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## Chapter 1321

"General, the islanders are crazy. They are attacking us regardless of casualties. Although our powerful firepower has caused them great casualties. However, their attack methods have also put us under great pressure. The losses of the 1st and 2nd regiments also began to rise. What's more terrible is that the islanders are even about to rush in front of our defense line." Brigadier General Michael, the chief of staff of the German 225th Infantry Division, was shocked.

"Hmph! The islanders are just trying to do this. I have studied the islanders. After they are in a desperate situation, they will easily go crazy. The current situation is like this. They are trying to scare us in this way. Then defeat us. This is completely wishful thinking." Major General Eric Hansen snorted coldly.

Brigadier General Michael nodded, he felt the same way. It's just that the crazy fighting style of the islanders who are not afraid of death is indeed very scary. If you are not paying attention, you may be frightened by them.

"Let the 3rd Regiment go to the front line immediately for reinforcements. In addition, the reconnaissance battalion and other troops are also ready at any time. The islanders dare to work hard, are we afraid of them?" Major General Eric Hansen made Decide.

"Yes, General!" Brigadier General Michael nodded.

In the previous battles, the German 225th Infantry Division also did not do its best. Their 3rd regiment has not been put into the battlefield as a reserve team. Now, since the island country army is going to desperately. Then, the German army will naturally not be afraid to fight them desperately.

The frantic attack of the island army put a lot of pressure on the 1st and 2nd regiments of the German 225th Infantry Division. Even troop casualties are on the rise. There were even dangers on some lines of defense.

Fortunately, the 3rd regiment entered the battle in time. The addition of the new force thwarted the island army's offensive once again. Although they tried their best, they lost a lot. However, the German defense line is still very strong. Apart from leaving layers of corpses on the beach, the island army had no other effect at all. Of course, the Japanese army's style of play also made the German army consume a lot of weapons and ammunition.

However, the German army expected a fierce battle with the island country in Nanyang long before the war broke out. Therefore, the German Army has stored a large amount of weapons and ammunition in Nanyang in advance. Even if the consumption is very high, the German army can hold on. Being able to use those ammunition to consume the vital strength of the island country army is undoubtedly what the German army wants to see. After all, ammunition is consumed and can be remanufactured. The troops are exhausted, and it is not so easy to replenish them.

"Your Excellency, Division Commander, our troops are still unable to break through the German defenses. Colonel Matsuno and Miyazaki Shigeru even led the team to participate in the attack, but they all failed. Matsuno was killed and Miyazaki Shigeru was seriously injured. ." Takeo Kinoshita reported to Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi with a sad face.

General Yoshimoto Teiichi's face was as gloomy as water. He also knew that the infantry regiments under the 2nd Division had already done their best. But unfortunately, even though they paid a heavy price, they still couldn't break through the German defense line. This is a heavy blow to the entire 2nd Division.

"Your Excellency, Commander, what should we do now?" asked Kinoshita Takeo.

Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi has nothing to do at this moment. Although Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo, the commander of the 28th Army, put him under great pressure. However, he knew that even if the entire 2nd Division was wiped out, there would be nothing to do with the German defense.

"Order the troops, stop the attack!" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi ordered.

"Then, how do you explain to the commander?" Kinoshita Takeo was a little worried.

"I will inform Your Excellency the Commander." Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi said.

In the case of heavy losses, the 2nd Division of the Japanese Army had to stop the attack. However, when the troops withdrew, the four main infantry regiments participating in the attack had all been disabled. There were nearly 15,000 elite infantrymen, but in the end less than half remained. The others had all turned into corpses, lying on the beach.

Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai, commander of the 28th Army of the Island Army, was very dissatisfied with the performance of the 2nd Division. Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi ordered the troops to stop the attack, which made Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōzo even furious.

But, he couldn't do anything else about it. Although Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi is now his subordinate, everyone is a lieutenant general. It is obviously impossible for him to remove Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi from his position, or to kill him. He can only report to the front army headquarters. However, that also didn't have much effect. After all, the commander of the Front Army, Kawabe Shozo, is also just a lieutenant general.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the losses of the 2nd Division are indeed very large. The four main infantry regiments have all been disabled, more than half of the losses. If the fighting continues, they will probably lose all of them. The morale of the troops is also Because of this, it has been greatly affected. This is also the 2nd Division, and it can continue to fight until now. If it were any other unit, I am afraid it would have collapsed long ago." Chief of Staff of the 28th Army Major General Yanpan Haoxiong said.

"Of course I know this. However, the current battle situation is very unfavorable to us. If we can't open the situation for a long time, our losses will increase." Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan was very entangled.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I just contacted the 33rd Army. They were also contained, and they were also unable to break through the German defense line despite heavy losses."

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan could not help but look a little better when he heard this. Since the situation on the side of the 33rd Army is similar to theirs, it is impossible for the Front Army

Command and even the Southern Army Command to say anything about it. It also relieved some of the pressure on his shoulders.

"Your Excellency, Commander, General Yoshimoto Teiichi thinks that there is no hope of breaking through the German defense line during the day. The German firepower advantage can be fully utilized during the day. Perhaps only at night will there be a chance." Major General Yanpan Haoxiong Then he said.

"Yoshimoto-kun put your hope in the night?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo frowned.

"Yes, Commander. Judging from the current situation, night combat is undoubtedly the best situation for us. In that case, our disadvantage will be smaller. At the same time, we can also bring out our superiority in strength."

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo thought for a while, then nodded: "In this case, let's delay until night! Give the 54th Division an order to start landing after nightfall. This time, we will do our best Already!"

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The 2nd Division of the Island Army stopped its offensive, making the beach quiet. However, the battle between the Luftwaffe and the Army Aviation of the island country did not stop. The fighter planes of the two sides are still fighting fiercely in the air.

Although, the army aviation of the island country has already paid heavy losses in the air battle. However, they cannot withdraw from the battle. Otherwise, the Luftwaffe's dive bombers and ground attack aircraft would have been able to attack once they had withdrawn. At that time, not only the 2nd Division that has landed will become the target of bombers and ground attack aircraft of the Luftwaffe, but even those transport ships and merchant ships at sea will also be attacked. In that case, their losses would skyrocket.

After all, if a transport ship or merchant ship is sunk, the army of the island country will lose hundreds or thousands of people. Such a loss rate is much faster than the loss in the landing operation on the beach.

At the same time, the artillery of the German 225th Infantry Division was still firing, attacking the island army on the beach. Eliminate as many islanders as possible with shells. However, the intensity of the shelling was not as great as before. The previous high-intensity battles also made the artillerymen of the German Army very tired.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

One by one shells exploded on the beach, leaving craters one by one. Despite the buffer of gravel, the power of these shells is more or less limited. But overall, it can still cause a lot of casualties to the islanders.

The surviving soldiers of the 2nd Division of the Island Army lay down on the beach, praying that the shells would not fall on their heads. In that case, they are dead.

