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"Borrowing the Philippine Islands?" General Itagaki Seishiro jumped up from his chair with an expression of disbelief.

The other important ministers of the island's cabinet also looked at the Hopkins consultant in surprise. Obviously, I did not expect that the United States would propose such a plan. This is something they have never thought of before!

In the plan of the army of the island country, they launched an attack on Southeast Asia and Australia, and they would not launch the attack until the navy of the island country defeated the German navy and took control of the sea. After all, to land in Southeast Asia and Australia, you must rely on the protection and support of the navy.

After the naval defeat, the island army thought they would have to wait patiently for a while longer. But I didn't expect that the Americans would propose such a bold plan.

"Everyone, if you use the Philippine Islands as a springboard, the army of the island country can easily land in Southeast Asia, right? With the help of the Philippine Islands, you can easily capture Dutch Indonesia. Go back and attack the Indochina Peninsula in the north and Australia in the south. Even if there is no navy With your support, you have a great chance of winning. Even the navy of the island country can use this support to reverse the situation and defeat the German navy in one fell swoop!" Hopkins consultant continued.

All the important ministers of the island country were stunned. Of course they knew how feasible this plan was.

"We can send a large number of Army Air Force aircraft to the Philippine Islands. In this way, we will not be afraid of the threat of the German Navy. Under the protection of the Army Air Force aircraft, our transport ships can directly transport troops to the Philippine Islands, Even landing in Dutch Indonesia and other places." General Seishiro Itagaki said excitedly.

"If we can use the Philippine Islands, after the army captures Dutch Indonesia, the space for the German navy's activities will be reduced by us. It is even possible to drive them out of Nanyang." General Mitsumasa Minai also said.

The important ministers of these island countries have realized that this is undoubtedly an opportunity for them. As long as this opportunity is seized, it is not impossible for the army of the island country to march into Southeast Asia and Australia. That would be relatively easy.

"Gentlemen, it seems that you also approve of this plan. Then, let's implement it according to this plan! The US government hopes that you can succeed this time!" said the Hopkins consultant.

"Your Excellency, if we have the Philippines as a springboard, we will definitely be able to defeat the Germans!" General Seishiro Itagaki said confidently.

Consultant Hopkins nodded in satisfaction, regardless of whether the islanders could defeat the Germans in Southeast Asia and Australia. But at least after they send a large army to launch an attack, it

will put a lot of pressure on Germany, thereby restraining part of the German army. This has satisfied the US government very much.

"Your Excellency, is your country planning to go to war against Germany?" Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro asked.

After all, the Philippines is a colony of the United States. If the army of the island country enters the Philippines, it will definitely be regarded as the United States and the island country joining forces.

The Hopkins consultant shook his head: "Now is not the time for us to go to war with Germany. This time, it is you who attacked the United States and occupied the Philippine Islands. Of course, our troops stationed in the Philippine Islands will not resist, but will cooperate with you. Those who use those military facilities. The various war materials we store in the Philippine Islands will also be handed over to you for use."

Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe and others immediately understood what the US government meant. The Americans are not ready for war yet, so they don't want to go to war with Germany at this time. The typical one wants to be a ***** and also wants to set up a chastity archway.

However, this is undoubtedly very beneficial to the island country. With the help of the Philippine Islands, they will be able to attack the South China Sea and Australia when the navy has no way to control the sea. As a result, the possibility of their victory in this battle will be further improved.

"Your Excellency, the U.S. government hopes to sign a secret treaty with the island government. After the war, your country will return the Philippine Islands to the United States!" Hopkins consultant said.

"Your Excellency, of course. We are only temporarily using the Philippine Islands to attack the Germans. After we defeat the Germans, we will definitely return the Philippine Islands to the United States!" Konoe Fumimaro said road.

The Philippine Islands are an important foothold for the Americans in the Asia-Pacific region, and of course they will not give up. Even after winning the war, they will keep the Philippine Islands in order to check and balance the island countries.

"In addition, we can gradually withdraw the hundreds of thousands of soldiers in the Philippine Islands. Our government hopes that they can be properly resettled!" Hopkins consultant reminded.

The reputation of the island nation's army is not very good. The US government does not want the US army in the Philippines to be treated as prisoners of war by the island nation. In that case, I'm afraid I won't be able to explain to the military.

"Of course. Adviser, please rest assured that we will properly accommodate those American officers and soldiers!" General Seishiro Itagaki assured, patting his chest.

"Everyone, then we have reached an agreement!" The Hopkins consultant said with a smile. His trip to Tokyo this time was undoubtedly a complete success.

The important ministers of the island's cabinet all laughed. They were very happy, thinking that they would be able to enter Southeast Asia and Australia soon. Once Nanyang and Australia are occupied, the

rich resources there will immediately be able to free the island country from its dependence on the United States. In the future international situation, they will also have greater autonomy.

That night, the Hopkins consultant and Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe signed their names on the secret agreement.

And the Hopkins consultant did not stay in Tokyo for too long, and took a plane back to the United States the next morning to return to his command. The army of the island country is preparing to send troops to the Philippines.

The army air force of the island country has successively stationed in Okinawa and Baodao. With the help of these fighters, the transport fleet of the island country can be kept safe in the Yellow Sea and the East China Sea. Then cross the Bashi Channel and land in the Philippines.

The elite troops of the island country army have also begun to mobilize. With the cooperation of the Americans, they only need to send a small amount of troops to occupy the Philippine Islands. At that time, a large number of aircraft from the Army Air Force of the island country will fly to the Philippines and station at those US military airports. And a large number of elite troops of the island country army will also set off later and land on the Philippine Islands. Then use the Philippine Islands as a base to attack Southeast Asia and Australia.

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"Itagaki-kun, hurry up! The U.S. only gave us one week of preparation time. We have to launch an offensive after a week. This time, the Americans even gave up the Philippine Islands, which shows that they have a lot of confidence in this battle. How important it is. If we can no longer meet the demands of the Americans, the Americans may no longer support us!" Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe said solemnly.

"Hi, please rest assured, Your Excellency Prime Minister. We will definitely send troops to the Philippines in a week. And launch an attack on Dutch Indonesia in the fastest time." General Seishiro Itagaki replied.

Konoe Fumimaro nodded and said nothing more. His prime minister's control over the army is very small.

After Seishiro Itagaki returned to the Ministry of the Army, he immediately asked for the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Prince Kanin Miyazaihito, the Director of Education, General Yamada Otozo, and the Director of Aviation, Lieutenant General Hideki Tojo.

"Gentlemen, because of our incompetence, we have to postpone our attack on Nanyang and Australia. Fortunately, the United States attaches great importance to this. The U.S. government has agreed that we use the Philippine Islands to launch attacks on Nanyang and Australia. Offensive! This is undoubtedly great news for us. With the Philippine Islands as a springboard, we can launch an attack on Southeast Asia and Australia without relying on the support of the navy." Admiral Seishiro Itagaki smiled.

"Yo Xi! This is really great news!" General Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Palace had a smile on his face.

General Yamada Otosan and Lieutenant General Tojo Hideki were also very happy. It was the first time they had heard the news.

Originally, the army of the island country was still waiting for an opportunity to launch an attack after defeating the German navy and seizing command of the sea. Now it seems that they don't have to wait any longer.

