been severely damaged. The Germans have already taken an absolute advantage and are pursuing them. Moreover, the capital ships of the German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet, I am afraid We are about to rush to the battlefield. At that time, the pressure on General Yoshida will be even greater!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio said.

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro nodded: "This time we all underestimated the Germans! We thought that those old warships that had been in service for more than 20 years were vulnerable and could be easily sunk. But Now it seems that the fighting power of the German warships is also very terrifying! None of our cutting-edge battleships are their opponents. If we want to win this naval battle, it will be too difficult."

"Yes, General. Now, the pressure is on us. If our sneak attack is successful, we may be able to reverse the situation of the war. But if our sneak attack fails, the consequences will be really unimaginable." Major General Suzuki Yoshio said.

Everyone knows very well that once dawn, the German Navy will take off shore-based aircraft and carrier-based aircraft from Pohnpei Island and the aircraft carrier to launch an attack. In this regard, the island fleet is almost completely at a disadvantage. All of their eight aircraft carriers add up to more than 500 carrier-based aircraft. And in the previous battles, nearly a hundred were lost. The German Navy's shore-based aircraft and carrier-based aircraft all add up to more than 1,000 combat aircraft, which is more than twice that of the island navy. What's more, in terms of the performance of the aircraft, the navy of the island country does not take advantage of it. What the consequences of beating like that are, you can imagine with your toes.

"I hope we can succeed this time! Otherwise, this battle will be lost." Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro said.

Major Admiral Suzuki Yoshio nodded.

The second battleship of the Island Fleet is sailing in this sea area at a speed of 30 knots. The sea search radar has been searching the nearby sea surface. However, their sea-search radar has a detection range of only 25 kilometers. In order to ensure that there will be no omissions, the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers are not together, but search eastward in horizontal formations with an interval of 20 kilometers.

With the main fleet of the German Navy already participating in the battle, they don't have to worry about being attacked at all. After all, at night, the carrier-based aircraft of the German Navy could not take off, and none of those warships was an opponent of their "Amagi-class" battlecruisers. As long as an aircraft carrier of the German Navy is spotted, an attack can be launched. Those powerful aircraft carriers will be vulnerable to the main guns of the 'Amagi-class' battlecruisers. Only one shell is enough to severely damage an aircraft carrier. It is very easy to sink.

At two o'clock in the morning, the battle between the main fleet of the German Navy and the main fleet of the island navy continued. It's just that the island nation's fleet wanted to flee wholeheartedly, and it was very difficult for the German fleet to sink all the capital ships of the island nation's fleet. After all, except for the three "Blücher-class" battlecruisers, the rest of the German capital ships have no advantage in speed.

However, being able to sink six capital ships of the island nation's fleet in this battle and severely damage one is already a very good victory. Almost half of the capital ships of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy have been wiped out, which will give the German navy a greater advantage in the next naval battle.

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In the waters south of Pohnpei Island, the aircraft carriers of the German Navy's Indian Ocean Fleet are gathered here. The four "Wilhelm the Great" aircraft carriers were cruising at a low speed under the protection of the **** warships. Now, the fleet's heading is northwest. With one's own main fleet already gaining an advantage, the next step is to find a way to further expand the results of the battle.

Once the sun rises, it's time for these aircraft carriers to perform. The carrier-based aircraft of the aircraft carrier took off and launched an attack on the combined fleet of the island nation's navy, further destroying the combined fleet of the island nation's navy.

Although the main fleet of the German Navy has sunk many battleships of island countries. But there are still a lot of battleships left in the navy of the island country, and those battleships must be destroyed. In addition, the eight aircraft carriers of the Japanese navy were regarded by the German fleet as targets that must be destroyed. Only in that way can the German Navy be able to win this battle. Thus ensuring the security of Germany's colonies in Southeast Asia and Australia.

On the aircraft carrier 'William the Great', Admiral Alfred Savacht, commander of the Indian Ocean Fleet, Lieutenant General William Machar, commander of the Indian Ocean Fleet aircraft carrier, and Lieutenant General Walter Walzecha, commander of the Indian Ocean Fleet aircraft carrier, are Talking and laughing. The battle situation is getting smoother and smoother, which makes them feel very happy.