Some island soldiers seem unable to accept such a result. You know, the 2nd Division is one of the most capable units in the Japanese army. They paid such a heavy loss, but still could not break through the German Army's defense line. Such a result is really unacceptable. Many island soldiers can't help but

have doubts in their hearts. Are the Germans really invincible? In that case, how could they win the war! The original unwavering confidence was also shaken because of the defeat in the battle.

"Let it get dark as soon as possible! After dark, all the search wing, engineering wing, and logistics wing will be dispatched to the shore. This time, we will do our best to fight the Germans for the final battle!" Yoshimoto Sadaichi The lieutenant general ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Head of Division." Colonel Kinoshita Takeo nodded. When the four main infantry regiments suffered heavy losses, the 2nd Division had no other choice but to send other second-line troops to the battlefield. In that case, there might be a chance.

At the same time, Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai, commander of the 28th Army of the Japanese Army, also summoned Lieutenant General Yoshitori Akiyama, commander of the 54th Division of the Japanese Army. Although the 54th Division was formed later, it is a three-unit division with only three main infantry regiments. However, when the 2nd Division tried its best and failed to achieve success, Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo had no choice but to pin his hopes on other troops.

"Qiu Shan-kun, you must be very clear about the situation on the front line. The 2nd Division has been unable to attack for a long time and has suffered heavy losses. The Germans are tougher than we expected. This battle will be a very difficult one. Therefore, I hope that after the 54th Division arrives on the battlefield, it will also do its best. Otherwise, it may be difficult for us to win this battle." Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai said.

"Your Excellency, please rest assured that the 54th Division will definitely fight for every soldier. The final victory will definitely belong to us!" Lieutenant General Akiyama Yoshidori replied firmly.

Lieutenant General Akiyama Yoshidori was also aware of the news that the 2nd Division suffered heavy losses. He also knew that the German army was very strong. However, Lieutenant General Akiyama Yoshidori believed that although the 2nd Division suffered heavy losses, it also caused considerable casualties to the Germans. In this case, it will undoubtedly be very easy to wait until the main force of the 54th Division lands at night, and cooperate with the remaining troops of the 2nd Division to defeat the German defense line. At that time, he will be able to easily obtain a heavy military exploit.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo nodded in satisfaction: "Akiyama-kun, I won't say much about the importance of this battle. However, I can tell you clearly that not only the Commander of the Front Army is paying attention to this landing battle, Your Excellency, Commander of the Southern Army, is also very concerned. As long as we can defeat the Germans, then you will be the heroes of the empire."

"Hey, Your Excellency, Commander! The humble rank will definitely win!" Lieutenant General Akiyama Yoshidori assured.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shousan gave a few more instructions, and asked Lieutenant General Akiyama Yoshidori to go back and prepare. Tonight, the 54th Division has to go to the battlefield and go desperately. Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo hoped that their attack at night would be successful. After all, this is the last strength of the 28th Army now. Although, the 28th Army also has an infantry division, the 55th Division. However, this division is still in Zamboanga. In a short time, there is definitely no way to come in handy. Therefore, now he can only pin his hopes on the 2nd Division and the 54th Division.

Time passed little by little, and when night began to fall, the army aviation of the island country, which had fought fiercely for a day, began to evacuate this sea area and return to the airport in the Philippine Islands.

Similarly, the fighter force of the Luftwaffe also retreated. Now there is not enough time for dive bombers and ground attack aircraft to launch a round of attacks, so we have to give up.

During this day's battle, the fighter unit of the 5th Aviation Group of the Luftwaffe shot down hundreds of fighter jets of the Army Air Force of the island country. This is the result obtained when the island country army aviation tried its best to evade. Otherwise, they will shoot down more Japanese Army Air Force fighters.

The German Air Force also lost some fighter jets during the battle. But the total number is only a dozen or so. And most of them are BF-109 fighters. FW-190 fighters suffered fewer losses.

After dark, the remaining troops of the 2nd Division of the Island Army continued to land. Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi is obviously planning to put all his eggs in one basket. The 54th Division of the Japanese Army also started landing. Not only the 111th Infantry Regiment, the 121st Infantry Regiment and the 154th Infantry Regiment under the 54th Infantry Regiment began to land. The 54th Search Wing, the 54th Engineer Wing, and the 54th Supply Wing under the 54th Division also started landing.

Lieutenant General Akiyama Yoshidori, commander of the 54th Division of the Japanese Army, also intends to do his best to push all the troops up.

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"Mr. Muting, this time you will personally command the first battle of our 54th Division's landing on Borneo. Don't be afraid of sacrifice! No matter how much you pay, you must win this battle!" Lieutenant General Akiyama Yoshidori looked serious Said.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Division Commander!" Major General Tomoki Muting, commander of the 54th Infantry Regiment, replied.

Lieutenant General Akiyama Yoshidori nodded with satisfaction: "All the wings are landing, and we must speed up. We are running out of time. Before dawn tomorrow morning, we must break through the German defense line."

"Please rest assured, Commander, we will definitely break through the German defense!" Major General Tomoki Muting replied firmly, as if he was very confident.

This time, the 54th Division of the Japanese Army went all out. Not only the three main infantry regiments under the 54th Infantry Regiment were all involved in this battle. Even the other troops of the 54th Division also participated in the battle. It can be said that all the troops that the entire 54th Division can use have been used. It can be seen that Lieutenant General Akiyama Yoshidori is going to put all his eggs in one basket.

At the same time, the second-line troops of the 2nd Division of the Japanese Army are also making an emergency landing. With the four main infantry regiments all suffering heavy losses, Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi could only desperately invest all the second-line troops. If you can't break

through the German defense line this time, even if you can save a certain amount of troops, it will be completely meaningless.

Time passed little by little, and the island army was preparing for a large-scale night attack.

Similarly, the German 225th Infantry Division also realized the critical situation. The division commander, Major General Eric Benson, knew very well that if a breakthrough could not be achieved during daytime operations, the Japanese army could only choose other methods. There is no doubt that night has become the only way. No need to think about it, a fierce battle will break out tonight.

Major General Eric Benson knew that the troops were very tired after a day of fierce fighting. But he still issued an order requiring the frontline troops to be ready to resist the attack of the islanders. At the same time, orders were also issued to the second-line troops such as the divisional reconnaissance battalion, engineer battalion, and supply battalion, requiring them to be ready to reinforce the front line at any time. Once the battle on the front line is urgent, these troops have to be thrown into the battle as reinforcements. It can be foreseen that the battle tonight will be very tragic, and the casualties of the troops will also be very large. However, Major General Eric Benson has no other choice, except to evacuate Xiana Port now and let the islanders land easily. Otherwise, he can only bite the bullet and carry on.

"General, the heavy artillery brigade has arrived. We have received fire support from three heavy artillery battalions. They have already begun to build positions." Brigadier General Michael reported.

"Very well, let the people of the Heavy Artillery Brigade get ready. Once the islanders launch an attack at night, we will have to rely on them to launch an attack and let the islanders taste our power." Major General Eric Benson said.