"Gentlemen, what we need to do now is to form the southern army as soon as possible, and then send troops to occupy the Philippines first, and then use the Philippines as a springboard to launch an attack on Dutch Indonesia. Finally, we will launch an attack on the Indochina Peninsula and Australia to completely defeat the troops deployed here. German army!" Itagaki Seishiro said with the general.

Several senior generals of the army of the island nation nodded repeatedly. If the Philippine Islands can be used as a springboard, then this battle will undoubtedly be much smoother. Even relying on their superiority in army strength, it is not impossible to sweep across Southeast Asia and Australia.

"Itagaki-kun, this time the troops forming the Southern Army must be elite! What we are facing is the German Army, which is known as the world's number one!" Admiral Yamada Otozo reminded.

General Itagaki Seishiro nodded heavily, although they thought that the fighting power of the island country army was also very strong, and the combat was more heroic than the soldiers of the German army. But they have to admit that the combat effectiveness of the German Army is very strong. If they want to defeat the German Army, they must send elites.

"This battle is about the future of the empire. We will dispatch the most elite troops." General Seishiro Itagaki said.

"Tojo-kun, whether we want to send troops to the Philippine Islands this time, or attack Dutch Indonesia, Indochina Peninsula and Southeast Asia, we need the full support of the air force. Therefore, the task of the air force this time is very difficult." General Itagaki Seishiro had a serious face.

"Minister of the Army, the Air Force will do its best. All our pilots are ready for battle!" Lieutenant General Hideki Tojo replied.

"Masters, the survival of the empire lies in this battle, and we must do our best to win this battle!" General Seishiro Itagaki said.

"Hi!" everyone replied.

The Army Staff Headquarters of the island country has already started the formation of the Southern Army, and it is almost completed with the mobilization of the army of the island country. They can mobilize more and more troops.

The next day, Prince Xianyuan Gong Zairen, Chief of Army Staff, submitted a plan for the formation of the Southern Army.

In the plan, the Southern Army will have five front armies, four infantry armies and two aviation armies. The total strength includes 38 infantry divisions, 23 independent mixed brigades, two tank divisions, six Flying divisions and several other units.

For the island army that has formed hundreds of divisions, it is not a big deal to deploy so many troops. Of course, a large part of these troops are elite. It can be seen that the island army attaches great importance to this operation.

"Itagaki Sei-kun, this is just the first unit of the Southern Army. If the battle goes wrong, we can send more troops to join the Southern Army at any time!" said Prince Xianyuan Gong Zairen.

General Itagaki Seishiro nodded, although he knew that he wanted to defeat the Germans in Nanyang and Australia, such a small force was obviously not enough. But he also knew that it was impossible to send all the troops out at the beginning of the battle. After they have completely occupied the Philippine Islands and Dutch Indonesia, if there are not enough troops, they can be transferred from the country at any time. The island army plans to form more than two hundred divisions.

"These troops should be enough at the beginning of the war. After the war starts, let's gradually add them!" General Itagaki Seishiro said.

Prince Xianyuan Gong Zairen nodded: "Then, how to determine the commander of the Southern Army?"

General Itagaki Seishiro frowned involuntarily. It is foreseeable that the Southern Army will soon develop into the most powerful army in the island country. If they want to conquer Southeast Asia and Australia, and defeat the 800,000 German troops deployed there, they must send more troops. There would be no doubt, then, that the strength of the Confederate Army exceeded one million men. Even reaching 1.5 million or even 2 million is very possible.

In addition, the attack on Southeast Asia and Australia is related to the fate of the island country. So they hope to win this battle.

This requires the commander of the Southern Army to be a very capable person.

Several names flashed through the mind of General Itagaki Seishiro, but then he denied it.

"Itagaki-kun, how would you like to have General Nishio Toshizo as the commander of the Southern Army? Nishio-kun served as the commander of the Kwantung Army and director of education, the rank of general, and his qualifications in the army are enough to serve as the commander of the Southern Army." Kanin Palace General Prince Zairen suggested.

General Itagaki Seishiro thought for a while, then nodded: "You can let Nishio-kun be the commander. I will suggest to the Prime Minister."

The commander of the Southern Army is undoubtedly a very important position, and it must be approved by the Prime Minister.

After consulting Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro, General Hisao Nishio received a letter of appointment as the commander of the Southern Army.

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After General Hisao Nishio became the commander of the Southern Army, he immediately took over the formation of the entire Southern Army. A large number of troops are gathering to the predetermined area. In particular, the vanguard of the Philippine Islands, that is, the Philippine Front Army, gave priority to going to Baodao by boat.

At the same time, the Army Air Force of the island country also dispatched a large number of troops to the Okinawa Islands and Treasure Island. They will provide protection for the island army's transport

fleet. Once intercepted by the German navy, they will launch an attack to cover the successful arrival of the transport fleet to the Philippine Islands.

On February 13, Prince Kanin Miyazaihito summoned General Hisao Nishio and Lieutenant General Shigeru Suematsu, Commander of the Philippine Front.

"Nishio-kun, Suematsu-kun, are you ready?" General Prince Zain of Xianyuan Palace asked.

"His Royal Highness, the entire Philippine Front Army is ready to fight and can launch an attack at any time! We are confident that we will take the entire Philippine Islands within the specified time!" Lieutenant General Suematsu Shigeru replied.

"Well, very good. This battle is about the future of the empire, and we must win! Nishio-kun, you have a very heavy burden on your shoulders!" said Prince Xianyuan Gong Zairen.

"Your Highness, Nishio is deeply honored to be able to contribute to the future of the empire!" General Nishio Hiszo replied.

The burden on the shoulders of the commander of the Southern Army is heavy, but at the same time, if he can win, it means great credit. It is not impossible to even be promoted again, become a marshal, and take a higher position. Therefore, General Hisao Nishio very much hoped that he could lead the Southern Army to defeat the German Army this time and occupy Southeast Asia and Australia.

"Nishio-kun, Suematsu-kun, if you are ready, then launch an attack in three days! The US troops stationed in the Philippines will fully cooperate with us. Therefore, this operation should not be difficult. The biggest danger is undoubtedly blocked by the German Navy. Of course, the Army Air Corps will fully cooperate with you." said General Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Palace.

This time the army of the island country attacked the Philippine Islands, and the U.S. troops stationed in the Philippines would not resist. Even the Philippine government supported by the United States will cooperate. This allows the island army to easily occupy the entire territory of the Philippine Islands. Of course, the island country army is just borrowing the Philippines and borrowing those facilities in the Philippines. Even if the island country occupies the Philippines, it will not rule there. Everything is just a play played by the Americans and the islanders.

It is precisely because of this that the army of the island country was able to attack Southeast Asia and Australia without the support of the navy. Otherwise, they would not have such an opportunity at all. Crossing the sea without command of the sea will only be sent into the Pacific Ocean by the German Navy to feed the fish.

Of course, the existence of the German navy is also a huge threat to the army of the island country. Therefore, they can only hope that after the strength of the island nation's navy becomes stronger, it will be able to defeat the German navy in one fell swoop and drive them out of the South China Sea and the Pacific Ocean.

"Hi, Your Royal Highness!" General Nishio Hiszo and Lieutenant General Suematsu Moji both replied.

After the summoning this time, Lieutenant General Suematsu Shigeru immediately rushed back to Kaohsiung, which is located in the south of Treasure Island. His front headquarters is temporarily set up here. His headquarters would not move to the Philippines until troops landed in the Philippine Islands.