"Your Excellency, Commander, General Otto Schneewendt is besieging the two 'Fuso-class' battleships of the Islanders. With the strength of our seven capital ships, the two 'Fuso-class' battleships of the Islanders can easily be destroyed." Sunk!" Lieutenant General William Marshall smiled.

"Yes! Your Excellency, Commander, we will definitely win this naval battle. Those **** little dwarfs of the island nation cannot fight us at all!" Lieutenant General Walter Walzer said.

Admiral Alfred Savacht also had a smile on his face. When the Mariana Islands were attacked by the island fleet and suffered heavy losses, the German navy was undoubtedly very angry. The loss of more than 600 carrier-based aircraft, the death of a large number of pilots and ground crew, and the bombing of the airport undoubtedly caused extremely heavy losses to the German Navy. Fortunately, now they have mastered the initiative of the naval battle, and caused the island fleet to pay heavy losses.

"Yes, gentlemen. If there is no accident, our chances of winning this battle will be very high. If we can solve the joint fleet of the island nation's navy. Then, it is impossible for the island nation to march to Southeast Asia and Australia. In this case, the war in the Western Pacific will become very beneficial to us. We only need to wait for the victory in the European battlefield before we can attack the island countries with all our strength. There is no doubt that the scene in the last world war will be repeated. We will attack the island homeland to defeat them and make them pay for their folly," said Admiral Alfred Savacht.

The war between Germany and the island countries is undoubtedly the war between the navies. If the German navy wins, the island country can only defend its homeland. No matter how strong their army is, it is impossible to attack Southeast Asia and Australia across the vast sea without commanding

the sea. Therefore, the German Navy very much hopes to win this naval battle. Otherwise, the hundreds of thousands of German troops would have to fall into a hard fight.

Although, the combat effectiveness of the German Army is far stronger than that of the Japanese Army. However, the army of the island country has an absolute advantage in military strength in the Far East Pacific region. Once the island army is mobilized, the number of more than five million is enough to cause a headache for the German army.

At this moment, the radar of the 'FX12' air defense cruiser located on the outskirts of the fleet discovered several large targets forty kilometers away, and were approaching them at high speed. This attracted the attention of the radar soldiers and reported it immediately.

The 'FX12' air defense cruiser is a large air defense cruiser specially built by the German Navy to protect aircraft carriers. It has a displacement of more than 20,000 tons and is equipped with the most advanced air search radar and sea search radar. Although there are no large-caliber naval guns, it is equipped with a large number of anti-aircraft guns. The sea strike capability of this type of warship is only equivalent to that of a light cruiser, but its air defense capability is very abnormal. Each aircraft carrier is assigned a large anti-aircraft cruiser as the bodyguard of the aircraft carrier.

An aircraft carrier battle group of the German Navy, in addition to an aircraft carrier, includes a large air defense cruiser, two heavy cruisers, four light cruisers, six destroyers, and two supply ships. During the battle, the supply ship will stay away from the battlefield to avoid being affected by the battle.

"Sir, the target is determined to be a capital ship. And their speed is very fast, at least 30 knots!" The radar officer reported.

"Damn! That must be the 'Amagi-class' battlecruiser of the islanders. I didn't expect them to come here. Report to the flagship immediately!" the captain of the air defense cruiser 'FX12' ordered.

When the telegram was delivered to Admiral Alfred Savacht, his expression was very ugly.

"Damn it, the islanders' Amagi-class battlecruisers are here. They didn't stay with their aircraft carrier, but came towards us. Command the fleet, increase to the highest speed, and evacuate immediately. And, the four aircraft carriers Battlegroup, disperse and evacuate!" Admiral Alfred Savacht immediately issued an order.

This move by the island nation's navy caught Admiral Alfred Savacht a little by surprise. The combat effectiveness of the aircraft carrier is very strong. During the day, it can easily take off the carrier-based aircraft to besiege the enemy's capital ship. It can be easily sunk. However, it is night now, and there is no way for the aircraft carrier's carrier-based aircraft to take off. Facing the enemy, you can only choose to retreat.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Commander. However, the speed of the "Amagi-class" battlecruiser of the Japanese Navy is too fast, can we escape?" Lieutenant General William Marshall's face was very ugly.

