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On the heavy cruiser 'Tone', Rear Admiral Ryuzaki Rukichi looked serious. As the former captain of this heavy cruiser and also the commander of the naval battleship formation this time, he undoubtedly shouldered a very heavy responsibility. It is not only necessary to protect these vulnerable transport ships, but also to provide fire support for the landing force at dawn tomorrow.

In the eyes of Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi, this is almost an impossible task. After all, the fleet he commanded was too weak. The task that should have been completed by a capital ship is now entrusted to a heavy cruiser like them, which is really difficult for some strongmen.

Of course, the navy of the island country suffered heavy losses in the previous naval battles, and there were not many capital ships left. This made them afraid to take risks with the remaining battleships.

"General, there are too many transport ships that need to be protected. Once the German Navy really enters the Sulu Sea, it will be difficult for us to resist them!" Said Nishi Shinzo, the captain of the heavy cruiser Tone.

"I know! But what can we do? Didn't the previous investigation by the Lu Air Force say that there is no German fleet on the Sulu Sea? Now we can only pray to God Amaterasu, and pray that this time the operation will not encounter the Germans The warship." Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi seemed very helpless.

Da Nishi Xinzang Colonel also looked helpless. Their fleet is too weak, and the Germans can catch them all with just a few capital ships or heavy cruisers.

However, what Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi and the others did not know was that the German Navy did not deploy warships in the Sulu Sea. The sea area here is too narrow, and there is not much room for warships to maneuver here. Once it is besieged by enemy bombers or torpedo attack aircraft, it may be sunk. Therefore, the German Navy does not intend to deploy capital ships here. But when necessary, some surface ships may still be dispatched to attack.

Only this time, what Rear Admiral Ryuzaki Rukichi and the others are going to face is not the surface fleet of the German Navy, but the equally ferocious underwater wolves.

At 3 o'clock in the morning on March 3, the submarine force of the German Navy completed the mobilization. 10 of the 12 submarines were ambushed on the only way for the island fleet. The other two ships were too far away to arrive in time. But 10 submarines are undoubtedly able to cause great casualties to the island fleet.

"General, the destroyer 'Changbo' found a suspicious target underwater, which is suspected to be a German submarine." A staff officer reported.

"German submarine?" Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi's face suddenly turned ugly.

The transport ships they protect, although the displacement is not small, but the defense is too weak. All it takes is one heavy torpedo to sink it. Once it hits a German submarine, the consequences will be unimaginable.

"Order the destroyer 'Nagaba' to sink the German submarine!" Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi ordered.

"Hi, General." The staff officer immediately went to convey the order.

"General, will the Germans have discovered our actions?" Colonel Daxi Xinzang was a little worried.

"Who knows? I pray that we just happened to be hit by a German submarine! Otherwise, this operation will be in trouble." Major General Ryuzaki Ruyoshi said.

Submarine No. U-441, under the cover of night, raised its periscope.

Their current position is only two kilometers away from the island fleet. From the periscope, it can be clearly seen that a large number of island nation fleets are sailing slowly.

"Prepare to attack, target the transport ships and merchant ships of the islanders! Since the islanders want to attack Borneo, let them swim from the Sulu Sea to Borneo!" Major Hansen said.

"Sir, those islanders will probably die in the belly of the fish before they swim to Borneo!" A German officer said.

"Torpedo ready, launch!" Major Hansen ordered.

"Boom! Boom!"

The four torpedo tubes at the bow of the U-441 submarine all fired torpedoes. Four 533mm heavy torpedoes rushed towards the target at high speed. Because this time it is the islanders' transport ships and merchant ships that are going to be attacked. So these torpedoes are scattered. There is no need to concentrate on attacking a transport ship or a merchant ship. In that case, it would be too wasteful.

"Hurry up and reload, and try to launch another round!" Major Hansen ordered.

In a submarine of the German Navy, in addition to the torpedoes in the launch tube, there are another 12 torpedoes in reserve. However, reloading takes time.

The submariners began to fill the torpedoes in a hurry. Major Hansen used the periscope to track the torpedoes.

"Boom!"

A violent explosion sounded, and the flames erupted on the side of a merchant ship. The fragile hull was easily torn apart in the explosion, and a large amount of sea water poured into the hull.

"Damn it, the other submarines started first!" Major Hansen couldn't help cursing.

Subsequently, explosions sounded one after another among the island fleet.

One after another transport ships or merchant ships were hit by heavy torpedoes.

These heavy torpedoes easily caused severe damage to those transport ships and merchant ships that were difficult to repair. Because the hull is fragile, and the number of watertight compartments is not many. Therefore, once these transport ships and merchant ships are severely flooded, there is a high possibility that they will sink.

"Eight Ga! German submarines! More than one submarine!" Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi cursed. "Wolf pack! This is the wolf pack tactics of the German submarine force. During the last world war, his submarines dealt with the British like this. We were targeted by their wolves." Da Nishi Xinzang's face was pale .

"Order all the destroyers to attack and sink the German submarines. They can't let them slaughter our transport ships and merchant ships like this again!" Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi ordered.

At this time, many merchant ships have been hit. Even some merchant ships have been sunk. Countless island army soldiers fell into the sea. Some island country soldiers who did not know water sank after splashing a few times in the sea, and more guide rod soldiers were holding some floating objects and floating on the sea surface. However, it is not far from the land. Their final result is very likely to freeze to death in the sea, and then become food for various fish in the sea.

"Launch!" Major Hansen gave the order again. He hopes to further increase their achievements.

The torpedo tube at the bow of the U-441 submarine fired a torpedo again. Four heavy torpedoes once again rushed to the island fleet in chaos.

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"Baga! What the **** is going on? What are those idiots in the navy doing?" On a transport ship, Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai, commander of the 28th Army of the Japanese Army, cursed.

Those transport ships and merchant ships were continuously sunk, and all the losses were their soldiers! Although they have known about this operation for a long time, they will definitely lose a lot. But the loss they expected was after they landed in East Borneo, not now! Before arriving at the destination, they were attacked by the enemy and suffered heavy losses. If this continues, how will this battle be fought?

"Sakurai-kun, it seems that we were attacked by a German submarine. We have so many transport ships and merchant ships this time, they have undoubtedly become the targets of the Germans." Honda Masai, the commander of the 33rd Army of the Japanese Army The lieutenant general smiled wryly.

"Those guys in the navy, why can't they stop the Germans?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōzo gritted his teeth.

Lieutenant General Benta was silent. He knew that with the power of the navy, even if he wanted to stop the Germans, he would probably be powerless. All they can do now is to pray that their losses will be smaller.

"Good job! We have sunk at least four transport ships or merchant ships of the islanders. It would be great if all the islanders who fell into the water could be drowned." Major Hansen smiled.

Of course he knew, it was almost impossible. After their attack is over, the surviving island country transport ships and merchant ships, as well as those warships, will start rescue. But what is certain is that the casualties of the islanders will not be too small.

"Sir, an island warship is approaching us!" The sonar soldier suddenly reported.