The Philippine Front Army of the Island Army is a unit affiliated to the Southern Army. The entire Philippine Front Army has not many troops. In addition to a 14th infantry division, there are only independent mixed 49th and 53rd brigades. There are only more than 30,000 people in the entire front army.

The organization of the space-time island country's army has also changed a lot. Perhaps because of the reason to please the Americans, the establishment of the island army has also begun to match that of the US Army. Originally, many divisions of the island army were four-unit divisions, but after the reform, except for a small number of divisions, most of the divisions were replaced by three-unit divisions. Because of financial resources, the divisions of the island army cannot be equipped with a large number of artillery and armor units like the US Army, so in the end they just learned to be different.

On the morning of February 16, the 14th Infantry Division under the Filipino Front of the Island Army independently formed the 49th and 53rd Brigades, with a total of more than 30,000 people. They set off from Kaohsiung on dozens of merchant ships and crossed the Bashi Channel, to Luzon Island.

The Island Army Air Force dispatched hundreds of aircraft to provide them with protection. Of course, there are more island nation fighter planes on standby at the airport on Treasure Island. Once the transport fleet is attacked, they will immediately take off to reinforce them.

In fact, the German Army never expected that the army of the island country would dare to launch an attack when the navy of the island country did not gain command of the sea, let alone that the Americans would abandon the Philippine Islands. As a result, the Philippine Front of the Island Army landed in Bangui, northern Luzon, in the early morning of February 17 without any obstruction.

The U.S. troops stationed here directly handed over the defense area to the island country army after the island country army landed. Even those Filipinos working at the port fully cooperated with the loading and unloading of the island army, enabling the island army to disembark in a very short time.

Subsequently, after the Philippine Army of the island country landed, it immediately went south along the highway and advanced rapidly. Even the Americans prepared a large number of trucks in the Philippines, all of which were handed over to the army of the island country. This makes the advance speed of the island country army very fast.

At the same time, the government of the island country announced that because a fishing boat of the island country was hit and sunk by the Philippine Coast Guard in Philippine waters, the island country officially declared war on the Philippines.

What is strange is that, as the suzerain of the Philippines, the US government has remained silent on this, as if it did not know that the Philippines had been attacked.

Filipinos have no resistance to the islanders who suddenly invaded them. There are even quite a few Filipinos who specialize in providing services to islanders in order to earn money, and everything seems so harmonious.

Of course, this is also because the islanders restrained their animal nature and did not kill in the Philippines. The generals and officers of the army of the island country have repeatedly warned the soldiers to observe military discipline in the Philippines and not to behave recklessly. Otherwise, the general will deal with it.

The reason why the island army is so strict is that it does not want to offend the United States. Otherwise, they may not get the support of the Americans in the future.

It was with the strong support of the Americans that the Philippine Front Army of the island country army captured the entire Philippine Islands in just three days.

Chapter 1304

Germany, Berlin, Supreme Command.

Emperor Qin Tian and a group of important ministers from the cabinet have all arrived here. There is only one topic today, and that is the rapid occupation of the Philippine Islands by the islanders, and how much impact this will have on the situation in the entire Southeast Asia or the Asia-Pacific region.

The island country declared war on the Philippine Islands, and then quickly occupied the entire Philippine Islands, which was completely unexpected by Germany. Didn't even get any news before. By the time they reacted, the islanders had already gained a firm foothold in the Philippine Islands. Moreover, the army of the island country is now continuously heading to the Philippine Islands by sea. It is foreseeable that after the army of the island country sends more and more troops to the Philippine Islands, it will launch an attack on Dutch Indonesia. At that time, the situation in the entire Nanyang will be corrupted.

"Everyone, it seems that we have all been tricked by the Americans and the islanders! They put on such a show under our noses." Qin Tian said with a sneer. He was very angry that the Americans and the islanders had united against the German Empire. What made him even more dissatisfied was that the intelligence agency of the empire had no news at all.

"Your Majesty, this is my negligence." The intelligence chief immediately admitted his mistake.

Qin Tian shook his head: "The Americans and the islanders want to hide it wholeheartedly, and there is nothing we can do about it."

"Your Majesty, I have already summoned the US ambassador to Germany. However, the other party insisted that they were attacked by the islanders. And the US ambassador also claimed that their government is discussing that they will declare war on the island!" Foreign Minister Ribbent Luo Fu said.

"Hmph! This is just their show. According to the information we have obtained, the reason why the islanders quickly occupied the Philippine Islands is because of the help of the Americans. The hundreds of thousands of American troops stationed in the Philippine Islands, They surrendered to the islanders without firing a shot. They even took the initiative to hand over a large amount of war materials and equipment to the islanders. In addition, the ships that transported various materials from the west coast of the United States to the islanders were not affected at all. Influence. In the United States, it seems that they don't even know that their Philippine colonies have been invaded by the islanders!" said Imperial Prime Minister Wahit.

The military and political ministers of the German Empire all looked very solemn. From the information obtained so far, it can be easily analyzed that the islanders and Americans are acting this time. Even, the Americans have come to the foreground from behind the scenes this time.

Although the United States has not officially participated in this war, they have been intervening in the war since before. Behind the scenes, they continue to provide various materials to Bu Russia and the island countries, so that they can continue the war. Now seeing the failure of the island country, it is even more direct to provide substantial help to the island country.

"It seems that the island nation's navy failed to defeat our Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet in naval battles. The Americans are in a hurry. That's why they adopted this method to help the island nation!" Marshal Raeder said.

"Your Majesty, ministers. The Philippine Islands fall into the hands of the island nation, which will have a great impact on the situation in the entire Southeast Asia. The island nation can use the Philippine Islands as a springboard to launch attacks on Dutch Indonesia and other places. This For us, it will be very unfavorable. Our troops in Southeast Asia and Australia are still too small. Once the islanders invest a large number of troops, we are likely to be defeated by them." Marshal Manstein said.

"Order our troops in Nanyang and Australia to prepare for battle! No matter what, we must do our best to defeat the islanders! If necessary, we can deploy troops from the mainland to reinforce Nanyang and Australia!" Qin Qin God said.

It has been half a year since the war broke out. The mobilization of the third batch of the German Army is about to be completed. This allowed the German Army to have 12 more army units. Originally, these troops were used to defend the mainland and other European regions in case the Americans attacked. But judging from the current situation, the Americans dare not go to war for a while. In this case, troops can be temporarily deployed to reinforce other areas.

Of course, even if the Americans want to start a war, they first need to defeat the German Navy's home fleet and Atlantic Fleet. Although the strength of the U.S. Navy has expanded rapidly over the years, the strength of the German Navy is also very strong. It is not so easy for the U.S. Navy to defeat the German Navy and seize command of the Atlantic Ocean. Therefore, the safety of Germany's west coast is guaranteed.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Marshal Manstein nodded. However, he made up his mind that he would not deploy local troops unless it was absolutely necessary.

"Your Majesty, if possible, let us command the Dutch army in Indonesia. In this way, the possibility of us resisting the attack of the islanders will be greatly improved." Marshal Manstein said.

Qin Tian nodded: "You can contact the Dutch. However, the Dutch don't have many troops in Indonesia. If they really can't resist the islanders, they can abandon Dutch Indonesia and retreat to the Indochina Peninsula. As long as we can Hold on to the Indochina Peninsula and Australia, and when we defeat Bu Russia, we will have enough troops to go to other battlefields," Qin Tian said.

