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## Chapter 1331

Manila, Confederate Army Command.

General Nishio Hiszo, the commander of the Southern Army, was in a daze. In his hand, he held a good news from the headquarters of the Lanyin Front Army. According to the news he received before, the Lanyin Front Army had a \*\*\*\* encounter in front of the German defense line and suffered heavy losses. How did they defeat the Germans in a blink of an eye and gain a firm foothold in eastern Borneo? This change is probably too fast.

"Tukada-kun, is the news in this telegram true? The Lanyin Front Army really won?" General Nishio Hiszo asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, it is indeed strange. However, I have confirmed to the headquarters of the Lanyin Front Army. They have indeed established a firm foothold in eastern Borneo." Lieutenant General Tsukada replied.

General Nishio Hiszo frowned, he always felt that there were too many doubts.

"Your Excellency, Commander, let me find someone to confirm it!" Lieutenant General Tsukada said.

General Nishio Hiszo nodded.

Leugeant General Tsukada As the Chief of Staff of the Southern Army, he still has a lot of power. He was in the southern army, and he also had his own confidants. In less than an hour, he knew what was going on with this so-called victory.

When Lieutenant General Tsukada reported the situation to General Nishio Hiszo, General Nishio Hiszo was also a little speechless.

"Those guys, it was the Germans who retreated on their own initiative, but they took the credit for themselves." General Hisao Nishio looked a little unhappy.

"Your Excellency, Commander, there is no other way. The Lanyin Front Army suffered heavy losses in the previous battle. The announcement of victory at this time may also have the effect of boosting morale!" Lieutenant General Tsukada said.

"No matter what, the Lanyin Front Army has successfully established a foothold in Borneo, which is beneficial to us. In the next war, we can gradually take the initiative." Tsukada Gongzhong continued.

General Hisao Nishio agrees with this. After all, only after a firm foothold in Borneo can the large troops of the island country army be able to continuously land on Borneo and launch an attack on the German troops entrenched there.

"Send a telegram to the Lanyin Front Army, asking them to continue to send more troops to land on Borneo and launch an attack. Try to occupy the entire Borneo as soon as possible!" General Nishio Hisao said.

The army of the island country can use this as a base to attack other areas only after it completely occupies Borneo.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander. However, the Lantian-Indian Front Army suffered a lot of losses in the previous battles. And the German army's combat effectiveness is very strong. It may be difficult to defeat the German 23rd Army based solely on the strength of the Lantian-Indian Front Army." Tsukada The general of the attack reminded.

The 23rd Army of the German Army also has more than 200,000 troops, which is no less than that of the Lanyin Front Army. The combat effectiveness is far better than that of the Lanyin Front Army. In the previous landing operations, the Lanyin Front Army lost more than 50,000 people. This also means that the Lanyin Front Army is completely at a disadvantage in front of the German 23rd Army.

"Let the 14th Front Army also get ready. After the Lanyin Front Army has landed, let the 14th Front Army also land!" General Hisao Nishio ordered.

The 14th Front Army is a front army with more troops than the Lanyin Front Army, and it is also the most important main force under the Southern Army. The 14th Front Army was also thrown into the battle in Borneo. It can be seen that General Nishio Hisao attached great importance to this battle.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General Tsukada Ko replied.

"In addition, send a message to the country to let other troops arrive at a faster speed. Once Borneo is occupied, we have to go north to attack the Indochina Peninsula and south to attack Australia. At that time, we will need more troops." Hisao Nishio The general ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander, I'll send a telegram immediately!" Lieutenant General Tsukada Gong saluted and left the office.

General Nishio Hiszo's eyes fell on the map hanging on the wall. Although, the battle got off to a rough start. But on the whole, it is still developing towards the side that is beneficial to the army of the island country. This finally made General Nishio Hisao feel a little better.

The troops under the Southern Army, in addition to the Philippine Front Army, the Lanyin Front Army and the 14th Front Army that have already arrived in Nanyang, there are also the 7th Front Army, the 18th Front Army, the 2nd Army, the 18th Army, the 37th Army and the 38th Army . When all these troops arrived in Nanyang, the southern army will be strong and strong. General Hisao Nishio also believed that they would be able to defeat the Germans this time.

"Although the Germans are very strong, we can continue to receive reinforcements. But the Germans can't do it! Therefore, the final victory must belong to us." General Nishio Hisao said secretly to himself, as if for himself It's like cheering up.

After General Nishio Hiszo's order was issued, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo faithfully carried out the order. He immediately ordered the remaining 53rd Infantry Division of the Lanyin Front Army to independently form the 24th Brigade, the 72nd Brigade and the 105th Brigade, and immediately set off for Borneo.

By March 7, the remaining troops of the entire Lan-Indian Front Army had arrived in Borneo. Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo, the commander of the Lanyin Front Army, also moved his headquarters from Zamboanga to Siena Port.

The entire Lanyin front army seems to have swept away the previous decline. It seems that they have already won this war. They seem to have forgotten those islanders who were killed by the Germans during the landing operations. The beaches of Sinar Port and Lahad Datu are full of corpses of islanders.

At the same time, the 14th Front Army of the Island Army also began to march from the Philippine Islands to Borneo. The 35th Army, the vanguard of the 14th Front Army, began loading and departing.

The commander of the Lanyin Front Army, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo, also received an order from General Nishio Hisao, and began to send troops to attack the hinterland of Borneo. According to the information collected by the island army, the German 225th Infantry Division that retreated from Siena Port and the 228th Infantry Division that retreated from Lahad Datu have retreated to Kinabatangan.