Major Benson's face suddenly changed: "Urgent dive!"

Although the attack power of the submarine is very powerful, it is also very fragile. Once hit by a surface battleship, it is almost certain death. At that time, the submarine will become an iron coffin to bury everyone.

The greatest threat to a submarine is its concealment. Once the advantage of concealment is gone, the submarine becomes vulnerable.

U-441 submarine started an emergency dive, and soon dived to a depth of 50 meters.

The destroyer "Gaobo" of the navy of the island country came to this sea area. However, they turned a few times on the sea, but found that there was no target.

"Have you found anything?" Major Ono Shiro, the captain of the destroyer "Gaoba", asked with a dark face.

"Sir, not found. They seem to have escaped." The sonar soldier reported.

"How could it be possible to escape so quickly? Launch a depth charge, and the German submarine must be blown out!" Major Ono Shiro ordered.

"Hi, sir."

Depth charges one after another were thrown into the sea, and soon there was a dull explosion.

Although it was not directly hit by the depth charges, the impact generated by the explosion of those bombs caused the U-441 submarine to shake continuously in the sea. All the submariners in the submarine were pale. They all knew that once the sub was hit, they were dead.

"Continue to dive!" Major Benson ordered.

The maximum dive depth of their submarines can reach one hundred meters. If you continue to dive, the strong water pressure may crush the submarine's shell. At that time, I am afraid they will all sink into the sea.

The U-441 submarine continued to dive, and after diving to a depth of 100 meters, the impact force was much smaller. The submariners, including Major Benson, breathed a sigh of relief.

At this moment, the sea is in chaos. A large number of island country transport ships and merchant ships were hit by torpedoes, some transport ships and merchant ships have sunk, and some are sinking. The island army soldiers who fell into the water are everywhere on the sea.

Under the frantic siege of the destroyers of the island navy, the submarines of the German Navy had to retreat. Fortunately, despite not being able to cause greater casualties to the island fleet. But all 10 submarines involved in the attack retreated safely.

When there were no more explosions, Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi and Colonel Onishi Shinzo finally breathed a sigh of relief.

"General, the German submarines should have retreated!" A staff officer reported.

"Then how many German submarines have we sunk?" Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi asked.

This made the officer speechless for a moment.

Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi's complexion suddenly turned black like the bottom of a pot. He knew that they might not be able to sink a German submarine this time. The submarine force of the German Navy caused great casualties to them. But they can only watch the German submarine retreat safely, which is undoubtedly a severe slap in the face!

"General, Lieutenant General Sakurai and Lieutenant General Honda are here." An officer reported.

Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi nodded, and led Da Nishi Shinzo to welcome him out. He knew that the two lieutenant generals had obviously come to question the crime. But he has no choice, although the two sides do not belong to each other. But who caused their **** to make such a big mistake, causing the army to suffer heavy losses?

Lieutenant Admiral Sakurai Shousan and Lieutenant Admiral Honda Masazai climbed onto the heavy cruiser 'Tone' with dark faces.

"Ryuzaki-kun, what did you do? Should you give us an explanation?" Lieutenant General Sakurai asked with a dark face.

"Your Excellency, Lieutenant General, I am very sorry for this. We were ambushed by the German submarine force. Although we tried our best to expel them. However, there were still a lot of casualties. Our strength is too weak, and we need There are too many transport ships and merchant ships being protected. That's why this happened." Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi explained.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan wanted to reprimand him a few more words, but he was dissuaded by Lieutenant General Honda.

In the next landing operations, they will have to rely on the fleet to provide them with fire support. If Major General Ryuzaki Ruyoshi is offended. Once the other party does not cooperate, the island country army may have to pay more casualties when it lands. Such consequences will undoubtedly be even more unbearable.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan undoubtedly wanted to understand this, so he swallowed the words that came to his lips.

"Ryuzaki-kun, this action is related to the fate of the empire. Therefore, we hope to get the full cooperation and assistance of the navy. If we fail, it will be a serious blow to the entire empire." Ben Tazheng Lieutenant General Cai said.

Major General Ryuzaki Ruyoshi nodded: "Your Excellency, Lieutenant General, I understand this very well. The fleet will fully support the army's landing in the next operation. However, our strength is too weak. Even if we do our best, I am afraid it's also hard to do!"

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The transport fleet of the island country has hundreds of transport ships and merchant ships. These transport ships and merchant ships crashed into four divisions of island army soldiers and their equipment. However, under the ambush of the German Navy's submarine force, nearly thirty transport ships and merchant ships were sunk. Such losses are undoubtedly very heavy for the 28th and 33rd armies of the Japanese army.

Although, after the German Navy's submarine withdrew, both the island army's transport fleet and the navy's warships carried out emergency rescue of the soldiers who fell into the water. But the final statistics found that the number of missing soldiers has exceeded tens of thousands. In addition, a lot of equipment was also lost, which will undoubtedly make the island army's next landing operations face great difficulties.

"Baga! The loss is so big. If we want to successfully land in Borneo next, I'm afraid we will have to pay even greater losses!" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo's face was gloomy.

"Sakurai-san, this is inevitable. In fact, what Kawabe-san said is very clear, our operation this time is to take human lives to fill! Our two armies dispatched more than 80,000 people this time, and we don't know the end of the battle. After that, how much can be left." Lieutenant General Honda seems to have seen through all this long ago.

With no way to seize air supremacy, and the time is very urgent, the senior leaders of the island country army can only ignore the lives of soldiers. Attempt to use such tactics to achieve success. Of course, if it succeeds, the loss must be so small. But that's at least worth it. But if it fails, the loss is in vain.

It's just that such a decision is not something they can decide. Even if they are also lieutenant generals and commanders of the infantry army, they can barely be regarded as high-level officials. But in front of the real decision-making level, they still only have to bear it passively.

Among the generals of the army of the island country, there are quite a few lieutenant generals. But there are not many generals. This also gives the general a lot of power. Lieutenant generals have different powers depending on their positions. The rank of the commander of the front army is lieutenant general, the rank of the commander of the infantry army is also lieutenant general, and the rank of the division commander of the infantry division is also the rank of lieutenant general. Even the brigade heads of some of the older independent mixed brigades, as well as the military chief officers of some well-equipped independent troops, are also lieutenant generals. This is why Sakurai Shozo, Honda Masai and the commander of the Lanyin Front Army, Kawabe Shozo, are both lieutenant generals, but they can only bow their heads and obey orders.

Success by sacrificing the lives of soldiers is a common tactic used by island armies. Since the island nation gradually began to rise, they began to use such tactics. Whether it is a meatball attack or a pig attack, it is essentially the same.

"It's not long before dawn. Once dawn, the Germans will definitely send planes to attack us. At that time, we may have to pay more losses. We must speed up and reach Borneo as soon as possible, and then launch Attack is fine. In that case, at least we won't be sunk by German planes at sea, causing our soldiers to be drowned in vain." Lieutenant General Honda then said.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo nodded: "Order all transport ships and merchant ships to increase their speed to the maximum!"