Once Germany defeats Bu Russia, millions of troops can be liberated. At that time, whether it is to attack the United States or send it to the Far East, Germany will have more room for maneuver. Coupled with a larger number of slave countries* armies, this will make Germany no longer lack in troops.

"Everyone, the biggest goal of our army this year is still to defeat Bu Russia! At this stage, Bu Russia is our biggest enemy. After defeating Bu Russia, we can free up our hands to deal with other fronts ." Qin Tian said.

Throughout 1940, Qin Tian's goal was to defeat Bu Russia. All other fronts can be on the defensive. After defeating Bu Russia, you can transfer your troops to other fronts.

Of course, Qin Tian also knows this, and the Americans also know this, so they will not let Germany defeat Bu Russia so easily. In addition to giving Russia material resources, the Americans will open up other battlefields, forcing Germany to fight on two fronts, or even on multiple fronts.

Faced with such a situation, Germany has no other choice but to fight.

Chapter 1305

Lion City, Imperial Army 11th Army Command. General Yotel Hans von Kluge, commander of the army, is meeting with Lieutenant General William Adam, commander of the 23rd army who came from Borneo.

After the island army occupied the Philippine Islands, it directly posed a threat to the defense zone of the 23rd Army. It is foreseeable that the islanders will attack Borneo from the Philippine Islands next. The 23rd Army Group stationed there will bear the brunt. Although the 23rd Army has 200,000 people, it is well-equipped and well-trained. However, if the island country army launches a crazy attack, it will undoubtedly be very difficult to completely resist the island country army's attack with the strength of the 23rd Army.

The 12th Army and the 24th Army are far away in Australia. Therefore, Lieutenant General William Adam had no choice but to come to the Lion City for rescue.

"General Kluge, we were all played by the islanders! I didn't expect them to play such a trick. Now, the situation in the entire Nanyang has become very critical." Lieutenant General William Adam said.

Admiral Kluge nodded: "The total strength of the island country's army has reached several million! And we have only 800,000 people in Southeast Asia and Australia. The difference in strength between the two sides is really too big. Yes. As for those colonial troops, they don't value their use at all. They can't be counted on at all. Therefore, this battle will be very difficult for us."

"Yes, General Kluge." Lieutenant General William Adam said.

Originally they all thought that even if the islanders would attack Nanyang, they would have to wait until the island navy defeated the German navy and gained command of the sea. In that case, the German Army would have a long time to prepare. But who would have imagined that the Americans would directly intervene?

"General Adam, you don't have to worry too much. If you really can't hold Borneo, then retreat to the Indochina Peninsula! We can lose Borneo, or even lose most of the defense area. But as long as we can hold the Lion City, hold some strategic points, and when we defeat Bu Russia in Europe, we will have enough reinforcements. At that time, it is time for us to launch a large-scale counterattack." Admiral Kluge said.

Now the German Army is at a disadvantage in Southeast Asia. With no other choice, it can only abandon some defense areas, hold on to some strongholds, and wait for a counterattack.

"It seems that this is the only way to go. However, even if the islanders want to land on Borneo, I will make them pay a heavy price. Let them know that Borneo is not so easy to occupy. The army of the German Empire, let alone So easy to defeat!" Lieutenant General William Adam said.

Admiral Kluge nodded: "General Adam, didn't there be a telegram from the country saying that the Dutch troops would obey our command? Then we can command the Dutch to fight."

But Lieutenant General William Adam shook his head: "General Kluge, I understand. Those Dutchmen are simply vulnerable. If they are sent to the battlefield, I am afraid it will only have the opposite effect."

Admiral Kluge thinks about it and this is indeed the truth. If the Dutch were not only of no help but a drag on the Germans, then there was no point in sending them into battle. After all, in terms of the combat effectiveness of the German army, if no one is dragged down, it will be quite calm whether it is attacking or retreating.

"General Kluge, then I will return to Borneo. In the next battle, we still need the support of the navy and the air force. Even if the islanders occupy the Philippine Islands, but they want to land on Borneo We have to cross the Sulu Sea. If our navy and air force can teach the islanders a lesson there and make them pay a heavy price, then we will have a much better chance of stopping the islanders from attacking Already." Lieutenant General William Adam said.

"I will instruct the 5th aviation group to fully cooperate with you in combat. On the navy side, I think General Konrad Abbrecht will also make arrangements." Admiral Kluck said.

Lieutenant General William Adam nodded, then got up to leave.

When the island army is about to launch an attack on Borneo, he, the commander of the 23rd Army of the German Army, still has a lot to do. Realizing that he might not be able to defend Borneo, Lieutenant General William Adam was determined that even if he had to evacuate Borneo, he would make the island army pay a heavy price in Borneo.

Island Army Southern Command, Manila, Philippines.

After the army of the island country occupied the entire Philippine archipelago, General Hisao Nishio, the commander of the Southern Army, couldn't wait to move his headquarters here from the mainland of the island country. It seems that only in this way can he be a general army commander who can command millions of troops.

Because of the cooperation of the Americans and the Philippine government, the island army easily occupied the entire territory of the Philippines.

The Army Air Force of the island country also has a large number of fighter planes stationed at those airports on the Philippine Islands. The Americans not only handed over those airports to the island country army intact, but also donated the war materials in the airport to the island country army air force, so that they could use these airports to launch military operations soon.

However, at this moment, other troops under the southern army of the island country army are rushing to the Philippines by boat. Before the arrival of the main force, the Southern Army was unable to launch military operations for a while.

After the Philippine Front Army, the Lanyin Front Army under the jurisdiction of the Southern Army of the Island Army went to the Philippines from the mainland. The entire front army is composed of the 28th Army, the 33rd Army, four infantry divisions and three independent mixed brigades, including a total of nine divisions and three independent mixed brigades, with a total strength of more than 20 million people. They will also be the first troops to attack Dutch Indonesia after the island army occupies the Philippine Islands.

Therefore, General Hisao Nishio also attached great importance to the Indonesian Front Army, and instructed the transport fleet to give priority to transporting the troops and equipment of the Lanyin Front Army to the Philippine Islands, so that they have enough time to adapt to the climate here, so that they can be transported to the Philippine Islands. Complete the preparations in the shortest possible time, and then launch an attack on Dutch Indonesia.

On the morning of February 22, General Hisao Nishio went to Mindanao to inspect the preparations of the Lantian and Indian front forces. Lieutenant General Kawabe Masazo, commander of the Lanyin Front Army, accompanied the whole process. Regarding the morale of the Lanyin front army, General Nishio Hisao is still very satisfied. During the conversations with the officers and soldiers, General Hisao Nishio also felt their confidence, which made him full of confidence in the upcoming war.

Chapter 1306

Manila, the Southern Army Command of the island nation. General Hisao Nishio summoned Lieutenant General Shigeru Suematsu, Commander of the Philippine Front, Lieutenant General Shozo Kawabe, Commander of the Indian Front, Lieutenant General Michio Sugawara, Commander of the 3rd Air Force, and Motomoto, Commander of the 14th Front, only part of which had arrived in the Philippines. Lieutenant General Jian Yaqing.

"Gentlemen, now we are transporting a large number of troops to the Philippine Islands through the transport fleet. However, due to the threat of German submarines and aircraft, our transport speed is much slower than we expected. But if the Germans think that this will prevent us from attacking, they are very wrong!" General Nishio Hiszo said.