The arrival of the heavy artillery brigade is undoubtedly good news for them. The 210mm heavy howitzer is very powerful. As soon as the shot goes down, a huge crater will appear on the beach. A fragile human body can only be torn to pieces in the face of such powerful power.

On the sea, landing craft are going back and forth between the beach and the transport ship. In the absence of seizing the port of Xiana Port, the island army can only rely on this method to transport troops to the beach. It's a little less efficient, but it's safe. Because under the night, the German artillery did not fire. When the accuracy cannot be guaranteed, it is just a waste of shells to fire rashly.

"How are the preparations of the 2nd Division and the 54th Division? When can we launch an offensive?" Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai, commander of the 28th Army of the Japanese Army, was a little anxious. Although he has not rested for a day and a night, he is still holding on.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the 2nd Division and the 54th Division are mobilizing troops. Especially the 54th Division, all troops have to land on the beach first. Therefore, relatively speaking, it will take more time." Hao Panhao Major General Xiong reported.

"Let them speed up as soon as possible, otherwise, there may be accidents." Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo said with a frown.

Major General Yanpan Haoxiong nodded, and quickly sent someone to inform the 2nd Division and the 54th Division.

In order to speed up, some transport ships and merchant ships even sailed directly to a place not far from the beach, which would save a lot of time.

It was not until ten o'clock in the evening that the main force of the 54th Division of the Japanese Army did not go ashore. And also only troops with light weapons went ashore, and those heavy weapons remained on the transport ship.

At this time, Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo no longer had the patience to wait any longer. He ordered the 2nd Division and the 54th Division to attack immediately.

Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Sadaichi and Akiyama Yoshidori had to carry out the order.

The remaining main force of more than 12,000 people in the 2nd Division, together with the main force of more than 15,000 people in the 54th Division, officially launched an offensive.

Such a large-scale attack, it is almost impossible to keep it secret. After all, so many people landed with great fanfare, as long as the German Army is not a fool, it will not be ignorant.

It was also at this time that the German army responded immediately.

"Whoo! Whoo! Whoo!"

One after another, flares were launched into the sky, dispelling the darkness. The entire beach was illuminated by the dazzling white light of the flares as if it were daytime. Even the gravel on the beach is clearly visible.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Immediately afterwards, shells shot down from the sky. All the cannons of the German 225th Infantry Division started shelling at this moment. Howitzers and field guns, as well as infantry guns, mortars and grenadiers, were all added. And they all fired at the maximum rate of fire, which made the island army participating in the attack realize what it means to be raining bullets.

The shells exploded on the beach, leaving craters one by one. The shrapnel shot in all directions harvested the lives of officers and soldiers of the Japanese army. Countless army officers and soldiers of the island country were torn to pieces at this moment.

The heavy howitzer unit, which had just arrived on the battlefield, also participated in the battle. Thirty-six 210mm heavy howitzers poured shells on the beach at a rate of fire of two rounds per minute.

"Boom! Boom!"

The shells of the 210mm heavy howitzer are amazingly powerful, and they can often empty a piece of them with one shot. The islanders within the killing radius were almost all torn to pieces. Even the islanders in the core position have been bombed to pieces.

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"Baga! The Germans used large-caliber heavy artillery?" When Major General Tomoki Muba heard a completely different explosion sound, his face became very ugly.

Their cannons, all on board. The attacking infantry carried only mortars and grenades. The German army was different, howitzers and mortars of various calibers participated in the battle. Countless officers and soldiers of the island nation died under the artillery fire of the German army. And now, the German Army has even invested in such large-caliber heavy artillery.

"General, this is obviously a heavy artillery with a caliber of more than 200mm. According to the information we have, the German Army is equipped with a heavy howitzer with a caliber of 210mm. And installing this heavy artillery on the armored vehicle site can Automatically." A staff officer said.

Major General Kiba Tomoki couldn't help but become more serious. Since the German army has invested in this kind of heavy artillery, it probably means that the German army has paid attention to the battle here. And reinforcements have been dispatched here. This will make this battle even more difficult.

Although, the German artillery fire was quite violent. The continuous shells have cost the island army a very heavy price. However, this still couldn't stop their charge. All the soldiers of the island countries were told that if they could not break through the German defense line and occupy Xianna Port in the battle tonight, the Germans would counterattack frantically after dawn tomorrow. At that time, they will die miserably. It is for this reason that these island soldiers are very crazy. They launched an attack with all their strength, intending to completely end the fighting before dawn.

"Come on! His Majesty the Emperor is on board!"

"Reich Onboard! Kill the Germans!"

Countless island soldiers, shouting slogans, stepped on the corpses of their comrades-in-arms, and charged forward. The 38-type rifle in his hand was already attached to the bayonet. When fighting at night, the accuracy of shooting is not high, and it is easy to hurt your own people. Therefore, soldiers from these island countries are more accustomed to using hand-to-hand combat to resolve battles. Moreover, the 38-type rifle is very long. After the bayonet is attached, it will be much longer than the rifle equipped by the German army. In hand-to-hand combat, they will obviously have a greater advantage. What's more, the island army has always attached great importance to the training of bayonet fighting. In terms of stabbing technology alone, the strength of the island country's army is definitely ranked among the top in the world. Although the strength of the German army is very strong, it is mainly based on strong firepower. This also makes the officers and soldiers of the island country army think that if it is a bayonet fight, they will definitely win in the end.

Of course, the superiority of the army of the island country in terms of strength is also their confidence in winning. In hand-to-hand combat, their superiority in strength can be fully utilized. In this case, the possibility of defeating the German Army is undoubtedly greater.

"Da da da! Bang bang bang!"

Although the island army's offensive was very brave, the German army was not intimidated. Both the general-purpose machine guns and the squad machine guns on the position started firing. The automatic rifles and semi-automatic rifles in the hands of the soldiers were firing crazily. The dense bullets enveloped the attacking island army like a steel storm. Countless officers and soldiers of the island country army were hit by bullets and fell to the ground screaming.



The number of corpses on the beach is increasing rapidly. In the face of the powerful firepower of the German army, countless fresh lives are being lost. However, the island army didn't seem to be frightened by all this at all. Their attacks are still very violent.

"Bang! Bang!"

A sniper is firing calmly. Although his sight is poor, he can always hit the most valuable target every time with the help of the light of the flare. It's just that there are so many island armies attacking that even though many were shot and killed by the German army, there are still a large number of island armies charging. It gives people a feeling, as if these islanders can't finish killing them.

"Grenade, throw!"

Dozens of grenades flew out of the trenches and fell into the ranks of the island army, turning many of the island army's bombers off their feet. Countless people were killed or injured.

The army of the island country was shot and killed by the intensive firepower of the German army during the fierce battle. But they are not without progress. At least, they have advanced to a place not far from the German defense line.

"Come on! We are about to rush into the German defense line! Kill them all!"

A major commander of the army of an island country roared frantically, the samurai sword in his hand shone coldly under the light of the flare.

A group of archipelago soldiers, led by officers, launched a fierce charge towards the German defense line.

"Da da da!"

A squad was firing with machine guns, and the dense bullets knocked down the charging island soldiers to the ground.