In order to buy time, the island navy's transport fleet increased its speed to the maximum to ensure that it could reach the eastern coast of Borneo at dawn and initiate a beach landing.

Brunei City, the headquarters of the 23rd Army of the German Army, Commander William Adam did not rest, he was waiting for news from the front. After learning that the navy's submarine force was eyeing the islanders' transport fleet. Lieutenant General William Adam knew that the island army's transport fleet would definitely be in bad luck this time. Of course, this is something Lieutenant General William Adam would be very happy to see.

"General, there is news from the navy. Ten of our submarines launched an ambush against the island nation's transport fleet and achieved great results. It is initially estimated that the island nation's transport ships and merchant ships were sunk by our submarines. More than 30 ships. At least tens of thousands of casualties were caused to the island army." said Major General Erwin Vilo, chief of staff of the 23rd Army.

"Very good, very good! The army of the island country lost tens of thousands of people in the Sulu Sea. Next, they will pay more casualties if they want to land in the east of Borneo. I hope that we can take advantage of the current advantages to let The islanders shed blood during the landing operations!" Lieutenant General William Adam said.

Compared with the huge island army, the 23rd Army of the German Army is undoubtedly at an absolute disadvantage. This also makes it almost impossible for the 23rd Army to hold Borneo. Therefore, in order to preserve its strength, it is inevitable that the 23rd Army will eventually withdraw from Borneo. However, Lieutenant General William Adam did not want to evacuate so uselessly. He wanted to take this opportunity to make the island army pay a heavy price in Borneo. In this case, it can also prove the combat effectiveness of the 23rd Army to the German high-level. At the same time, it is also to prepare for future counterattacks.

"What's the situation with the air force? After dawn, it's time for them to play. At that time, they will be the main force against the islanders! If they can blow up the islander's transport ship at sea, then we can save a lot of money." less power." Lieutenant General William Adam said.

There were a lot of soldiers crowded on the transport ship of the island army. Once the transport ship or merchant ship is sunk, the soldiers on it will naturally fall into the sea. But if those soldiers landed, the German army would have to pay a higher price if they wanted to wipe out these island armies. Under such circumstances, Lieutenant General William Adam naturally hoped to sink all the transport ships and merchant ships of the island army at sea.

"General, the 5th Aviation Group is ready. Dive bombers and ground attack aircraft will launch an attack after dawn. They will attack the island nation's transport fleet as much as possible." Major General Erwin Willow Said.

"Your Excellency Chief of Staff, the next battle will be a test for our 23rd Army. Although we are not a first-line force, I hope that our performance is not inferior to that of the first-line troops. In this case, even if we have to Withdraw from Borneo, we can also make the islanders pay enough!" Lieutenant General William Adam said.

"Yes, General." Major General Erwin Willow said. He knew Lieutenant General William Adam's intentions very well. In fact, this battle is a good opportunity for all officers and soldiers of the 23rd Army to gain military exploits.

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Escorted by the fleet, the island nation's transport fleet hurried along the way, and finally arrived at the east coast of Borneo just after 5:00 am on March 3.

"The sky will be bright in less than an hour. We must hurry up! Ryuzaki-kun, it's up to you next!" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo said.

Before arriving in eastern Borneo, the island nation's transport fleet had split up. Among them, the 28th Army is coming towards Sinar Port, while the 33rd Army is heading towards Lahad Datu. Similarly, the **** fleet of the island navy is also divided into two parts, the heavy cruiser 'Tene', the light cruiser 'Tenryu' and five 'Yugumo'-class destroyers, which will assist the 28th Army in landing at Senna Port. The heavy cruiser "Chikuma", the light cruiser "Tatsuta" and five "Yugumo" class destroyers will assist the 33rd Army to land in Lahad Datu.

"Your Excellency Lieutenant General, please rest assured, we will do our best!" Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi said.

Although there are not small contradictions between the army and navy of the island country. But at this time, they are all in the same boat. For the future of the island country, they can only do their best.

"Onishi-kun, start shooting in five minutes to clear the way for the army's landing!" Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency the General!" Colonel Onishi Shinzo replied.

Five minutes later, the four twin-mounted 203mm main guns and the 127mm dual-purpose guns on the heavy cruiser 'Ligan' all started firing. The four 140mm main guns and 80mm secondary guns on the "Tianlong" light cruiser also began to fire crazily. Even the 127mm main guns on the destroyer "Yugumo" were added.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

All of a sudden, the sound of cannons rumbled across the sea, and one after another, the shells roared and smashed towards the coast of Xianna Port.

There was a violent explosion, and one after another bomb craters appeared on the sea.

The fortifications built by the German Army were also destroyed bit by bit under the fierce bombardment of the island navy.

Of course, the fortifications built by the German Army are not what they look like. Some key fortifications can even withstand large-caliber heavy artillery. In the case that the island navy did not send a capital ship, but only sent a heavy cruiser, a light cruiser and a few destroyers, if it wanted to destroy the fortifications of the German army, and destroy them in a short time, it was obvious is impossible.

When Senna Port was attacked, the island fleet's heavy cruiser Chikuma, light cruiser Tatsuta and five destroyers of the Yugumo class also launched an attack on Lahad Datu.

While it is not yet dawn, the island fleet hopes to use its main guns to destroy all the fortifications of the German Army. In this case, their army will be relatively much easier in the subsequent landing operations. At the same time, the island fleet also knows that the Luftwaffe will definitely attack them once dawn. At that time, the warships in the fleet will not even be able to protect themselves, let alone provide support to the army.

Brunei City, the headquarters of the 23rd Army of the German Army. Lieutenant General William Adam has also been notified at this moment, knowing that Sinar Port and Lahad Datu have been attacked by the island fleet.

"It seems that the islanders are going to divide their troops into two groups and attack Siena Port and Lahad Datu respectively. The 225th Infantry Division and the 228th Infantry Division are ordered to stand firm. The Air Force will provide them with support next. The naval support is also It will arrive soon. I will also send reinforcements to them!" Lieutenant General William Adam said.

The German army deployed an infantry division in Siena Port and Lahad Datu respectively. Although the 23rd Army has one armored division and ten infantry divisions. However, the area of Borneo is too large, and there are many places that need to be defended. Therefore, the 23rd Army is also limited in strength.

"General, the 23rd Armored Division and the 23rd Heavy Artillery Brigade can also move to these two places. The Heavy Artillery Brigade can take advantage of the range of heavy howitzers to launch attacks at long distances. The Armored Division can take precautions. Once we defend If you can't stay in Siena Port and Lahad Datu, you can retreat. After the island army is far away from the coast, you can use armored divisions to attack. The armor and anti-armor forces of the island army are very weak, and they can't resist our armored forces at all. attack." Major General Erwin Willow suggested.

Lieutenant General William Adam thought for a while, then nodded: "Let the 23rd Heavy Artillery Brigade go for reinforcements first. The 23rd Armored Division, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division wait a little longer. If we can't hold on anymore, it's not too late to start. We can even use armored and mechanized troops to fight a small-scale battle with the islanders on the eastern plains of Borneo. I believe that we can definitely take this opportunity to give A big lesson for the islanders."