Several lieutenant generals all looked serious. They all knew that although the island army could use the Philippine Islands to attack Dutch Indonesia with the acquiescence of the Americans. However, the patience of the Americans is very limited. They hope that the island army will launch an attack as soon as possible, and they can't waste any more time. Therefore, General Hisao Nishio could not wait for all the troops of the Southern Army to arrive, so he had to launch an attack in advance.

"Kawabe-kun, is the Lanyin Front Army ready?" General Hisao Nishio asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, all the units under the Lanyin Front Army are ready for battle, and we are ready to launch an attack at any time!" Lieutenant General Kawabe Masazo replied. Although he knows that this time he will be fighting against the powerful German army, it is very difficult to say whether his troops can defeat the Germans. However, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo has the confidence to fight the next battle well. The soldiers of the island army who are not afraid of death will defeat all powerful enemies with the spirit of bushido.

General Nishio Hisao nodded with satisfaction: "Honma-san, the 14th Front Army must speed up its assembly. Once the Lanyin Front Army successfully lands on Borneo, the 14th Army must quickly catch

up and cooperate with the Lanyin Front Army to completely wipe out The German 23rd Army entrenched there!"

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma, commander of the 14th Front Army, replied.

The 14th Front Army is a very large front army with 12 infantry divisions, a tank division, three independent mixed brigades and other troops, with a total strength of nearly 300,000 troops. Therefore, General Hisao Nishio also regards the 14th Front Army as a main front army under the command of the Southern Army, and hopes that they can play their due role in the war. It's just that it will take time for such a huge front army to be transported from the mainland of the island country to the Philippines. Now only a small number of troops of the 14th Front Army have arrived in the Philippine Islands, and most of the other troops are still waiting to be shipped at sea or on the mainland.

But this time the Southern Army obviously will not wait until all the 14th Front Army has arrived in the Philippine Islands before launching an attack.

"Mr. Sugawara, we are going to land on Borneo, and we will inevitably be intercepted by Luftwaffe fighter planes or naval ships. This requires the Air Force to dispatch fighter planes to provide cover for our landing troops. I hope that the third The air force can seize the air supremacy from the Sulu Sea to the eastern airspace of Borneo, and ensure that the landing troops can reach Borneo safely!" General Hisao Nishio said.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I will do my best!" Admiral Michida Sugawara replied.

The 3rd Air Force has three flying divisions under its jurisdiction, with two hundred fighters and a large number of reconnaissance and bombers. The overall strength is slightly weaker than that of the 5th Aviation Group of the Luftwaffe. However, the defense zone of the 5th Aviation Group covers the entire Southeast Asia, and the number of aircraft that can be deployed to Borneo is obviously not too many. And this undoubtedly gives the island nation's army aviation forces an advantage.

Of course, in terms of fighter performance, the island army may not be able to compete with the German Air Force. The Type 1 fighters and Type 97 fighters they are equipped with are simply impossible to be opponents of the Luftwaffe's FW-190 fighters and BF-109 fighters. In terms of bombers, the performance of the Type 97 light bombers and Type 97 heavy bombers equipped by the Army Air Force of the island country cannot be compared with the dive bombers and ground attack aircraft equipped by the Luftwaffe. Once a war breaks out between the two sides, the situation on the battlefield will definitely show a one-sided situation.

General Nishio Hisao nodded, and then began to issue orders: "Sugawara-kun, the 3rd Air Force will launch an attack starting tomorrow to seize air supremacy! Three days later, the Lanyin Front Army will launch a landing operation, and must successfully land on Borneo! "

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Lieutenant General Michi Sugawara and Lieutenant General Shozo Kawabe both replied.

Eastern Borneo, Port Siena. A large air search radar is at work. The radar was launched to the surrounding airspace, clearly monitoring the airspace within 300 kilometers. This is the second

generation of large air search radar used by the Luftwaffe. The third-generation large-scale air search radar that has been replaced in Germany is said to be able to detect airspace 400 kilometers away.

Even if the detection distance is only 300 kilometers, it is enough to clearly detect the entire eastern part of Borneo and the Sulu Sea.

In order to avoid damage to the radar station, there is also an air search radar at Kinabatangan in the west of Senna Port. If the radar in Senna Port is destroyed, this radar will be activated immediately to ensure the monitoring of the surrounding airspace.

At 9 am on February 24, the German Air Force's air search radar found that hundreds of planes were flying from the eastern part of the Sulu Sea to Borneo.

The officer in charge of the radar station immediately called the airport.

Just two minutes later, the bleak air defense siren sounded at the airport in eastern Borneo.

The pilots of the German army rushed to their planes one after another. With the help of the ground crew, they started the fighter planes, and then prepared to take off to meet the enemy.

In order to assist the 23rd Army to resist the attack of the island country army, the 5th Aviation Group of the Luftwaffe transferred a fighter wing, two fighter brigades, two dive bomber brigades and a ground attack aircraft brigade to the airport in eastern Borneo. It can be said that the main force of the entire 5th aviation cluster has gathered in Borneo.

The 6th Aviation Group, which is far away in Australia, also stated that it can send fighter jets to Borneo at any time to assist the 23rd Army. After all, once the 23rd Army withdraws from Borneo, the fall of the entire Dutch Indonesia cannot be stopped. At that time, Australia will also be threatened by the army of the island country. It would undoubtedly be the best if the island army could be kept out of Borneo. Of course, everyone knows that it is undoubtedly very difficult. But even so, everyone still hopes to do their best to at least let the islanders pay a heavy price in the battle.

Under the guidance of our own radar, thirty-six FW-190 fighter jets of the 511th Fighter Battalion of the 51st Fighter Wing of the 5th Aviation Group took the lead to take off and headed to the Sulu Sea to meet the Army Air Force of the island country.

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FW-190 fighter jets are the most advanced fighter jets of the Luftwaffe, and each aviation cluster is equipped with only one wing. After the production of BF-109 fighter jets has ceased, the German Air Force will equip more and more FW-190 fighter jets.

In front of the FW-190 fighter jets of the Luftwaffe, the Type 1 fighters and Type 97 fighters of the Japanese Army Air Force had almost no power to fight back. The maximum flight speed of the FW-190 fighter is as high as 760 kilometers per hour, while the maximum speed of the Type 1 fighter is only more than 500 kilometers per hour, and the maximum speed of the Type 97 fighter is only 470 kilometers per hour. Even the BF-109 fighter jet has a maximum speed of 686 kilometers per hour. In terms of maximum speed, the gap is undoubtedly very large.

Of course, speed is not the only indicator of a fighter's performance. But definitely a very important metric. In terms of climb performance, maximum ceiling, etc., the Type 1 fighters and Type 97 fighters of

the Army Air Force of the island country are also at a disadvantage. In terms of weapons and equipment, the firepower of the Luftwaffe fighter jets is also more powerful.

In addition, in terms of the quality of pilots, the training of fighter pilots of the Luftwaffe is obviously much more perfect than the training of pilots of the Army Air Force of the island country.

After the thirty-six FW-190 fighter jets of the 511th Fighter Group of the German Air Force took off, the BF-109 fighter jets of the 52nd Fighter Wing also took off in an emergency. However, only two fighter battalions took off.

The fighter jets of the Luftwaffe were much faster, so that the fighter planes of the Army Air Force of the island country had just flown to the middle of the Sulu Sea before they were intercepted by fighter jets of the Luftwaffe.