In the aircraft carrier battle group of the German Navy, whether it is a cruiser or a destroyer, the speed is as high as 30 knots or more. However, the speed of the aircraft carrier is relatively slow. Of the aircraft carriers currently in service with the German Navy, except for the "Constellation-class" aircraft

carrier and the "Lord God-class" aircraft carrier, which can reach a speed of 30 knots, the speed of the "Wilhelm the Great-class" aircraft carrier and the "Deutschland-class" aircraft carrier are all below 30 knots. Especially the "Wilhelm the Great-class" aircraft carrier, because it has been in service for almost 20 years, even after maintenance and modification, the maximum speed is only 27 knots.

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"Gentlemen, the islanders are more cunning than we imagined! If we fail this time, we will pay a high price. Let the various aircraft carrier battle groups disperse and retreat, how much can be withdrawn!" Alfred? Admiral Savacht ordered.

"Yes, General." Lieutenant General William Marshall replied.

"Your Excellency Commander, Your Excellency Chief of Staff, please temporarily leave the aircraft carrier 'Wilhelm the Great'! It is too dangerous here. And, once we send a telegram, we will definitely be monitored by the islanders. At that time, the 'Wilhelm the Great' It will become the main attack target of the islanders." Lieutenant General Walter Walser suggested.

Admiral Alfred Savacht thought for a while, then nodded. If only the "Wilhelm the Great" is lost, the loss is not small, but it is still within an acceptable range. But as the commander of the fleet, his personal safety is also very important. If they die in battle, this will have a great impact on the fleet's next command.

"General Varzecha, if necessary, you can abandon the aircraft carrier and save the personnel and other warships. This time we were attacked by the islanders, and we will inevitably suffer some losses. However, we will definitely be able to counterattack after dawn. Send all those damned islanders to the bottom of the sea." Admiral Alfred Savacht said.

The loss of an aircraft carrier will certainly make people feel very distressed. However, if those naval officers, soldiers and carrier-based aircraft pilots can be kept, the losses can be regarded as being minimized. After all, these carrier-based pilots are very valuable. It is not so easy to train a qualified carrier-based aircraft pilot. Only really good pilots can become carrier-based aircraft pilots.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General Walter Walser nodded. However, he has made up his mind that he will never give up the aircraft carrier "Wilhelm the Great" unless it is absolutely necessary.

Although, the aircraft carriers that the German Navy is now building are getting bigger and bigger, and their combat effectiveness is getting stronger and stronger. Compared with those cutting-edge aircraft carriers, the "Wilhelm the Great-class" aircraft carrier is already a bit behind. For example, the "Lord God-class" aircraft carrier can carry up to 120 carrier-based aircraft, and the angled runway further improves the dispatch efficiency of carrier-based aircraft. The combat effectiveness of one 'Lord God-class' aircraft carrier is almost equal to that of two 'William the Great-class' aircraft carriers. However, Lieutenant General Walter Walzer has a lot of affection for these "Wilhelm the Great" aircraft carriers under his command. Unless it is a last resort, he will do his best to save these aircraft carriers.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we should also tell the Pacific Fleet this news, so that they also have a preparation!" Lieutenant General William Marshall said.

"Well, let the Pacific Fleet get ready! After dawn, they'd better take off their carrier-based aircraft and kill these 'Amagi-class' battlecruisers of the islanders!" Admiral Alfred Savacht said .

He is undoubtedly very aggrieved, because this time the aircraft carrier formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet will inevitably pay a lot of losses. As for how much the loss will be, it is hard to say. If the loss is too large, it will undoubtedly be a heavy blow to the Indian Ocean Fleet.

"Yes, General." Lieutenant General William Marshall said.

Subsequently, the "Wilhelm the Kaiser" aircraft carrier broke the radio silence and began to send a telegram. Admiral Alfred Savacht, Lieutenant General William Marshall, and other members of the Fleet Command took a transportation boat to a light cruiser.

"General, the Germans have broken the radio silence, they are still 35 kilometers away from us!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio smiled.

"Very well, it seems that the Germans have discovered us. Their sea search radar has a farther detection distance than ours!" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro sighed.