"Yes, General." Major General Erwin Willow nodded.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The fierce shelling of the island nation's navy is still continuing, but they have caused very limited damage to the German army hiding in the anti-gun hole. Coupled with the limited number of ships in the island fleet, the damage caused to the fortifications of the German Army was also quite limited.

Time passed little by little, and a faint white belly appeared on the horizon. It can be seen that the sky is about to dawn.

"It's too late, let's land on the beach immediately!"

Lieutenant General Sakurai Sho San immediately issued an order for troops to land.

The most elite 2nd Division under the 28th Army is also the most powerful division in the island army, serving as the vanguard of the landing.

Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi, head of the 2nd Division, immediately issued the order to attack after receiving the order. The 4th Infantry Regiment, 16th Regiment, 29th Regiment and 30th Regiment under the 2nd Division, with nearly 15,000 soldiers, were all involved in this attack.

A large number of island country army soldiers rushed to the shore in landing craft.

The island army uses landing craft, which are basically paddled by manpower. This also makes them relatively slow.

There are more than 1,000 landing craft for 15,000 people. With so many landing craft, it was almost as if the entire sea surface was crowded.

The 225th Infantry Division of the Army on the shore also discovered the intention of the Japanese Army. While reporting to the army commander, they ordered the guarding troops to open fire and attack.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The artillery regiment of the 225th Infantry Division of the German Army opened fire, with 18 150mm heavy howitzers, 36 105mm light howitzers, and a total of 54 75mm field guns in the artillery battalions of the subordinate infantry regiments. Cannons, etc., have been added to the shooting.

At the same time, the aircraft of the 5th Aviation Group of the German Air Force also took off from the airport in an emergency.

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"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Shells fell from the sky one by one and fell into the sea. After the shell exploded, a high column of water was splashed.

A landing craft was hit by a 150mm artillery shell, and in the violent explosion, the whole landing craft was torn apart. The heavily armed soldiers of the island countries all sank into the sea.

Under the heavy fire of the artillery of the German Army, landing craft were continuously hit. The soldiers of the Island Army began to pay heavy losses before they washed up on the beach.

"Faster, faster! If you don't want to die, just row hard!" An island army officer ordered viciously.

Those soldiers are paddling vigorously. They almost tried their best to feed. However, in terms of speed, the manual landing craft is naturally unable to compare with the propeller-driven landing craft. As a result, the speed of the landing craft on the sea is slow.

Coupled with the influence of the tide, the propulsion speed of these landing craft is undoubtedly slower.

"Biga! Let the fleet suppress the German artillery fire! Otherwise, our soldiers will suffer heavy losses before they rush ashore!" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi's face was very ugly.

Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai is already communicating with Major General Ryuzaki Ruyoshi. However, among the warships of the island navy, except for the heavy cruiser 'Ligen' whose 203mm main gun can reach the artillery positions of the German Army, the rest of the warships may need to dock further before they can reach the German Army's artillery positions. But in that case, those battleships themselves would also be in danger. Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi, of course, didn't want to live like that.

There are only eight 203mm main guns on the heavy cruiser 'Ligan'. And because of the visibility, the accuracy is not high. Under such circumstances, the difficulty of suppressing the artillery positions of the German Army can be imagined.

The artillerymen of the 225th Infantry Division of the German Army were firing desperately one by one. Everyone worked hard, trying to use fierce artillery fire to cause as many casualties as possible to the Japanese army. Only in this way can they withstand the attack of the island army. After all, they know very well that the German Army has no advantage in terms of strength.

"Buzz buzz!"

There was a sound in the sky, this is the German Air Force fighter plane arriving on the battlefield. The first to arrive were the fighter jets. FW-190 fighter jets and BF-109 fighter jets joined the attack on the landing craft of the island army as soon as they arrived on the battlefield.

Under the wings of these fighter jets, small aerial bombs weighing 50 kilograms are hung. Although the power of an aerial bomb of this weight is not great, it poses a fatal threat to those wooden-structured landing craft. Once hit, the landing craft will be torn apart and torn to pieces.

"Phew!"

A BF-109 fighter jet flew over a landing craft. The bombs hanging under the wings have already been dropped.

"Boom!"

The bomb hit the landing craft, and during the explosion, the landing craft was blown to pieces. The island country army soldiers carried on it were either dead or injured. However, those island soldiers who were lucky enough not to be killed on the spot also fell into the sea. Apparently he couldn't survive either.

"Da da da! Boom boom boom!"

The aviation machine guns and machine guns of the German fighter jets also began to attack. Those 20mm cannons can tear these landing craft apart. Although the bullets of aviation machine guns cannot do this, they are equally fatal to the island soldiers on the landing craft. The bullets from the aviation machine gun could easily kill those island soldiers.

After the fighter jets of the Luftwaffe joined the battle, the losses of the island army began to soar.

"Fire the anti-aircraft guns and shoot down those German fighter planes! Otherwise, the army will be completely wiped out by them!" Major General Ryuzaki Rukichi ordered loudly with a dark face. Although doing so might attract attacks from those German air bombers, he couldn't care less about it at the moment.

For a while, the 127mm anti-aircraft guns, 80mm anti-aircraft guns, 25mm anti-aircraft guns and 13mm anti-aircraft guns on the island navy battleships fired one after another.

A BF-109 fighter jet was hit when it was out of reach, the pilot was killed on the spot, and the plane fell to the sea.

This also made other German fighters have to allocate part of their energy to guard against these anti-aircraft firepower. If it is shot down, what a waste of time! This also leads to the weakening of their attack power.

At this time, the dive bombers of the Luftwaffe arrived. These dive bombers did not target the landing craft. For the heavy aerial bombs carried by these dive bombers, if they are used to deal with those landing craft, it is completely like an anti-aircraft gun to kill mosquitoes.

So, these dive bombers directly attacked the warships of the island navy, as well as those transport ships and merchant ships.

"Woo!"

When the dive bomber dives and drops bombs, the sharp whistle makes people have to cover their ears.

"Boom boom boom!"

The warships of the island navy had to immediately attack the dive bombers with anti-aircraft guns, and protecting their own safety became the most important thing.

"Boom! Boom!"

The bomb fell into the sea, splashing a column of water into the sky.

Although they were not hit, they scared the officers and soldiers of the island navy enough. Whether it is a heavy cruiser, a light cruiser or a destroyer, once it is hit by these heavy aerial bombs, the consequences will be unimaginable.

As for those transport ships and merchant ships, the speed is slower. Facing the attack of the dive bombers of the Luftwaffe, it is difficult to escape. Transport ships and merchant ships were constantly being hit, and raging fires ignited.

When the German air-to-ground attack plane also arrived, the scene became even more chaotic. The bombs they carry can also pose a deadly threat to those transport ships and merchant ships.

I have to admit that the accuracy of air force pilots in launching attacks on moving targets on the sea is lower than that of naval aviation. But even this is enough to make the island nation's fleet and transport fleet pay a heavy price.