"The target was found, more than a hundred fighters. Most of them are Type 1 fighters and Type 97 fighters, and a small part are Type 97 heavy-duty bombers and Type 97 light bombers. Launch an attack and get rid of them!" Commander Colonel Hans of the 511th Fighter Group of the German Air Force ordered.

"Yes, sir!" The pilots replied one after another.

Subsequently, thirty-six FW-190 fighter jets swooped down from high altitude and launched an attack. Their primary targets are those heavy and light bombers. No need to think about it, the fighter planes of the Army Air Force of the island country must be heading for the airport of the Luftwaffe. After solving these bombers, the Luftwaffe's airport will be safe. Then they have enough time to deal with those island fighters.

"Boom boom boom!"

The machine guns began to roar, and shells shot towards the island nation's aircraft fleet at high speed.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The sound of explosions sounded, and the bombers of the Japanese army air force were blasted out one after another with big holes the size of basketballs.

One after another, the bombers were hit, and then fell to the sea.

"Baga! German fighter jets. We have been attacked!" Major Sato Yuo, the 64th Flying Squadron of the Japanese Army Air Corps, shouted loudly.

The fleet of the Army Air Force of the island country responded immediately. More than sixty fighter jets pursued the fighter jets of the Luftwaffe. And those bombers fled in all directions. Obviously, in front of the flexible Luftwaffe fighter jets, these clumsy bombers have no power to fight back.

"Damn, those German planes are too fast, we can't catch up at all!" An island pilot yelled in horror.

In front of the FW-190 fighter jets of the German Air Force, the Type 1 fighter jets and Type 97 fighter jets of the Army Air Force of the island country are as slow as snails. They can only watch the German Air Force fighter jets get rid of them and return to attack their bombers .

"Damn island monkey, go to hell!" A FW-109 fighter jet dived from high altitude and attacked a Type 97 heavy-duty bomber.

"Da da da!"

The two 12.7mm aviation machine guns on the wings started to fire, and the bullets hit the pilot in the cockpit. Blood sprayed out from the pilot's body, staining the glass of the cockpit red.

After the plane lost control, it fell directly into the sea, splashing a jet of water.

"Brothers, speed up, those guys from the 521st Brigade will be here soon. Let's try to kill all these islanders before they arrive!" Colonel Hans ordered.

"Yes, boss!" The German pilots replied imposingly.

The 521st Fighter Group is equipped with BF-109 fighters, which are relatively slower. So left behind. However, it is undoubtedly very difficult to get rid of all the fighters of the hundreds of Japanese Army Air Forces before the 521st Fighter Brigade arrives.

"German, I've bitten you, go to hell!"

A Type 1 fighter finally bit the tail of a FW-190 fighter, and then pressed the launch button.

The 12.7mm aviation machine gun began to fire, and the dense bullets were fired at the FW-190 fighter jets of the Luftwaffe.

However, the pilot of the FW-190 fighter jet, as if he had eyes in the back of his head, immediately steered the plane to climb up, avoiding those bullets. And he ran behind the Type I fighter in a tumble.

"Island monkey, it's too early to shoot me down!" The German pilot pressed the launch button with a look of contempt.

"Boom boom boom!"

The 20mm cannon fired, and the tail of the Type 1 fighter jet of the Army Air Force of the island country was directly knocked out. The fighter jet fell towards the sea, dragging thick smoke.

"Damn it, the performance of the German fighters is completely ahead of ours. Our loss is too great!" Major Sato Yuo's face was very ugly.

"Sir, almost all of our blasters are lost. Do we want to continue the attack?" A squadron leader asked.

The battle has only lasted more than ten minutes, but their more than 30 bombers have all been shot down by fighter jets of the Luftwaffe. Such a loss is undoubtedly very large for the Japanese army air force. Their Type 1 fighter jets and Type 97 fighter jets are not at all opponents of the advanced fighter jets of the Luftwaffe.

"Sir, another batch of German fighter jets are here!"

Major Sato Yuo saw dozens of planes flying from the western sky. Obviously, it was a fighter jet of the Luftwaffe.

"Retreat! Retreat immediately!" Major Sato Yuo ordered immediately.

He knew that if they did not retreat, all of their fighter jets would have to be lost here.

The remaining dozens of Type 1 fighters and Type 97 fighters of the Army Air Force of the island country began to flee one after another. But the Luftwaffe finally found such an opportunity, how could it easily let it go? They pursued the fighter planes of the Army Air Force of the island country, and did not return until they ran out of fuel. All but a few of the hundreds of fighter planes dispatched by the Army Air Corps of the island country were shot down.

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"Your Excellency, Commander, our offensive has failed. The 5th Flying Division has suffered heavy losses." Lieutenant General Hideyoshi Obata, head of the 5th Flying Division, reported to General Michio Sugawara with an ugly face.

"How big is the loss?" General Michizane Sugawara asked with a dark face.

"Forty-two fighters and 34 bombers were lost." Lieutenant General Hideyoshi Obata reported.

"What? So big?" Lieutenant General Michio Sugawara suddenly didn't know what to say. As the main flying division of the 3rd Air Force, the 5th flying division has only a little over a hundred aircraft. The current loss has reached 70%. It can be said that the entire 5th Flying Division has been lost.

"Your Excellency Commander, the performance of German fighter jets is much stronger than ours. Our Type 1 fighter jets and Type 97 fighter jets are no match for the Germans at all. According to Major Yusa Sato's report, the speed of the advanced German fighter jets is faster than that of the Germans." Our Type 1 fighter jets are at least two hundred kilometers faster. So much so that in air combat, our fighter jets have no way to bite the opponent, let alone launch an attack." Lieutenant General Hideyoshi Obata felt very aggrieved. It's not that their pilots are greedy for life and afraid of death, but because the performance of the enemy's fighters is completely ahead of them, and the performance gap between the fighters of the two sides is too great. That's why they are not the opponents of the Luftwaffe, with such a big loss.

"The Type 1 fighter is already our most advanced fighter. In a short period of time, it is impossible for us to have more advanced fighters in service. Therefore, we can only use the Type 1 fighter to compete with the Germans. As for how to counter the Germans, this is what we need. Think of a way!" Said General Michio Sugawara.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Lieutenant General Hideyoshi Obata replied. But he has no idea.

"Starting tomorrow, the 9th Flying Division and the 55th Flying Division will also participate in the attack. We must destroy the German airfield and seize air supremacy. Otherwise, Your Excellency, Commander of the Southern Army, will not let it go. Ours." Said General Michizane Sugawara.

Lieutenant General Hideyoshi Obata's face couldn't help but become even uglier. He knew that this was undoubtedly letting them go to die! However, they have no other way. The Southern Army pinned its hopes on them. So, they just had to work hard.

On February 25, the island nation's Army Air Force launched another attack. This time, they once again dispatched hundreds of planes. Even the newly formed 55th Flying Division joined the battle.

However, in the face of the defense of the German Air Force, the Army Air Force of the island country was still battered and suffered heavy losses, and it did not play any role at all.

Facing the defense of the Luftwaffe's 5th Aviation Group, the Army Air Force of the island country simply could not win air supremacy. This made General Nishio Hisoka's expectations completely dashed.

On February 26, General Hisao Nishio summoned Lieutenant General Michizane Sugawara at the Southern Army Headquarters in Manila.

General Nishio Hisoka's face was livid, obviously very dissatisfied with the performance of the 3rd Air Force.