"General, even if the German radar is more advanced, so what? This time, we can still make them pay a heavy price! If we are lucky, we may be able to sink several German aircraft carriers." Suzuki Yoshitoshi Major General Tail said.

"Well, the time to serve the empire is coming soon. Order 'Akagi' and 'Atago' to speed up the pursuit. 'Amagi' and 'Kaohsiung', continue to search the outskirts, make sure not to miss the Germans aircraft carrier!" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro ordered.

The performance of the German Navy's sea search radar is better, which allows the German Navy to take advantage of this to evade first. Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro had to order their warships to widen the search distance to prevent the German Navy's aircraft carrier from slipping away.

"Hi, General!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio immediately went to make arrangements.

Now the aircraft carrier of the German Navy is in sight. In order to further speed up, the "Akagi" and "Atago" began to pressurize the boilers to further increase the speed of the warships. In this way, the speed can be increased by another two or three knots. Of course, this is time-limited. If the boiler is forced to ventilate for a long time, it will cause the boiler to explode. For a maximum of two hours, you must stop. Even if this is the case, the life of the boiler will be greatly reduced. However, as long as it can catch up as soon as possible, catch the aircraft carrier of the German Navy, and lose a little boiler life, that is completely acceptable.

Two hundred kilometers away from this sea area, the aircraft carrier formation of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet is cruising at a low speed. Admiral Konrad Abbrecht, commander of the Pacific Fleet, has received a telegram from the "Wilhelm the Great".

"Damn, the islanders actually want to sneak attack our aircraft carrier! It looks like they are about to succeed." Admiral Konrad Abbrecht's face was very ugly.

Our capital ship formation has won, which makes him very satisfied. However, the aircraft carrier formation is about to suffer losses, which is unacceptable to Admiral Konrad Abbrecht.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I'm afraid we have no way to stop it. Our capital ship is too far away. Moreover, there are still a few hours before dawn." Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz said.

Admiral Konrad Abbrecht nodded: "Let all aircraft carriers get ready, and take off the carrier-based aircraft as soon as the sun rises. The Amagi-class battlecruisers of the islanders must not be left behind!"

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander!" Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz replied.

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'Wilhelm the Great-class' aircraft carrier is the second-class aircraft carrier built by the German Navy, and it was only in service at the end of the last world war. The full-load displacement is only more than 25,000 tons. After optimizing the hull and flight deck, it can carry 64 carrier-based aircraft. This kind of performance is far behind the German Navy's follow-up "Deutschland-class" aircraft carrier, "Constellation-class" aircraft carrier and "Lord God-class" aircraft carrier. However, in the world, this is still a first-class aircraft carrier.

In addition to the United States, aircraft carriers in other countries are rarely comparable. More importantly, in the Far East Pacific Ocean, this is one of the most important combat forces of the German Navy. If these aircraft carriers are lost, the German Navy's strength in the Far East Pacific Ocean will suffer a great loss. It is also very unfavorable for the next battle.

Because they never expected that the island fleet would rush towards the German Navy's aircraft carrier, they were also unprepared and were caught off guard. Otherwise, the aircraft carrier formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet would not be in such a crisis.

Admiral Konrad Abbrecht has made up his mind. After dawn, he must take off carrier-based aircraft to deal with these "Amagi-class" battlecruisers of the island navy.

With the strength of the aircraft carrier formation of the Pacific Fleet, only two "Constellation-class" battleships are needed to launch an attack, which is enough to send the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers of the island navy to the bottom of the sea. The other two ships can attack the aircraft carrier fleet of the navy of the island country, or provide air defense protection for the main fleet of one's own side. The main fleet of the island nation's fleet suffered a disastrous defeat, and they will definitely not let it go. What is certain is that after dawn, the aircraft carrier formation of the island nation's fleet will definitely release carrier-based aircraft to attack the battleship formation of the German fleet. If the aircraft is not dispatched to provide them with air defense protection, there will definitely be losses.

The four aircraft carrier battle groups of the Indian Ocean Fleet are all speeding up their withdrawal. The aircraft carrier "Wilhelm the Great" is still sailing eastward at full speed. The other three aircraft carriers have already turned, hoping to escape. In other words, as long as they can persist until dawn, they can fight back. The launch of any carrier-based aircraft on an aircraft carrier is enough to make the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers of the island navy unable to eat.