However, at the moment of changing the magazine, a few island soldiers who touched the front of the trench took the opportunity to throw the grenade in.

"Boom! Boom!"

The grenade exploded, and the German soldiers in the trench were blown to pieces. The island army took advantage of this opportunity to break into the trenches.

"Go! Kill those Germans!"

Countless island soldiers screamed and rushed towards this section of the trench, wanting to take this opportunity to expand the results of the battle.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!"

Several German soldiers were fighting persistently, and an officer shot and killed several island army soldiers with a pistol. However, he was stabbed in the chest by an island soldier with a bayonet.

The fierce hand-to-hand combat was immediately staged in this section of the trench.

The soldiers of the German army are naturally much taller and bigger than the soldiers of the island countries, and their weapons are also bigger. It's just that the rifles in their hands are a little shorter than the Type 38 rifles with bayonets on them. In addition, the stabbing technology is not as good as that of the island army, so it is slightly at a disadvantage.

The colonel and head of the 2251st Regiment of the German Army on the front line was very nervous when he learned that the defense line was invaded by the Japanese army, and immediately put the reinforcements in his hands into battle. At the same time, began to ask the division for help.

Without any hesitation, Major General Eric Benson immediately ordered the Divisional Reconnaissance Battalion to go into battle and reinforce the 2251st Regiment.

Soon, with the addition of new forces, the German army gradually regained its disadvantage and drove out the Japanese divisions that broke into the position. However, the German army also paid a lot of casualties for this.

The battle between the two sides has officially entered a climax. Relying on its superiority in military strength, the army of the island country launched fierce attacks time and time again. Even if they were constantly repulsed, corpses were left all over the place, and the loss was heavy. However, the attack of the island army continued, and they also broke into the German defense line several times, and fought hand-to-hand with the German army, causing the German army's losses to continue to increase.

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"Da da da!"

The hiss of the heavy machine gun was particularly noticeable, the orange flames gleamed at the muzzle, and the dense bullets shot out, hitting the fragile human body and taking away lives.

The battle was very fierce, and the German 225th Infantry Division had almost tried its best to resist the attack of the Japanese Army. However, the 2nd Division and the 54th Division of the Japanese Army also dispatched all the troops that could be dispatched. Both sides have tried their best to win this battle. This also made the war very tragic, with high casualties on both sides.

However, judging from the actual losses, the losses of the German army are still smaller than those of the island army. If the island country army wants to break through the German defense line, it must first rush through the interception of the hail of bullets. After that, it was hand-to-hand combat with the German army.

There is a thick layer of corpses piled up on the beach, most of which are the corpses of the island army. Those short but strong soldiers of the island country army have now become cold corpses.

"General, the islanders are crazy. We have caused them great casualties, but they are still attacking fiercely. The pressure on the front line is very high, and our defense line has been breached by them several times. It happened in many areas A fierce hand-to-hand battle. If this continues, we may be in a more difficult situation." Brigadier General Michael reminded.

Major General Eric Hansen nodded: "The island nation's military superiority is still too obvious. We will not get air support at night. At the same time, our firepower superiority is also limited, and such problems will inevitably arise!"

"General, why don't we retreat! We have caused a lot of casualties to the islanders so far. If we retreat now, your Excellency Commander will not object." Brigadier General Michael suggested.

If they continue to resist the attack of the island country army here, their losses will increase. At that time, once the losses are too large, the entire infantry division will lose its combat effectiveness. This is also not conducive to the next battle.

Major General Eric Hansen hesitated, although he knew that if he retreated now, he could save the main force of the 225th Infantry Division. However, he was a little unwilling. The island army's landing battle was only a day long. Are we going to retreat now? In that case, they would be too useless, right? If possible, Major General Eric Hansen hopes to persist for a while.

At this moment, a staff officer hurried over.

"General, a telegram from the headquarters." The staff officer handed the telegram to Major General Eric Hansen.

Major General Eric Hansen took a look at the telegram, and then laughed: "Haha, Chief of Staff, there is a turning point."

"What's the matter? General." Brigadier General Michael was a little confused.

"The navy has dispatched a fleet, which is coming to us. It is estimated that it will arrive in an hour. By then, it will be enough for those islanders to drink a pot. Order the troops on the front line to hold on for another hour Time. In an hour, reinforcements will appear!" Major General Eric Hansen said excitedly.

Originally, he had planned to accept Brigadier General Michael's suggestion and let the troops retreat. However, now that the navy has rushed to the battlefield, it seems that they don't have to retreat. The naval fleet will make the islanders pay a heavy price. Whether it is the island army that has already landed or those that have not yet disembarked, they will definitely suffer heavy losses under the attack of the German navy. The situation on the battlefield will also change accordingly.

"This is good news. I will inform the front line immediately and let them hold on for another hour." Brigadier General Michael also had a happy face.

Although under the attack of the island country army, the German army suffered a lot of losses. However, if you persist for another hour, there is still no problem at all.

After the frontline ministries learned that the reinforcements were coming, their morale, which had been somewhat low, was once again boosted. Even the attacking island army felt that the morale of the German army seemed to have improved a lot, so that the attack of the island army was repulsed again.

On the Sulu sea, a fleet is sailing. This fleet, drawn from the battleship formation of the Pacific Fleet, included two "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers, four heavy cruisers, eight light cruisers and 16 destroyers.

After learning that the army of the island country had launched a landing operation in Borneo, the German Navy began preparing to send a fleet into the Sulu Sea. It's just that, in order to avoid being bombed by the island country's army aviation, the fleet dispatched is not large.

On the battlecruiser 'Lützow', Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardy, commander of the battleship formation of the German Navy's Pacific Fleet, and Major General Felix, chief of staff, are discussing the next operation.

In the last naval battle, the battleship formation of the Pacific Fleet lost a lot. But compared to the results they achieved, that loss is nothing. This time, to reinforce the German Army, Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardir led the fleet without hesitation.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, the islanders are divided into two places to land, one is in Siena Port and the other is in Lahad Datu. In this way, I will lead half of the fleet to Siena Port, and you will lead the other half of the fleet to Lahad Datu. Once, we will make the islanders who attack Borneo pay a greater price!" Lieutenant General Theodore Burchardi said.

"Okay, General." Major General Felix replied. In his opinion, this is also a very easy task. The size of the island nation's fleet is not large, there are no capital ships, only a small number of heavy cruisers and light cruisers, and a few destroyers. Compared with the fleet dispatched by the German Navy, it is completely incomparable. Even in night battles, the German fleet has an absolute advantage. After all, the capital ships and cruisers of the German Navy are equipped with radars. The artillery sighting radar has also become a standard configuration.

It is said that the German Navy will also install radars on newly built destroyers. In that case, the German Navy will be far ahead of other countries in terms of radar and other electronic equipment.

Major General Felix left the battlecruiser 'Lützow' and went to the battlecruiser 'Hindenburg'. Subsequently, the fleet was divided into two parts. Lieutenant Admiral Theodor Burchardy led a part of the warships and headed straight for the port of Xiana. Rear Admiral Felix led another part of the fleet and sailed towards Lahad Datu.