"General Michi Sugawara, today is the third day. However, the 3rd Air Force still failed to seize air supremacy, and instead suffered heavy losses. How can we continue this battle?" General Hisao Nishio asked angrily.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I am very sorry. We failed to complete the mission! However, the 3rd Air Force has done its best. After two days of fighting, we have lost 70% of the fighter planes. The pilots who died in the battle are not counted." The number." Admiral Sugawara Michidazhong explained.

"However, you still haven't been able to complete the task!" General Nishio Hisoka seemed to be paying close attention to this point.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the reason why we failed to complete the mission is entirely because the performance of our fighter planes lags far behind the Germans. Therefore, even if our pilots try their best, they cannot defeat the Germans. Under such circumstances, it will be very difficult for us to defeat the Germans and gain air supremacy." General Michizane Sugawara replied.

General Hisao Nishio was obviously not satisfied with such an answer. However, he has no other way. He can't just remove Lieutenant General Sugawara Michio because of this, right? He doesn't have that power yet.

"General Michi Sugawara, you should be clear that this battle is of great importance to the future of the empire. If we cannot defeat the Germans in this battle, then the empire may perish. Therefore, we must do our best to Alright!" General Nishio Hisoka said.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander. The 3rd Air Force will do its best in this battle! However, we need to be replenished as soon as possible. In addition, the 4th Air Force should also join the battle as soon as possible. In this case, we may We can defeat the Germans and gain air supremacy," said Lieutenant General Michizane Sugawara.

In the case that the performance of fighter planes is seriously inferior to that of the Luftwaffe, the Army Air Force of the island country can only defeat the Luftwaffe through numerical superiority and compete for air supremacy.

General Hisao Nishio nodded: "I will contact the Directorate of Aviation and provide you with reinforcements as soon as possible. The 4th Air Force will also arrive on the battlefield as soon as possible."

Michiyo Sugawara did not say much.

Borneo, Brunei City, the headquarters of the German 23rd Army. Lieutenant General William Adam, commander of the Army Group, is listening to the report.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the 5th Aviation Group has caused great losses to the island nation in the past two days of fighting. They have shot down at least 150 island nation fighter planes. The current air supremacy is still firmly in control In our hands!" Major General Erwin Vilo, chief of staff of the Army Group, said with a smile.

"Very well, the 5th Aviation Group is really good. Send a telegram to the 5th Aviation Group Command in my name, thank them!" Lieutenant General William Adam smiled.

If the army air force of the island country does not have air supremacy, it is likely that it will not launch a landing operation for a day. This also allowed the 23rd Army to hold out in Borneo for a longer period of time. The longer it drags on, the better it will be for the German army. It would undoubtedly be the best if the stalemate could continue like this.

"However, Your Excellency, Commander, the islanders have suffered a loss this time, and they will definitely not let it go. It is estimated that they will mobilize more forces to launch an attack soon." Major General Erwin Vero said.

William? Adam nodded. The islanders and Americans carefully planned this operation, and it is impossible to give up after encountering a small setback. However, for the 23rd Army, they also had no other choice but to stand up and fight.

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On February 28, the 3rd Air Force of the Army Air Force of the island country was supplemented from within the country, and all flying divisions were fully staffed again. In addition, the 4th Air Force also all arrived in the Philippine Islands. This is also a powerful air force with three flying divisions.

When the two air armies are fully staffed, the island country army aviation has more than 600 combat aircraft in the Philippine Islands. In terms of the number of aircraft, it is no less than the 5th Aviation Group of the Luftwaffe. It's just that it can't compete with the Luftwaffe in terms of aircraft performance.

General Hisao Nishio, commander of the Southern Army of the island country, is also adopting new tactics. He knew that it was simply impossible to completely seize air supremacy. The Japanese Army Air Force simply does not have this strength. Unless more fighter jets are mobilized from the country, otherwise, their losses will only increase further.

"Gentlemen, the German Air Force has too much advantage. It is difficult to defeat them with the Army Air Force alone. So I decided to adopt a new tactic to deal with the Germans!" General Nishio Hiszo said.

After becoming the commander of the Southern Army, many people stared at this position. If Admiral Hisao Nishio is unable to achieve success for a long time, this will undoubtedly give others an excuse. Therefore, General Hisao Nishio couldn't wait to make a difference.

Lieutenant General Suematsu Shigeru, Commander of the Philippine Front, Lieutenant General Kawabe Masaharu, Commander of the Lanyin Front, Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma, Commander of the

14th Front, Lieutenant General Michida Sugawara, Commander of the 3rd Air Force, Kumaichi Teramoto, Commander of the 4th Air Force The lieutenant generals all looked at General Nishio Hiszo with a serious face, not knowing what he was going to do.

"Tukada-kun, tell the generals about the plan!" General Nishio Hiszo said to the Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Tsukada Offensive.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General Tsukada Gong nodded.

"Gentlemen, in view of the obvious superiority of the Germans in the air, it is difficult for us to compete with them. Moreover, we do not have much time. Therefore, we can only adopt other tactics. After the approval of the General Staff Headquarters, land The Borneo plan can be implemented. However, what I need to tell everyone is that once this plan is implemented, our losses may be relatively large." Lieutenant General Tsukada said.

The faces of several front army commanders became serious. They know that when the previous expected goals cannot be achieved, the most likely thing for the island army is to adopt desperate tactics. After all, this is the consistent style of the Japanese army.

"Two days later, the Lan-Indian front forces dispatched their main force, crossed the Sulu Sea forcibly, and launched a landing operation to the east of Borneo. At that time, the 3rd Air Force and 4th Air Force of the Army Air Force will provide full reinforcements to prevent the transport fleet from being attacked by the Germans. In addition, the Navy will dispatch some warships to reinforce us. We hope that this forced landing plan will be successful and land in eastern Borneo in one fell swoop." Lieutenant General Tsukada said.

As soon as Lieutenant General Tsukada finished speaking, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo's face became very ugly. This is clearly to let the Lanyin army use their lives to fill it! Even with the cover of the Army Aviation, it is unknown how many people will die in the sea before reaching Borneo. However, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo had no way to refuse. He knew that General Nishio Shouzo wanted all of this.

"After the Lanyin Front Army launches an offensive, if necessary, the 14th Front Army will also launch a landing operation!" Lieutenant General Tsukada Gong continued.

Obviously, this is to prevent the Lan-Indian front army from suffering heavy losses and unable to gain an advantage on the Borneo battlefield. At that time, the 14th Front will have to attack.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma replied.

"Gentlemen, for the future of the empire, we must do our best this time. I believe that Amaterasu will bless us. We will be able to successfully land in Borneo and defeat the Germans!" General Nishio Hiszo said.

"The empire will win! His Majesty the Emperor is on board!" Several front army commanders shouted loudly.

On the night of March 2, the navy of the island country secretly dispatched a fleet through the Philippine Islands and into the Sulu Sea. This fleet consists of two "Tone-class" heavy cruisers, two "Tianlong-class" light cruisers and 10 "Yugumo-class" destroyers.

Although the navy of the island country did not send a capital ship, it only sent two heavy cruisers. However, after the joint fleet suffered heavy losses, it is already very good that the navy of the island country can dispatch a fleet of this size. Moreover, these warships have strong firepower, and they undoubtedly pose a deadly threat to ground targets. Once the Lanzhou-Indian Front Army of the island country army starts landing operations, if these warships provide them with artillery support with powerful naval gun fire, it will undoubtedly clear the way for the landing troops and increase the possibility of successful landing.