"Boom!"

A heavy aerial bomb hit the heavy cruiser 'Ligan'. A large hole was blown out of the front deck, and a raging fire ignited.

Major General Ruyoshi Ryuzaki and Colonel Onishi Shinzo both looked very ugly. Because they know that in this battle, they are in a very dangerous situation. If not done well, they are in danger of being sunk. But unfortunately, even if they wanted to withdraw from the battle, they also knew that it was impossible. They had to hang on until they were sunk.

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"General, the Germans are keeping an eye on our transport ships and merchant ships! Our transport ships and merchant ships can't resist their attacks at all!" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong, the chief of staff of the 28th Army of the Japanese Army, looked worried. .

Although the four main infantry regiments of the 2nd Division have already spotted the attack in landing craft, the Field Artillery Regiment, Engineer Regiment, and Supplies Regiment of the 2nd Division, as well as other troops, are still on transport ships. and merchant ships. In addition, the entire division of the 54th Division is still on board. If the fighter planes of the Luftwaffe were allowed to attack in this way, they might have suffered heavy losses before the troops could gain a firm foothold on the shore.

Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai's face was as dark as the bottom of a pot. The German Air Force's air strikes are too powerful. Not only the troops who launched the attack on the landing craft suffered heavy losses, but even those troops who were still on board were also greatly threatened. If this continues, their offense is simply a joke.

"What about the Army Air Corps? When will they arrive? Contact the Front Army Command, we need air cover! Otherwise, our transport ships and merchant ships will all be bombed and sunk by the Germans!" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo ordered.

"Hi, General." Major General Yanpan Haoxiong hurried to contact the front army headquarters.

In fact, at this moment, the 9 aircraft groups dispatched by the 3rd and 4th Air Forces of the Japanese Army are already on the way, and they are not far from the battlefield. A few minutes later, a huge fleet consisting of 120 Type 1 fighters and Type 97 fighters appeared on the battlefield.

After discovering the arrival of the fighter unit of the Army Air Force of the island country, the dive bombers and ground attack aircraft of the German air force immediately withdrew from the battle and returned to the airport. Even these dive bombers and ground attack aircraft of the Luftwaffe have advanced performance. But no matter what, it is obviously impossible to fight with the enemy's fighter jets. In that case, it is completely suicidal.

The FW-190 fighter jets and BF-109 fighter jets of the German Air Force began a fierce battle with the fighter jets of the Japanese Army Air Force. Although, the fighter force of the Army Air Force of the island country is completely at a disadvantage in air combat, and it is not an opponent of the advanced fighter jets of the German Air Force at all. But they succeeded in dragging down the Luftwaffe, making them unable to support the ground forces.

Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai, commander of the 28th Army of the Island Army, breathed a sigh of relief. Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi, head of the 2nd Division of the Japanese Army, was also relieved.

Before under the air attack of the Luftwaffe, his four main infantry regiments had already paid a lot of losses before they had time to rush to the beach. If this continues, even if the entire Second Division is completely lost, I am afraid it will not be able to gain a firm foothold on the beach. Not to mention defeating the German army and occupying Xianna Port.

Fortunately, the Luftwaffe is now held back, which makes their losses manageable. Although this battle is still a tough one, we can see a little hope.

"Order each wing to speed up. The German Air Force has been dragged down, and each wing must seize this opportunity!" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teichi ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Head of the Division!" The Chief of Staff of the Division, Takeo Kinoshita, replied.

Without the interference of the German Air Force, the speed of the 2nd Division of the Japanese Army has indeed increased a lot. Those brave island soldiers rowed desperately and rushed to the beach. Over their heads, shells kept falling. Once hit, it will be the end of the ship crash. However, the soldiers of those island countries didn't seem to have seen this at all. Their eyes are full of fiery light. These people have long been poisoned by the spirit of Bushido, and their minds are full of thoughts of expanding the territory and being loyal to His Majesty the Emperor. To die on the battlefield is regarded as the highest honor of a soldier.

"Heavy machine guns fire! Mortars and grenades start firing, no need to save ammunition!" After discovering that their own dive bombers and ground attack aircraft had to withdraw from the battlefield, the frontline officers of the 225th Infantry Division of the German Army issued orders one after another. ordered.

A very important advantage of the German Army is its firepower superiority. During the last world war, the German army relied on its superiority in firepower, and the armies of other countries were unable to parry.

After more than 20 years of development, the German Army's firepower advantage has undoubtedly been further improved. Especially when facing the army of island countries, the firepower advantage of the German army is undoubtedly very obvious.

"Da da da!" Heavy machine guns and light machine guns fired, and small and medium-caliber mortars also started firing, and grenades also joined them. After the landing troops of the 2nd Division of the Island Army approached the coast, the Germans fired more powerfully.

"Whizzing!"

Bullets flew overhead, causing some island army soldiers to lie down on the landing craft. However, the wooden landing craft was easily pierced by bullets from heavy machine guns. The bullet hit the fragile human body, and the soldier let out a desperate scream.

"Boom!"

A grenade fell on the landing craft, and several island soldiers were killed on the spot, and other soldiers were also severely injured.

"Baga! We are only 200 meters away from the coast, why can't we rush up?" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teichi was furious. The more this stalemate continues, the worse it will be for them. The German Army was able to use its powerful firepower to inflict greater losses on them.

"Your Excellency, Division Commander, the German firepower is too strong. Our troops have suffered great losses." Colonel Kinoshita Takeo explained.

"This is not the reason! No matter how powerful the Germans' firepower is, the brave warriors of the Empire will never back down, and they will never be defeated by the Germans. The final victory must belong to us!" Yoshimoto Teiichi The lieutenant general said in a deep voice.

The landing troops of the island country army are indeed very brave. However, in modern warfare, courage and will are no longer the most important factors that determine the outcome of a war. The pros and cons of weapons and equipment play an increasingly important role in warfare. This is why although the island army is brave in combat, it will still lose on the battlefield.

"Come on! Hurry up, we're about to rush to the beach!" A second lieutenant officer of the island country army waved his command knife, seeming very excited.

But in the next second, his body fell into the sea. I saw a big bullet hole on his forehead. This is the shot of snipers among the various units of the German Army. They've started hunting down valuable targets.

Chapter 1317

"How's the battle on the front line going?" Lieutenant General William Adam asked.

Although Brunei City is far away from the battlefield, he is still very concerned about the situation on the battlefield. This is directly related to the question of how long the German army can persist in Borneo. Lieutenant General William Adam still hopes that they can make the islanders pay more losses in this landing operation.

"Your Excellency, our air strikes have caused great casualties to the islanders. However, when a large number of fighter jets from the islanders arrived, our ground attack planes and dive bombers had to withdraw from the battle. Now, the first The 5th aviation group is competing with the islanders for air supremacy. In a short period of time, it may be difficult to determine the ownership of the air supremacy. Therefore, the support that the 5th aviation group can provide to the ground forces is very limited." Erwin Vilo, chief of staff of the group army The major general reported.