At the speed of the German fleet, it will take less than an hour to reach the scheduled sea area. At that time, they will raise their butcher knives high.

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Time passed by every minute and every second, and the fierce attack of the island army continued. The brutal fight was still going on on the beach.

"How is the situation on the front line?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo was still worried. The transport ship he was on was not too far from the coast, and he could clearly hear the sound of gunfire from the beach.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the 2nd Division and the 54th Division are still launching a fierce attack on the German defense line. However, the German defense line has been broken by us several times. Although they were finally driven back by them, we It has already caused very heavy casualties to the Germans. It is expected that they will be able to break through the German defenses soon!" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong reported.

"Well, that's good! Tell Yoshimoto-kun and Akiyama-kun. Tonight, we must break through the German defense line. Before dawn, we must take Senna Port!" Lieutenant General Sakurai said.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Major General Yanpan Haoxiong replied.

At this moment, Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan didn't know that the German fleet was approaching them. A bad luck is about to come to them.

The German fleet with the battlecruiser "Lützow" as its flagship is heading towards the battlefield at high speed. The sea search radar on the top of the battleship is running, detecting all the surrounding sea areas within a range of 40 kilometers.

"General, there are a lot of island country ships nearby. Most of them are transport ships or merchant ships." The officer in charge of the radar reported.

"Find out the heavy cruisers and light cruisers of the islanders first, and get rid of them, and then deal with those transport ships and merchant ships." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi ordered.

"Yes, General." The officer nodded.

The heavy cruiser 'Ligan' is also a heavy cruiser with a displacement of more than 10,000 tons, which is much larger than those transport ships and merchant ships. Therefore, it is easy to find it with the sea search radar. After all, the larger the hull, the more radar waves are reflected.

"General, the islanders' heavy cruiser is twenty-five kilometers north of us!" The officer reported.

"Very good, directly attack the heavy cruiser of the islanders. At that time, our battlecruisers, heavy cruisers and light cruisers will concentrate their firepower to attack each other. Try to sink it in the shortest possible time. Destroyers pay attention to protecting the capital ship and cruiser. There are several destroyers in the islanders' fleet. I don't want our warships to be struck by the islanders' lightning." Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi ordered.

The heavy torpedoes of the destroyers of the island navy are also very powerful, enough to sink the capital ship of the German Navy.

Soon, the German fleet approached only 15 kilometers away from the heavy cruiser "Lingen". Under the cover of night, the heavy cruiser 'Ligan' did not know that it had been targeted by the German fleet. So, the crisis appeared so suddenly.

"Fire!"

The captain of the battlecruiser 'Luzov' gave the order to fire.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Three triple-mounted 380mm main guns with 50 times the caliber roared loudly. Heavy shells weighing nearly one ton roared and smashed towards the heavy cruiser 'Ligan'.

The two heavy cruisers of the German fleet followed closely behind. These heavy cruisers are equipped with three triple-mounted 210mm main guns with a caliber of 50 times. Although it is not as powerful as the main gun of the capital ship, it is still very powerful.

The three triple-mounted 150mm main guns equipped on the four light cruisers also fired.

For a while, dense shells hit the heavy cruiser 'Ligan'. The shells fell into the sea, splashing water jets into the sky.

"Baga! What's going on?" The captain of the heavy cruiser 'Tone', Colonel Nishi Shinzang, changed his face drastically. It can be seen from the soaring water jets splashing around one's own battleship that this is definitely a large-caliber naval gun attacking them.

"Sir, the German fleet is coming, and we are being heavily bombarded by them!" An officer reported.

"Counterattack, counterattack immediately!" Commander Onishi Shinzo ordered.

Although he knew that in front of the German fleet, their counterattack was like hitting a stone with a pebble. However, he has no other way, he can't just do nothing.

At the same time, Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai, commander of the 28th Army of the Japanese Army, and other generals were also shocked by the violent explosion. They all realized what had happened, and their faces were all pale.

"Baga! Why did the German fleet appear here?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo turned pale. He knew very well that the fleet dispatched by the navy of the island country was not strong. This also means that they cannot be the opponents of the German fleet at all. There is probably only one final result, and that is to be defeated by the German fleet. It is conceivable what the outcome of the remaining transport ships and merchant ships will be under the attack of the German fleet.

"Your Excellency, what should we do now? We still have a lot of troops and equipment on transport ships and merchant ships." Major General Yanpan Haoxiong was very anxious.

The field artillery regiments and artillery brigades of each division are still on transport ships and merchant ships. In addition, a large amount of war supplies are still on board. If they are destroyed by the German fleet, their landing operation will be regarded as a failure. Even, the troops participating in the attack may be lost.

"What are you still doing in a daze? Immediately order those transport ships and merchant ships to evacuate. It counts as much as you can evacuate!" Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Major General Yanpan Haoxiong immediately went to give the order.

On the beach, Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi, head of the 2nd Division of the Japanese Army, and Lieutenant General Akiyama Yoshidori, head of the 54th Division, also looked very unsightly. Seeing that their troops were about to break through the German defense line, but now the German fleet appeared, which undoubtedly added a lot of variables to this battle. Even, it is very likely that their attack will fall short.

"Baga! How could this be? Why don't the guys in the navy send more warships? In this case, wouldn't they be able to stop the German fleet?" Lieutenant General Yoshimoto Teiichi wanted to cry without tears. His 2nd Division had already suffered a lot in this battle. If you can win, that's all, you can get replenished soon and regain your combat effectiveness. But now, everything is up in the air.

On the position of the German 225th Division, there was a burst of cheers. The officers and soldiers of the German army obviously knew that their reinforcements were coming, and then they were safer.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The sound of violent shelling resounded throughout the sea area, and heavy shells hit the sea surface, splashing high water columns.

The heavy cruiser 'Ligan' is undoubtedly in the center of the storm, with shells constantly falling around it. Although the four twin-mounted 203mm main guns of the heavy cruiser "Lingen" also launched a counterattack. However, under the heavy shelling of the German fleet, their counterattack seemed so fragile and powerless. It can be foreseen that although this naval battle has just begun, the result is already doomed.

"Boom!" A burst of flames erupted on the heavy cruiser 'Ligan'. This is a 210mm artillery shell fired by a heavy cruiser of the German fleet that hit the heavy cruiser 'Ligen'.

The artillery shell hit the midship part of the heavy cruiser 'Ligan', causing a raging fire.

The damage control personnel on the heavy cruiser 'Ligan' immediately tried to put out the fire. The sailors in gas masks rushed to the scene of the fire, dragging the water dragon.

However, the heavy cruiser 'Ligan' seems to be suffering from bad luck at this moment. Before the fire was extinguished, it was hit hard again. A 380mm artillery shell fired from the battlecruiser "Luzov" slammed into the heavy cruiser "Ligen".

"Boom!" Amidst the violent explosion, the entire heavy cruiser 'Ligan' seemed to be trembling.