At the same time in Zamboanga, Mindanao, a large number of transport ships and merchant ships have gathered in the port. Every transport ship and merchant ship was filled with soldiers from the Lanyin Front Army of the island country army. In order to increase the number of people transported as much as possible, those island soldiers were crowded on the ship like livestock. Of course, this also means that once these transport ships and merchant ships are sunk, they can cause considerable casualties to the island army.

However, when the island army is fighting, it has never put the lives of soldiers in its eyes. As long as they can win, no matter how many people die, they will not hesitate.

At 10 o'clock in the evening, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo, commander of the Lanyin Front Army, and Major General Taro Nakayaga, chief of staff, appeared at the port. Major General Isomura Takeyoshi, the deputy chief of staff of the Lanyin Front Army who was in charge of the preparations for this offensive, quickly reported the preparations to them.

"Your Excellency, Commander, Your Excellency Chief of Staff. All the troops in this landing operation have been uploaded, and they are ready to go at any time!" Major General Takeyoshi Isomura reported.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo nodded: "Where are Sakurai-kun and Honda-kun?"

It was mainly the 28th Army and the 33rd Army under the jurisdiction of the Lanyin Front Army that initiated this landing operation. They will all invest the main force in this landing operation. Among them, the 28th Army invested in the 2nd Division and the 54th Division, and the 33rd Army invested in the 18th Division and the 56th Division. The armies of the two countries will launch landings in Sennaport and Lahad Datu respectively.

Soon, Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo and Lieutenant General Honda Masazai arrived.

"Sakurai-kun, Honda-kun. This time, please go inside. Our landing must be successful!" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo said.

"Hey, Your Excellency, Commander, I will do my best!" Lieutenant Generals Sakurai Shōzo and Honda Masazai replied.

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At 10:30 p.m. on March 2, a huge transport fleet transporting more than 80,000 people from the four divisions of the Lanyin Front Army of the Island Army set sail from Zamboanga. Zamboanga is more than 200 kilometers away from Sinar Port and Lahad Datu in eastern Borneo. Calculating the time, they can arrive on the morning of March 3rd. The reason why I chose to set off at night was naturally to avoid being attacked by the Luftwaffe.

Leutenant General Kawabe Shozo, the commander of the Lanyin Front Army, was at the port of Zamboanga, watching the transport fleet leave and hide in the darkness.

"Bless God Amaterasu, this time the landing operation must be successful!" Lieutenant General Kawabe Masanori prayed secretly. You must know that this time they have invested in the main force. Among them, the 2nd Division and the 18th Division are both permanent divisions of the Japanese Army. It has not been reformed, and it is still a four-unit system, with a Class A division with more than 28,000 people. If none of these troops can succeed, then the Lanyin front army may have to take their lives to fill this time.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we will succeed!" Major General Taro Nakayaga said.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo nodded: "Order the rest of the troops to prepare as well. As soon as Sakurai-kun and Honda-kun gain a firm foothold in Borneo, other troops will set off immediately to provide them with reinforcements."

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major Generals Nakayataro and Isomura Takeyo replied.

This time, in the absence of other options, the Lanyin Front Army of the island country army can only do its best. Although they knew it would cause very heavy casualties, it was their only way.

At 1:00 am on March 3, the huge transport fleet and the island nation's fleet converged. The warships of the Island Fleet are scattered around the convoy to provide protection for these convoys. However, it is undoubtedly very difficult for a fleet of only 14 warships, large and small, to provide protection for hundreds of transport ships. It can only barely form a defensive network around the fleet.

The island country army, the Lanyin front army and the island country fleet both put threats in the air. Worried about being attacked by the Luftwaffe after dawn. But they forget that in addition to the German Air Force can pose a deadly threat to them, the German Navy can also threaten them. Although it is night, the submarine force of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet has already dispatched many submarines to deploy in the Sulu Sea.

So far, the number of German submarines operating in the Sulu Sea has reached 12. Although it may not seem like much, Suluhai is not big in the first place. German submarines are already very dense in this sea area.

The German submarine with the hull number U-441 is cruising on the sea at a speed of 8 knots. The development of the submarines of the German Navy is now in its fourth generation. The displacement of these submarines is getting bigger and bigger, and it is close to 2,000 tons. In terms of weapons, in addition to an 88mm multi-purpose naval gun that can be retracted into the boat, there are eight 533mm heavy torpedo launch tubes.

It is said that the German Navy is preparing to mass-produce the next-generation submarine, which has a larger displacement and improved noise reduction capabilities. Coupled with an advanced propulsion system, it can already submerge underwater for a long time. Once the new generation of submarines is in service, the attack power of the submarine force of the island navy will be further improved.

Of course, this has nothing to do with the German submarine cruising the Sulu Sea. The submarines they are using now are far ahead of other countries. However, everyone is still extremely eager for

military exploits. Only by obtaining military exploits can they be promoted and get better treatment. The most important thing is to be able to help their motherland win the war.

After the outbreak of the war between Germany and the island nation, the submarine force has long been gearing up. They often appear in the western Pacific Ocean, even off the coast of island countries, and attack ships of island countries. Both military ships and civilian ships have become the targets of their attacks, causing panic along the coast of the island country. At the same time, this has already produced a large number of ace captains.

Although the navy of the island country also has a large number of submarines, the navy of the island country often regards these submarines as a tool for reconnaissance. The real role of these submarines has not been brought into play.

In another time and space, the biggest role of the submarine force of the island nation's navy is to transport war supplies and transport the wounded for the besieged island nation army. The American submarines attacked the sea transportation lines of the islanders and sank the few island merchant ships at sea. Even if the islanders occupy Nanyang, they will not be able to transport the resources there back to the country and transform them into war power.

"Boss, when will the islanders launch an attack! We have been wandering around the Sulu Sea for several days." A submarine soldier asked.

After the Philippine Islands were occupied by the army of the island country, the Pacific Fleet dispatched submarine forces to the coast near the Philippines.

"Who knows! Just wait. As long as the islanders attack, we will send them into the sea to feed the fish." The captain, Major Hansen, said. He also hopes that the islanders will launch an attack as soon as possible. In this case, he can also achieve greater results.

At this moment, the communications soldier climbed up.

"Boss, submarine No. 448 sent a telegram, and they found a huge transport fleet. It is only 60 kilometers away from us." The signalman reported.

"What? The islanders are finally here. Ready to fight!" Major Hansen's face flashed with joy. Hastily got into the submarine. The other submariners who were active on the deck of the submarine also got into the submarine.

When the hatch was closed again, the submarine began to accelerate, preparing to intercept the island nation's transport fleet.

At the same time, the 23rd Army Command of the German Army also received the news. Lieutenant General William Adam immediately got up and ordered the entire 23rd Army to enter a state of emergency combat readiness after confirming that the islanders were attacking in large numbers.

The army troops deployed in eastern Borneo immediately entered combat readiness, ready to attack the incoming army of the island country at any time.

The fighter planes deployed by the German Air Force's 4th Aviation Group in Borneo also started preparations before takeoff. As soon as the day dawns, they will take off and launch an attack on the island army's transport fleet, causing the island army to be sunk before reaching Borneo.

Of course, the submarine force of the island navy was the first to attack the island army's transport fleet. After receiving the telegram, 12 island nation submarines rushed to besiege the island army's transport fleet. The transport ships of the Japanese army were not fast, so the submarines of the German Navy could rush ahead of them, forming a pocket, waiting for them to drill in themselves.