Lieutenant General William Adam nodded: "The islanders will not give up so easily. They know that their fighter force is not our opponent, but they will continue to consume it like this. Because, if our air force is not restrained, our The air force will cause huge casualties to their ground troops. Therefore, for the safety of the ground troops, they can only let the air force's fighter force go to death."

"It should be like this!" Major General Erwin Willow agreed with this view.

"It seems that if we want the islanders to pay huge losses in this war, we still have to rely on our own strength. How long will it take for the 23rd Heavy Artillery Brigade to go into battle?" Lieutenant General William Adam asked.

The 23rd Heavy Artillery Brigade is fully equipped with 72 210mm self-propelled heavy howitzers. Once these heavy howitzers are put into battle, they will inevitably cause huge casualties to the islanders. In this case, the pressure on the defenders will be much less.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the 23rd Heavy Artillery Brigade set off overnight last night. But the **** traffic here has greatly affected our speed. It is estimated that we will not be able to reach the battlefield until tonight." Erwin Vilo said the major general.

"Okay, so be it. Send a telegram to Generals Eric Hansen and Felix Steiner and tell them to look to them for the rest of the battle. I'll find a way to tell them Send reinforcements. But the prerequisite is that they must resist the attack of the islanders and suppress those **** islanders on the beach!" Lieutenant General William Adam said.

"Okay, Your Excellency Commander." Major General Erwin Willow nodded.

Major General Eric Hansen was the commander of the 225th Infantry Division of the German Army, and his troops were stationed at Port Siena. General Felix Steiner was the commander of the German 228th Infantry Division. This division is stationed at Lahad Datu. These two infantry divisions also became the first batch of troops that the German 23rd Army fought against the Japanese Army.

"Let our other troops get ready! After the islanders continue to attack, our casualties will not be small. With only two infantry divisions, it is difficult to stop the islanders. Lieutenant General William Adam said. He knows very well that once the strength of the island army's strength is brought into play, it will be difficult for them to resist the attack of the island army. In the end, I am afraid that Borneo will have to be evacuated.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Major General Erwin Willow went to make arrangements.

On the front lines of Sinar Port and Lahad Datu, the fierce battle between the German army and the landing troops of the island country army is still going on. The German 225th Infantry Division and the 228th Infantry Division resisted the attacks of the 2nd Division and the 18th Division of the Japanese Army.

However, judging from the current situation, the German Army has a great advantage on the battlefield. In a defensive position, they can give full play to their own firepower advantage.

The army of the island country needs to face the powerful firepower of the German army for landing operations, and the difficulty can be imagined.

Xianna Port Beach, the first landing craft finally washed up on the beach.

But at this moment, a light machine gun was aimed at the landing craft.

More than a dozen island country army soldiers jumped off the landing craft.

At this moment, the German light machine guns began to fire.

"Da da da!"

Dense bullets were fired over, and the island army soldiers who had just jumped off the landing craft were shot one after another, screaming and falling to the ground. Only a very few lucky ones were not hit, but they were also frightened lying on the beach, not daring to raise their heads again.

Although the strong firepower of the German army caused the island army to pay heavy losses during the landing process. But as time went on, more and more landing craft washed up on the beach.

It is true that the German Army is strangling the Japanese Army with powerful firepower, causing great casualties to the Japanese Army. However, as more and more soldiers from the island nation landed, the two sides also launched a fierce confrontation.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!"

The clear gunshots of the 38-type rifle sounded on the beach, and the soldiers of the Japanese army lay down on the beach and shot at the German army.

But what responded to them was the counterattack of the German Army's automatic rifles or semi-automatic rifles. Although the soldiers of the Japanese army have good marksmanship, even much better than the soldiers of the German army. However, because of the gap in weapons and equipment between the two sides, even if the island army rushed to the beach, it was suppressed.

"Boom!"

A mortar shell fell, and two island army soldiers were blown up.

"Da da da!"

A 92-type heavy machine gun is firing. This kind of heavy machine gun uses a bullet-preserving plate to feed ammunition, although the theoretical rate of fire is not slow. But because of this wonderful way of feeding ammunition, its firepower is greatly restricted in actual combat. In the confrontation with the general-purpose machine gun of the German army, it was even more tightly suppressed.

After all, the general-purpose machine guns of the German army are fed by belts, and there are a full 130 rounds of 12.7mm bullets on a belt. There are two hundred and fifty rounds of 7.62mm bullets on a belt. On the other hand, there are only 30 rounds of ammunition on a bomb protection board. The gap is undoubtedly noticeable.

"Boom!"

Another mortar shell hit the Type 92 heavy machine gun directly. After the shell exploded, the heavy machine gun had been blown into parts. The machine gunner was also killed on the spot.

"For the empire, go!"

Soldiers of an archipelago army are bravely charging towards the German defense line. However, what greeted them was the massacre by the powerful firepower of the German army.

"Da da da!"

Intensive bullets shot over, and the soldiers of the island army who charged were shot and fell to the ground. Blood flowed from their bodies, dyeing the sand on the beach red.

Chapter 1318

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Sinnaport and Lahad Datu, the sound of guns was rumbling. All the artillery of the two infantry divisions of the German army tried their best this time. Howitzers of all calibers, field guns, infantry guns and mortars were firing. A large number of stored shells were thrown at the island army without money, causing the island army to pay heavy casualties.

It is estimated that the island army has never seen such a style of play. It was completely suppressed on the beach, and its losses continued to rise. It was as if the Germans were trying to overwhelm them with shells.

The division headquarters of the German 225th Infantry Division, the division commander, Major General Eric Hansen, was frowning. The fierce battle is still going on, and the sound of guns has never stopped, which shows how fierce the battle is. The island country army invested four infantry regiments at one time, and nearly 15,000 people launched a landing operation. Such a scale also made the 225th Infantry Division feel great pressure.

The 225th Infantry Division of the German Army has 3 infantry regiments and 1 artillery regiment under its jurisdiction, plus other troops directly under the division headquarters, with a total strength of more than 18,000 people. In addition, the German army has always been well-equipped and powerful. This made the German army's combat effectiveness very strong. However, in this battle, they still felt tremendous pressure.

"General, the islanders are too crazy. Although they have been temporarily suppressed by us, they are not afraid of death at all when they fight. According to reports from the front line, there are often islanders who are not afraid of death in the face of our intensive firepower. That kind of will to fight is really terrifying. The two regiments on the front line are under a lot of pressure!" said Brigadier General Michael, the chief of staff of the division.

Major General Eric Hansen nodded: "The islanders have always been crazy and disregarded life. Otherwise, they would not have defeated powerful enemies one after another with such brave tactics. However, if the islanders think that it would be a big mistake to defeat us in this way. This time, we will let them bleed on this beach."

"General, there is no problem in fighting during the day. Relying on strong firepower, we can suppress the islanders and continue to inflict casualties on them. However, once night falls, our air force can no longer be dispatched. At that time, the island nation People will definitely launch a night attack. Their military advantage can also be maximized. This will be very difficult for us!" Brigadier General Michael reminded.