"General, the islanders have sped up again." A staff officer reported.

"These islanders are determined to sink us!" Lieutenant General Walter Walser's face was livid. The warships of the island navy have accelerated, which means that they are less likely to escape.

"General, we may be able to intercept them with heavy cruisers. In this case, maybe we can buy more time." A staff officer suggested.

The aircraft carrier battle group of the German Navy is equipped with two heavy cruisers. These heavy cruisers have a displacement of nearly 20,000 tons, or even more than 20,000 tons. Equipped with three triple mounts of 50 times the caliber of 210mm main guns, it is responsible for the fleet's sea strike missions. At the same time, these heavy cruisers also have not weak air defense capabilities. However, although the combat effectiveness of these heavy cruisers is not weak, they are obviously not strong enough to fight the battlecruisers of the island navy. The 410mm main gun of the "Amagi-class" battlecruiser can severely damage the heavy cruiser of the German Navy with one shot.

"We don't need heavy cruisers for the time being. Let's wait until the islanders catch up!" Lieutenant General Walter Walsar said.

On the battlecruiser "Amagi", the flagship of the 2nd Battleship Squadron of the Combined Fleet of the Island Nation, Lieutenant Admiral Shiro Takasu had a smile on his lips. He had a feeling that the prey was close at hand. Soon, they were able to capture the German Navy's aircraft carrier. In the case of heavy losses of the battleship team, if he can lead the second battleship team to sink the German Navy's aircraft carrier, then he will undoubtedly become a hero who turned the tide. His future will also be bright because of this.

"General, the Germans are definitely fleeing desperately at this moment. Although our 'Amagi-class' battlecruisers are not slow, we can dispatch heavy cruisers and light cruisers to intercept them. In this case, perhaps the Germans can be dispatched faster. The aircraft carrier intercepted it. After all, the longer the time drags on, the more likely there will be variables!" Major General Suzuki Yoshio suggested.

Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro nodded, and adopted the suggestion of Major General Suzuki Yoshio.

"Let our 'Superior Class' heavy cruiser attack at full speed!" Lieutenant General Takasu Shiro ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander." Major General Suzuki Yoshio replied.

The 'Superior Class' heavy cruiser is a heavy cruiser with a displacement of more than 12,000 tons. Of course, this is the Japanese navy's own division criteria. Many light cruisers in the German Navy have more displacement than this. When the "Most Superior" heavy cruiser first entered service, it was classified as a light cruiser and equipped with five triple-mounted 155mm main guns. But later it was refitted, and the five triple-mounted 155mm main guns were replaced with five double-mounted 203mm main guns, and it was also classified as a heavy cruiser.

After receiving the order from Lieutenant Admiral Takasu Shiro, the four "superior class" heavy cruisers immediately accelerated further and quickly chased after the German navy. The maximum speed of the 'Superior Class' heavy cruiser has reached 36.5 knots. If the boiler is further forced to ventilate, the speed can be further increased to more than 39 knots. This is undoubtedly a very terrifying speed.

By searching the radar for the sea, the actions of the four 'Superior Class' heavy cruisers could not be hidden from the German Navy at all.

After Lieutenant General Walter Walser learned of this situation, he had to order the heavy cruiser formation to counterattack. The heavy cruisers 'ZX23' and 'ZX24' of the aircraft carrier battle group 'William the Great' immediately turned their bows and rushed to the battlefield. At the same time, Lieutenant General Walter Walzecha also ordered the heavy cruiser "ZX25" of the "Friedrich III" aircraft carrier battle group and the "ZX27" heavy cruiser of the "William II" aircraft carrier battle group to participate in the battle. The German Navy is not afraid of four heavy cruisers against the four heavy cruisers of the island navy, and even has a good chance of winning. However, the threat of the four "Amagi-class" battlecruisers of the Japanese Navy is undoubtedly greater.

"The islanders have caught up, and we have to fight them desperately! Let the ships pay attention, even if we lose the aircraft carrier, the islanders must pay the price!" Lieutenant General Walter Walser ordered.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

A fierce battle ensued, and the heavy cruisers of both sides fought together.