The captain of the ship, Colonel Xixinzang, was even paler. He knew that this time the heavy cruiser 'Ligan' might be doomed.

"Sir, the stern was hit. The steering engine was blown off, and we can no longer turn." A staff officer reported.

"Damn it! How could this happen?" Colonel Daxi Xinzang cursed viciously.

After losing the ability to turn, the heavy cruiser 'Ligan' could no longer escape. Under the heavy shelling of the German fleet, it was hit many times in less than ten minutes. In addition to a lot of 210mm shells and 150mm shells, even two 380mm shells were hit. This directly caused the heavy cruiser 'Ligen' to be fatally wounded.

A few minutes later, the heavy cruiser 'Ligan' sank into the sea due to severe damage to the hull and excessive water intake.

When the German fleet launched a fierce bombardment of the heavy cruiser "Ligen", the light cruiser "Tianlong" and several other destroyers tried to rescue. However, he was beaten violently. Not only did it fail to save the heavy cruiser 'Ligan', but it caused heavy losses to itself. After the heavy cruiser "Ligen" was sunk, the German fleet immediately launched a fierce attack on the light cruiser "Tianlong". This light cruiser with a displacement of more than 3,000 tons was sunk after only holding on for more than ten minutes under the fierce firepower of a battlecruiser, two heavy cruisers and four light cruisers in the German fleet.

As for the five 'Yugumo-class' destroyers, they have already escaped. The "Yugumo-class" destroyer of the Japanese Navy has a top speed of 35.5 knots. If it wants to escape, it will be difficult for the German fleet to pursue it. What's more, it was still at night, which made the pursuit even more difficult.

However, the German fleet didn't care about the escaped destroyers. After solving a heavy cruiser and a light cruiser of the island navy, their targets have been placed on those transport ships and merchant ships, as well as the island army on the beach.

"Order the destroyers and light cruisers to chase down the transport ships and merchant ships of the islanders, as much as they can be sunk! Contact the 225th Infantry Division of the Army and let them calibrate the shooting elements for us. Next, it's time for us to perform well. Let those islanders taste the power of our naval guns!" Lieutenant General Theodor Burchardi ordered.

"Yes, General." The staff officer immediately went to send a telegram.

The four light cruisers and eight destroyers of the German fleet killed the island transport ships and merchant ships that were fleeing in a hurry. Although at the beginning of the naval battle, those transport ships and merchant ships began to flee. However, they are too slow. In front of the light cruisers and destroyers of the German fleet, it was as slow as a snail.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The light cruisers and destroyers of the German fleet began to kill one after another. Whether it is the 150mm main gun of a light cruiser or the 105mm naval gun of a destroyer, it is fatal to these transport ships and merchant ships.

"Boom! Boom!"

Explosions continued to sound on those transport ships and merchant ships, the flames shot up into the sky, and the fire began to spread on the ship.

The hull structure of transport ships and merchant ships is not as good as that of warships. After being overtaken by light cruisers and destroyers of the German Navy, it is often the result of certain death.

The personnel, equipment and supplies of the island army carried on these transport ships and merchant ships also sank into the sea along with the transport ships and merchant ships. Faced with such a massacre by the German fleet, the Japanese army had no power to fight back.

The battlecruiser "Lützow" and two heavy cruisers of the German fleet set their targets on the landed island army. At a place more than ten kilometers away from the coast, they slammed the ship's hull and aimed the side at the beach.

After receiving the shooting elements reported by the 225th Infantry Division of the German Army, the three warships began their performance.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The battlecruiser "Lützow" opened fire first, followed by the two heavy cruisers.



When attacking targets on the beach, the battlecruisers and heavy cruisers of the German fleet were replaced with high-explosive bombs. As a result, the officers and soldiers of the island country army on the beach were in bad luck.

When the heavy shells hit the beach and there was a violent explosion, it was like the end of the world.

"Boom!"

A 380mm artillery shell fell into the queue of the island army. Although, in order to avoid the shelling of the German fleet, these island soldiers were lying on the beach.

However, when a huge crater appeared on the beach, all the island soldiers had disappeared. There are only a lot of stumps and broken arms left on the beach. It is not even known how many island soldiers have been torn to pieces.

Under the heavy shelling of the German fleet, the casualties of the island army began to soar. Let alone attacking the German defense line, they can only lie on the beach and pray to their Amaterasu, praying that the German shells will not fall on their heads. Under the fierce shelling of large-caliber naval guns, the island army, which had suffered heavy losses, was directly terrified. The desire to break through the German defense line during this night's night attack was also completely defeated.

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"It's over, this time it's completely over. It's impossible for us to break through the German defense line." Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo closed his eyes in pain.

The two divisions dispatched by the 28th Army this time not only suffered a bloodbath in front of the German defense line, but also suffered heavy losses. Now it has been slaughtered wantonly by the German fleet. It can be said that they have already suffered a devastating blow.

Of course, after this round of bombardment by the German fleet, the 2nd Division and the 54th Division of the Japanese Army may still have a lot of troops left. However, morale was hit hard and supplies were severely lacking. Under such circumstances, it is impossible to continue to launch attacks and break through the German defense line.

Major General Yanpan Haoxiong also didn't say a word, with a dejected look, like a rooster who has lost a fight.

Obviously, everyone has no confidence in this battle. The appearance of the German fleet completely dashed their hopes, and also made the island army doomed to fail in this battle.

The attack of the German fleet lasted until 4 am on March 4th. Afterwards, the German fleet turned to withdraw from the Sulu Sea. Although, after dawn, the Luftwaffe fighter planes will take off to \*\*\*\* them, without worrying about being attacked by the army aviation of the island country. However, in order to avoid unnecessary losses, it is better for the fleet to evacuate as soon as possible. In this way, it can be guaranteed that the strength of the navy will not be damaged.

The German Navy won the last naval battle. But their own casualties are not small. Therefore, every warship is precious to the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet.

When the German fleet withdrew, the island army on the beach was relieved. The heart that had been hanging all this time was finally put back into the stomach. Although the loss is very large, at least there is no need to worry about the shells of the German fleet hitting their heads.

"How is the situation of the 2nd Division and the 54th Division?" Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai asked.

"Your Excellency, the 2nd Division and the 54th Division have suffered great losses. Now, the remaining troops of the 2nd Division are less than 5,000 troops. The 54th Division may only have more than 8,000 troops. ." Major General Yanpan Haoxiong reported.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōzo's expression suddenly became even uglier. The two main infantry divisions have a total strength of more than 40,000 troops. Now there are only a few people left. It can be said that both divisions have suffered a devastating blow. Obviously, there is no way to continue this battle.

"Where are the transport ships and merchant ships at sea? How many are left?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo then asked.

"Your Excellency, our convoy has suffered heavy losses under the massive attack of the German fleet. I am afraid that there are only about 20 convoys and merchant ships left. The artillery units and their equipment left on board. And The other rear troops suffered heavy losses. Our war materials also suffered a relatively large loss. Without enough war materials, it is obviously impossible to launch a large-scale attack." Major General Yanpan Haoxiong continued.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan sighed. Obviously, this time the landing operation was considered a failure. He had no idea what to do next.