"Well, this is indeed a problem. If we want to stop the islanders, then we have to completely defeat them during the day and make them pay extremely serious losses. In this way, our pressure at night will be less. In addition, the heavy artillery brigade will arrive at night. Three battalions will come to support us. The other three battalions will go to the 228th Infantry Division. Thirty-six 210mm heavy artillery pieces are probably enough for the islanders to drink a pot." Major General Eric Hansen had a smile on his face, as if he had seen the scene where the island army suffered heavy losses in front of the German heavy artillery.

"With the support of the heavy artillery brigade, we can undoubtedly make the islanders pay a higher price. However, it may be difficult to completely resist the attack of the islanders. After all, the islanders still have many transport ships and ships at sea. Merchant ships. I'm afraid there are still quite a few troops on those transport ships and merchant ships. Their strength is too great." Brigadier General Michael sighed.

"There is no way around this. Who made our main force now confined to the battlefield of Bu Russia? After we defeat Bu Russia, we will have enough troops to support us. At that time, we can easily defeat the islanders. Your Excellency Commander's order is also very clear. He does not require us to stick to this place, but only asks us to make the islanders pay a heavy price as much as possible. In this case, when we launch a counterattack in the future, the difficulty will be much smaller," Major General Eric Hansen said.

Brigadier General Michael nodded. Under unavoidable circumstances, the German army can only retreat, and there is no other way.

The battle on the beach was very tragic. The island army launched several attacks in an attempt to break through the German defenses. However, they were all beaten back by the German army with powerful firepower, leaving a large number of corpses on the beach and suffering heavy losses. The blood of the islanders almost dyed the entire beach red. Even the gravel was soaked in blood and turned into mud.

"My God! Those islanders are so crazy. I killed at least a hundred islanders today." During the battle, a machine gunner was smoking and bragging.

"One hundred? Are there that many? I only killed thirty-two. However, seven of them were officers, and there were nine machine gunners!" The sniper leaning on the edge of the trench said disdainfully.

Because the army of the island country fought fiercely without fear of death, such tactics made the German army achieve good results. Of course, the battlefield is undoubtedly very bloody, if Shura **** is the same. Seeing such a scene, some unsteady people even vomited out their overnight meal. Many of the rest are already very numb to this. When the island army launches an attack, they only need to mechanically pull the trigger. The dense bullets will kill those island soldiers.

"Warriors of the Empire, charge! Defeat those Germans and kill them all!" A lieutenant and squadron leader of the island army led the remaining hundred soldiers under his command and launched a charge.

These island soldiers, even in the face of the powerful firepower of the German army, did not change their faces, as if those bullets would not hit them at all.

But in fact, that is simply impossible. On the battlefield, bullets don't have eyes. A fragile human body is simply vulnerable to bullets and can easily be pierced through.

"Puff! Puff!"

The sound of bullets being shot into the human body continued to be heard, and soldiers of the island army fell to the ground one by one, ending their sinful lives.

"Slingshot, shoot!"

The grenadiers of the island army are also firing wildly. Because it is a landing operation, their heavy artillery cannot go ashore, so the fire support depends entirely on mortars and grenades.

It's just that the grenadier of the Japanese army was fired back by the German army as soon as it opened fire. Several mortar shells fell one after another, submerging the place where the grenadier was located.

Soon, all the officers and soldiers of the attacking island nation were shot, and the beach calmed down again. However, everyone knows that this is only temporary, and the islanders will launch a new offensive soon.

Chapter 1319

"Baga! How could this be? How could the German firepower be so strong?" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Sadaichi, head of the 2nd Division of the Japanese Army, couldn't believe the facts in front of him. The four main infantry regiments under the 2nd Division were all suppressed, and suffered heavy losses under the strong firepower of the German army. Now, losses are still soaring. Such a result was really hard for him to accept.

"Your Excellency, Division Commander, the Germans' firepower is indeed too powerful, much stronger than in the last world war. According to the news from the front line, the rifles equipped by the Germans are almost all automatic rifles. Compared with the 38-type rifles we are equipped with, the rate of fire is much faster." Said Colonel Kinoshita Takeo.

"Perhaps this is the confidence of a powerful industrial country! As the world's largest industrial power, Germany has mastered the world's largest colony, and all kinds of resources are inexhaustible, so there is no need to worry about resource issues. Therefore, their The army can have the most powerful firepower in the world, and there is no need to worry about insufficient ammunition. But we can't!" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi had a bitter look on his face. Facing an opponent like Germany really made them very helpless. It's like a beggar who wants to challenge a local tyrant.

"Your Excellency, Commander, please go over immediately." A staff officer reported.

"Okay, I see!" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teichi nodded.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I am afraid that you are dissatisfied with our delay in opening up the situation." Colonel Kinoshita Takeo was a little worried.

"The soldiers of the 2nd Division have tried their best. It's not that our soldiers are greedy for life and afraid of death, but that the Germans are too powerful." Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi said. Of course, he could also guess the reason why Lieutenant General Sakurai Shousan summoned him. However, on this issue, the entire 2nd Division has done its best. They were suppressed entirely because the Germans were too powerful.

Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi and Kinoshita Takeo Colonel took a transportation boat and boarded the transport ship where the 28th Army Headquarters was located. As soon as the two entered Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo's office, they saw that black face that looked like the bottom of a pot.

"Your Excellency, Yoshimoto Sadaichi will report to you!" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Sadaichi saluted respectfully.

"Yoshimoto-kun, please sit down!" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo said expressionlessly.

Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Sadaichi bowed and sat down. As for Colonel Kinoshita Takeo, he stood aside respectfully. There was no place for him to sit here. In the highly hierarchical island army, low-level officers have no rights or even dignity in front of senior officers.

"Yoshimoto-kun, how is the situation on the front line? When will the 2nd Division be able to break through the German defenses? If the war continues to be stalemate like this, it will not do us any good." Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo said.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we have launched an attack with all our strength. However, the German firepower is so strong that we are completely suppressed by them. The loss of the troops is very large now, and we have nothing to do in a short time Break through their line of defense." Lieutenant General Yoshimoto said bravely.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo's face suddenly became even uglier.

"Mr. Yoshimoto, you should be very clear about the price we paid to create a favorable combat environment for the 2nd Division as much as possible. Above our heads, the fighter planes of the Army Air Force are dealing with the enemy .Every moment, warplanes are shot down and precious pilots are killed. But if we don't launch the warplanes, the German bombers will fly over your heads in no time and attack. In that case, you will face more There is a lot of pressure. Therefore, I hope that the 2nd Division can seize the time and break through the German defense line. Only in this way can our losses be controlled." Lieutenant General Sakurai said.

Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teichi nodded, he also knew this. It was precisely because of this that he felt great pressure. If the landing operation failed this time and caused them heavy losses, it would be difficult for him to explain to Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan. Even the Front Army Command will definitely punish him severely.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I will do my best. The soldiers of the 2nd Division will also do their best! Even if they are all killed in battle, it is absolutely not good to back down!" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi said.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shousan nodded: "Yoshimoto-kun, the 2nd Division is one of the two most powerful divisions in the Empire. The reason why you are the first to fight this time in the landing operation is to fight as soon as possible. It opened the situation. Our enemies are too powerful, so we must defeat them as soon as possible and occupy Nanyang. Only then can we seize the resources here and develop ourselves. Only in this way can we continue to fight against the Germans. Otherwise, once the Germans are free, it will be more difficult for us to reverse the situation."

Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi is also aware of this. Therefore, he knows how big the task on his shoulders is.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the Front Command has sent a telegram, asking how long it will take us to gain a firm foothold in Borneo. In addition, the 3rd Air Force also stated that their losses are too

great. If we don't hurry up, they will I can't hold on any longer!" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong, chief of staff of the 28th Army, reported.

"Tell your Excellency the Commander that we are trying to figure out a way. The 3rd Air Force also replied to them, asking them to insist on it. Without the support of the Army Air Force, it will be even more difficult for us to successfully land on Borneo." Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo said.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Major General Yanpan Haoxiong immediately sent a telegram.

The interference of the Front Army Command and the 3rd Air Force made Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teichi, the head of the 2nd Division, once again feel tremendous pressure. The 2nd Division and the 6th Division are known as the two most powerful divisions in the Japanese army. Countless generals of the island army have high hopes for them. But now, the 2nd Division was completely suppressed and suffered heavy losses. Naturally, this disappointed many people. If the stalemate in the battle continues like this and the situation cannot be resolved after a long time, maybe he will be the head of the division. Even a seppuku is not out of the question.

"Your Excellency, Commander, please rest assured that the 2nd Division will definitely defeat the Germans!" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi looked determined.

Chapter 1320

"Kinoshita-kun, let some regiment captains come to see me right away!" After returning to his division headquarters, Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi ordered with a dark face.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Kinoshita Takeo returned.

Soon, the captains of the four main infantry regiments under the 2nd Division of the Japanese Army arrived at the headquarters. The captains of these alliances all had serious expressions on their faces. They knew that the current battle situation undoubtedly made His Excellency the Division Chief very dissatisfied. But they also suffer and cannot tell! Facing the powerful firepower of the Germans, they have tried their best. Now the casualties of the troops are very large, and even the morale has been affected to some extent.

After all, the island army is indeed fearless in battle. But at the same time, that doesn't mean they are really not afraid of death. Watching comrades lying around, being hit by enemy bullets, or being blown to pieces by shells is a very big shock for any person. If the spirit can't hold on a little bit, there is a possibility of collapse.

"Masters, Your Excellency, Commander, is very dissatisfied with our performance. The Front Army Command is also constantly asking whether we have made progress. The 3rd Air Force is suffering huge losses in order to support us. Therefore, we have no way out now!" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi said.

"Your Excellency, Division Commander, we have tried our best. But the Germans' firepower is too strong. Our attack is no different from sending us to death. If this continues, I am afraid that we will soon be completely lost." The 4th Infantry The alliance captain, Colonel Matsuno, replied.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Division Commander. The loss of the entire 16th Infantry Regiment has exceeded 40%." The commander of the 16th Infantry Regiment, Shigesaburo Miyazaki, reported.

The other two captains also looked as if their troops had suffered heavy losses and could not support them.

The heavy loss of the troops made Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teichiichi, the head of the division, feel as if he was bleeding. But now he also has no choice! The tremendous pressure he was under could only be transferred to the various alliances below.

"My lords, the Germans are very powerful. I know this very well. But even so, we must find a way to defeat them! Otherwise, it may be very difficult to win this landing operation. But we can. Whether we can successfully gain a foothold in Nanyang is related to the life and death of the empire. Therefore, we have no other choice." Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi said.

"Gentlemen, the 2nd Division is the most powerful division in the empire. I hope you can keep the glory of the entire 2nd Division from being tarnished! Show all your courage and fight to the death! Let the officers below, Take the lead in the charge. Squad leaders, squadron leaders, and even battalion leaders can lead troops to charge. Even you regimental leaders, if the troops are completely lost, you must die on the battlefield. And die on the way to the charge. I believe, After bringing out the Bushido spirit, we will definitely defeat the Germans!" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi said.

The complexions of several regiment leaders suddenly became very ugly. They knew very well what Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teichi meant, that is to let them fight with their lives! In effect, it meant sending them and their troops to their deaths. Defeat the German army through the kind of fierce attack that does not count casualties.

Of course, this is actually the favorite tactic of the island army generals when they are desperate. They hope that through such a fearless attack, the enemy will be terrified, so as to win. Even if everyone knows it well, the chances of winning like this are not high. But the generals still enjoyed it. It seems that only such tactics can show the bravery of the island army.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Head of the Division!" Several regimental leaders knew that there was no other way, so they could only go all out like this. Although they are very reluctant. But there was no way to disobey Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi's order. What's more, such things are undoubtedly very common in the entire island army. If they disobeyed the order, what awaited them would probably be a trial by a military court, and no one would stand by their side at all.

After the captains of several infantry regiments of the 2nd Division of the Island Army returned to the front line, they issued the most severe orders to their subordinate regiments. They asked each brigade not to have any reservations, to launch an attack with the greatest ability, and strive to break through the German defense line in one go and completely defeat them.

Faced with such an order, the middle and lower ranks of the island army also could not disobey and could only accept the order.

So, soon the 2nd Division of the Japanese Army launched an offensive again. Moreover, this time the attack is more violent than any previous attack, and the scale of investment is also larger. After the strict order was issued, the subordinate departments of the 2nd Division did not dare to have any reservations. They can only do their best in this attack.

"Go! Defeat the Germans! Reich onboard! His Majesty onboard!"

"Onboard! His Majesty Onboard! The Empire Onboard!"

The officers waved their command knives and rushed to the forefront of the team. Behind these officers are those crazy island soldiers. They chanted slogans, trotted towards the German defense line with bowed legs. Everyone's face was replaced by fanaticism, as if there was no fear at all.

"Crazy! These islanders are crazy! Are they going to die?" A German soldier seemed shocked by the way the islanders attacked.

"Idiot! Fire quickly. No matter what happens to the islanders, if they want to die, then kill them. His Majesty the Emperor said that only the dead islanders are the cutest islanders!"

"Bang! Bang! Bang!"

The automatic rifle in his hand started to fire, and the bullets shot at the officers and soldiers of the Japanese army.

"what!"

An island soldier was hit in the chest, blood spurted out, and fell to the ground screaming.

"Da da da!"

On the German positions, general-purpose machine guns and squad machine guns fired wildly. In order to stop the attack of the Japanese army, the German army also opened fire.

"Pfft!"

A bullet from a 12.7mm heavy machine gun hit an island army soldier in the neck. Most of the neck was knocked off immediately, blood gushed out, and the head was tilted to one side.

The island army's attack was very violent, but the German army's defensive firepower also performed vividly. This caused the losses of the 2nd Division of the Japanese Army to soar. But even so, the island soldiers didn't seem to be frightened.