"How is the situation of the 33rd Army? It is impossible for the Germans to just send a fleet to attack us." Lieutenant General Sakurai asked.

"The 33rd Army was also attacked by the German fleet. Their losses were similar to ours."

Hearing such an answer, Shozo Sakurai breathed a sigh of relief. As long as it is not only the 28th Army that has suffered heavy losses. Then, when taking responsibility, it should be relatively light. Originally, he thought that if he didn't do it, he would be asked to apologize by harakiri. But now it seems that maybe not. After all, it was not because of him that he caused such a big loss, but because the Germans were too strong.

"Send a telegram to the Front Army Headquarters! It's up to them to decide what to do next," Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo said.

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

Zamboanga, the Lantian-Indian Front Command of the Island Army.

Commander Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo and Chief of Staff Major General Taro Nakanaga also stayed up all night, keeping an eye on the battle ahead. Yesterday's daytime attack failed and suffered heavy losses, which made Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo and Major General Nakayagataro very anxious. After learning that Lieutenant General Sakurai Shousan and Lieutenant General Honda Masai put their hopes on the night battle at night. They also reported great hopes for this. If the situation can

be opened up in the night battle tonight, then the situation is not too bad. But if the night battle still fails, the consequences may be very serious.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo has been smoking all night, making his office smoky, as if there was a fire.

"Nakae-kun, do you have any news from the front line?" Lieutenant General Kawabe Masazo asked. Even he himself forgot how many times this was the same question.

"Your Excellency, Commander, there is no news yet. I will go to the telegraph room to check." Major General Taro Nakayaga said.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Masami nodded.

Soon, Major General Nakayataro returned. However, his face was very ugly.

After noticing this, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo's heart sank continuously. He knew that the battle on the front line might be very unfavorable to them again. In the night battle tonight, the island army may have failed again.

"What's the matter? Nakane-kun?" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo asked.

"Your Excellency, when we were about to achieve success, the German fleet suddenly appeared. The German fleet not only sank the naval warships, but also launched a fierce bombardment on our transport ships, merchant ships, and landing troops. Now, Transport ships and merchant ships were sunk a lot, and there are not many left. The troops who landed were also violently bombarded by the large-caliber naval guns of the German fleet. Major General Nakayataro reported.

Such a result made Lieutenant General Kawabe Masanori stunned. Although he expected that the island army might lose in the night battle, he still did not expect such a result.

"How many people do we have in Borneo?" Lieutenant General Shozo Kawabe asked.

"General, the combined landing forces of the 28th Army and the 33rd Army are less than 30,000 people. Moreover, they are under suppression. Generals Sakurai Shozo and General Honda Masai have sent requests for tactics. The instruction telegram has arrived." Major General Taro Nakayaga reported.

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A request for tactical guidance, in the army of an island country, is often a request to a higher-level unit when a unit is in a desperate situation. Once such a request is made, it means that the situation has become so bad that it cannot be changed.

Lieutenant General Shozo Kawabe knew very well that since Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai and Lieutenant General Honda Masai had sent such a telegram, it undoubtedly meant that they had nothing to do with the current situation.

However, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo has no other choice now! Although, there are still several divisions and independent mixed brigades under the Lanyin Front Army. Still has good combat power. But the German army's defense line is very strong, its firepower is very strong, and its air support

is far stronger than that of the Japanese army. In addition, the German navy has also appeared now, all of which make the island army's landing plan, I am afraid it will end in failure.

Even if we continue to send reinforcements to eastern Borneo, I am afraid that this result will not be changed in the end. And, that would only make their losses bigger and bigger.

"Nakae-kun, what do you think we should do now?" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the 28th Army and the 33rd Army have lost more than 50,000 people this time! They have already suffered heavy losses. Although we still have 5 infantry divisions and 3 independent mixed brigades in our hands, there are still more There are more than 100,000 troops. However, even if all these troops are sent to Borneo, it may be difficult to open the situation." Major General Taro Nakayaga said.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Masami nodded, he was also worried about this. If you can't gain a firm foothold in Borneo and cause more and more losses, then the gains will outweigh the losses. Moreover, it was impossible to explain to General Nishio Hiszo.

"Your Excellency, Commander, why not report to the General Army Headquarters! General Nishio Hiszo will decide what to do!" Major General Taro Nakayaga suggested.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo hesitated about this. If he reported this issue to the Southern Army Command, General Nishio Hiszo would definitely be dissatisfied. However, at least some responsibility can be avoided.

"Okay, let's report to the General Army Command!" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo finally made a choice.

General Hisao Nishio, the commander of the Southern Army, was indeed very angry when he learned that the landing operation of the Lanyin Front Army suffered a disastrous defeat and suffered heavy losses. The island country is very concerned about the actions of the Southern Army, and has been waiting for them to open up the situation in Nanyang. Even the Americans are waiting for their main force to hold down the Germans in Nanyang. You know, in order to facilitate the southward movement of the island nation's army, the Americans paid a lot of money. Such a result is obviously impossible to explain to the Americans.

At that time, if he wants to take responsibility, he, the commander of the Southern Army, will definitely not be able to escape. General Hisao Nishio didn't want to become the commander of the Southern Army with great difficulty, only to be dismissed from his position in the end.

"Send a telegram to the Lanyin Front Army and tell them to continue their offensive. Send out the remaining troops. We must successfully gain a foothold in Borneo. As for the loss of troops, we will give them priority. In addition, the 14th The front army will also start landing after them. The German fleet and army aviation will dispatch fighter planes to attack and drive away, so they don't have to worry!" General Hisao Nishio ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Lieutenant General Tsukada Offensive, Chief of Staff of the Southern Army, immediately conveyed General Nishio Hiszo's order to the Lanyin Front Army.

After receiving the order, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo had no other choice but to order to continue transporting troops to Borneo. The 28th Army under the Lanyin Front Army also has a 55th Division. In addition, the troops directly under the Lanyin Front Army also have four infantry divisions and three independent mixed brigades. These troops will also take transport ships and merchant ships to Borneo one after another.

The 3rd Air Force and 4th Air Force of the island country army dispatched a large number of bombers to the Sulu Sea to search for traces of the German fleet. It's just that the German fleet has temporarily withdrawn from this sea area after massacring the island country's army.

Brunei City, German 23rd Army Command.

Commander Lieutenant General William Adam was very satisfied with the battle last night. The German 225th Infantry Division and 228th Infantry Division, with the help of the navy, withstood the attack of the island army. The island army paid an extremely heavy price.

"Your Excellency, the island country army that landed on Borneo has been severely damaged. According to reports from the front, the island country army has stopped attacking. Obviously, with heavy losses, they are no longer able to launch an attack. It seems that , we can hold on for a while longer." Chief of Staff Major General Erwin Willow said with a smile.

"Has the 23rd Armored Division, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division arrived at their intended positions?" Lieutenant General William Adam asked.

"They have all arrived at their scheduled locations."

Lieutenant General William Adam nodded: "If this is the case, then there is no need to hold on. After all, the 225th Infantry Division and the 228th Infantry Division also suffered a lot of losses in the previous battle. If you continue to If you stick to it, it will really hurt your muscles."

Major General Erwin Willow thinks this is indeed the truth. They are far from home and difficult to replenish. If there are too many losses, the two infantry divisions may lose their combat effectiveness.

"Let the 23rd Armored Division, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division stay hidden. Also let the 225th Infantry Division and the 228th Infantry Division retreat tonight. Now, it is time for us to put the main force of the island army on the ground. Come to Borneo, and then launch a large-scale attack, which will cause them heavy losses." Lieutenant General William Adam said.

The reason why he ordered the 23rd Armored Division, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division to dispatch was to deal a heavy blow to the Japanese Army. In this case, it will help cause greater losses to the island country army. Next, no matter whether they evacuate Borneo or continue to fight in Borneo, there will be more room for maneuver.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Major General Erwin Willow replied.

After Lieutenant General William Adam's order was issued, the German 225th Infantry Division and 228th Infantry Division secretly evacuated Siena Port and Lahad Datu on the night of March 4. Although some officers and soldiers were very puzzled by such a retreat order, they believed that they had

already withstood the attack of the island army, and they could continue to persist, and there was no need to evacuate. However, as soldiers, they still fulfilled their orders very well.

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"Your Excellency, Commander, the order from the Front Army Headquarters has been issued." Major General Yanban Haoxiong handed a telegram to Lieutenant General Sakurai Shousan.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo took a look and sighed. The telegram stated that General Hisao Nishio, the commander of the Southern Army, had given an order to continue the offensive. Therefore, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo had no choice but to continue sending troops to Borneo.

"Tonight, the 55th Division and the 31st Division will come to reinforce us. The 33rd Division and the 49th Division will go to reinforce the 33rd Army. The follow-up troops will also arrive one after another. It seems that the entire Lanyin Front Army We have to go into battle." Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai said. He didn't know how many of the 200,000 Lanyin Front Army would be left after such a tragic battle.

"General, shall we continue to attack?" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong asked.

Lieutenant General Sakurai shook his head: "Forget it, wait until the reinforcements arrive, and launch an attack tomorrow morning. Both the 2nd Division and the 54th Division suffered heavy losses, so we must leave some seeds for them."

Major General Yanpan Haoxiong nodded and didn't say much.

On the day of March 4th, the Japanese Army stopped its offensive and huddled on the beach, lingering on its last breath. However, the German army is still using artillery of various calibers to fire at the positions of the Japanese army. Further consume their vitality.

In the face of this kind of attack from the German army, Daoguolu had no choice but to bear it passively. Their artillery and artillery were sent to the sea by the German fleet last night to feed the fish. So much so that they didn't have powerful artillery to counter the German artillery. Of course, the artillery strength of the Japanese army is not as good as that of the German army. Even if their artillery was not destroyed, they were no match for German artillery.

It was finally night, and the German shelling finally stopped. This made the Japanese army breathe a sigh of relief.

After nightfall, the Lantian Army of the Island Army dispatched a convoy from Zamboanga to send four divisions of the Island Army to Borneo. In order to strengthen the defense and avoid being taken advantage of by German submarines or surface fleets, the navy of the island country also had to grit its teeth and dispatch a more powerful \*\*\*\* fleet. The remaining two of the "Kii-class" battleships, namely the battleship "Suruga" and the battleship "Omi", plus the five "Kuma-class" heavy cruisers and the light cruiser "Yubari", plus the "Yubari" All 19 of the Cloud-class destroyers form a huge fleet.

Such a huge fleet is definitely the main force in the navy of the island country. After all, there are not many capital ships left in the Japanese navy. Before the 'Yamato-class' battleships entered service, every one of their capital ships was a treasure. Heavy cruisers and light cruisers also lost a lot, and there

were not many left. However, there are still many destroyers. However, the role that destroyers can play in naval battles is very limited.

Fortunately, the 23rd Army of the German Army decided to retreat from Siena Port and Lahad Datu, attracting the main force of the island country army to the hinterland of Borneo for annihilation. Therefore, neither the German fleet nor the submarine force continued to attack the island army's transport fleet. Of course, this does not mean that Germany will give up such attacks. After this battle is over, the sea transportation lines of the island nation's navy and army will still become the key targets of the German fleet and submarine forces.

The island army also didn't know that the German 225th Infantry Division and 228th Infantry Division were taking advantage of the cover of night to evacuate Port Siena and Lahad Datu.

The reinforcements of the island country army arrived in Borneo without any risk. Several divisions began to land. During the period, there was no interference from the German army, which made the island army a little unbelievable.

After dawn the next day, the island army launched an attack.

When the island soldiers approached the German defense line carefully, they found that they were not attacked. This surprised them even more. When some soldiers bravely entered the German defense line, they found that the entire defense line was empty.

So the soldiers of these island countries cheered.

When the news was sent to Lieutenant General Sakurai, Lieutenant General Sakurai was also dumbfounded. In his view, the German army is fully capable of continuing to hold the line of defense. After all, the German army had withstood their attacks in the previous battles and made them pay a heavy price.

"This, isn't this too sudden? How could the Germans retreat on their own initiative?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo seemed a little unbelievable in front of him.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we must have caused heavy casualties to the Germans in the previous battle. Therefore, they couldn't hold on anymore and had to retreat. We did not lose this battle. Although our losses are a little bigger, but we have completed the scheduled battle plan and successfully gained a foothold in eastern Borneo. It can even be said that we have won the battle!" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong said happily.

"We won?" Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai was stunned.

Before they thought they had lost the battle, and even guessed whether they should bear the corresponding responsibility. However, the reversal of results in the blink of an eye feels unreal.

"Yes, Commander, we have won!" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong said with great certainty.

"Well, Yoshi! We have won. Immediately report to the Front Army Command that we have defeated the Germans, and now we have broken through their line of defense, and we are about to occupy Senna Port!" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong said excitedly.

Almost at the same time, the 33rd Army of the Japanese Army also discovered that the German 228th Infantry Division had retreated. Lieutenant General Honda also believed that they defeated the German army.

Thus, two good news were sent one after the other to the headquarters of the Lanyin Front Army of the Island Army in Zamboanga.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo, the commander of the Lanyin Front Army, was a little puzzled when he saw such a telegram. If he didn't know that those guys dare not lie about military information, he would have thought it was a joke.

Did not dare, he later found out what happened through his confidant. After knowing that the German army was retreating on its own initiative, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo did not say this.

Regardless of whether the German army retreated on its own initiative or not, they have gained a firm foothold in Borneo after all. Therefore, they should have won.

This made the Lan-Indian Front Army Headquarters send a telegram to the Southern Army Headquarters in Manila, also claiming that they had defeated the Germans, had occupied Sinar Port and Lahad Datu, and had gained a firm foothold in Borneo.