Therefore, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo ordered the main force of the Lanyin Front Army to set off from Sinar Port and Lahad Datu respectively to attack Kinabatangan, intending to wipe out the German 225th Infantry Division and 228th Infantry Division here.

At this moment, the German 23rd Armored Division, 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division are hiding in the jungle around Kinabatangan, waiting for the island army to launch an attack on Kinabatangan. This piece of terrain is open and flat, which is very suitable for armored troops to fight. Once the island army arrives, the German army will let them have a good taste of the German army.

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"Your Excellency, Commander, we have found out that the German troops in Kinabatangan are all troops that retreated from Siena Port and Lahad Datu. The specific strength is still unknown. However, through analysis, The strength of the troops is less than 20,000. Otherwise, they would never have voluntarily evacuated Siena Port and Lahad Datu." Major General Taro Nakayaga reported.

It's just that Major General Nakayagataro didn't know that all this was an illusion deliberately made by the German army. In fact, the German army gathered a lot of troops in Kinabatangan. The 225th Infantry Division that retreated from Sinar Port and the 228th Infantry Division that retreated from Lahad Datu alone totaled more than 30,000 people. In addition, there is the 23rd heavy howitzer brigade belonging to the group army. The whole army adds up to nearly 40,000 troops. Not to mention that the three most powerful units of the 23rd Army are still ambushing nearby. The reason why the German army retreated voluntarily was only to attract the island army. Its purpose is only one, and that is to severely damage the landed island army in one fell swoop.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Masanori nodded, and he also believed in this analysis.

"Where are the other German troops?" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo asked. He also knew that the total strength of the 23rd Group of the German Army was more than 200,000.

"Your Excellency, the main force of the German 23rd Army is near Brunei. In addition, they have deployed some troops in the west of Borneo. According to the information we have learned, the German army has only about five infantry divisions in the east of Borneo. This also includes the two infantry divisions that were severely damaged by us." Major General Taro Nakayaga continued.

After hearing the news, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo seemed to be completely relieved: "Very well, with our strength, there is no problem at all in annihilating the German troops in eastern Borneo. Wait until these German troops are eliminated, and march towards Brunei. As long as the main force of the German army can be wiped out there, then there will be no problem at all in occupying the entire Borneo."

Major General Taro Nakayaga also nodded again and again, also thinking that this war is a sure thing.

"Let the 24th Brigade of the independent \* mixed group be stationed at Sinar Port, and the 72nd Brigade of the independent \* mixed group be stationed at Lahad Datu to meet the 14th Army that will land later. The rest of the troops will be divided into two groups, from Port Siena and Lahad Datu Set out, besiege Kinabatangan, and eliminate the German troops entrenched there. Get ready for the next battle!" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander. With our strength, we can take Kinabatangan in at most three days!" Major General Taro Nakayaga was extremely confident, as if the German army was really vulnerable, and completely forgot when they landed on the beach before, how many troops were lost in front of the German defense.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo smiled, obviously agreeing with this statement.

The main force of the German Lanyin Front Army set off from Sinar Port and Lahad Datu respectively, and marched towards Kinabatangan. Only one independent mixed brigade group was left in Sina Port and Lahad Datu respectively.

Two troops, one led by Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo, the commander of the 28th Army. 55 divisions. In addition, there are the 31st Division and the 33rd Division, with a total strength of nearly 60,000. The other route is led by Lieutenant General Honda Zhengcai, the commander of the 33rd Army, including the remnants of the 18th Division and the 56th Division under the 33rd Army, the 49th Group and the 53rd Division, and the independent army. Mixed into the 105th Brigade, with a total strength of nearly 50,000 troops. This time, the Lanyin front army can be said to have exhausted its main force.

Of course, this is also done to prevent being attacked by the main force of the German army. If several other infantry divisions of the German army also arrived, it would be a big battle. With the fighting power of the German army, if the number of troops is small, it may not be able to resist. That's why Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo put all his main force into it. In this case, at least they can hold out until reinforcements arrive.

Although Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai and Lieutenant General Honda Masai did not perform very well in the previous battles. However, no matter what the reason is, they have gained a firm foothold in Borneo, and they have completed their mission. Therefore, not only was he not punished, but he was important instead. The 2nd Division, 54th Division, 18th Division, and 55th Division, which suffered heavy losses, will also be replenished first after this battle is over.

This also made Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo and Lieutenant General Honda Masai very satisfied, and they can be regarded as a blessing in disguise.

"Speed up, tomorrow morning we must advance to Kinabatangan, and wipe out the Germans there in one fell swoop! Let them know how powerful the Imperial Warriors are!" Lieutenant General Sakurai swept away the previous decadence and was full of spirits issued orders.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Several division heads replied one after another.

All the divisions and regiments of the island country army have accelerated their advance. Although the soldiers of the island country army are a little short in stature, their legs are also shorter, and they also have bow legs. However, their physical fitness is very good, and their physical strength is also very abundant. Marching twenty kilometers a day is not too difficult.

Similarly, Lieutenant General Honda also issued an order that he must invest in the attack on Kinabatangan before March 9.

Two island armies marched aggressively towards Kinabatangan, trying to annihilate the German army there in one fell swoop. And they never expected that everything was just a trap set by the German army, just waiting for them to jump into it foolishly.

Kinabatangan, the German 225th Infantry Division and the 228th Infantry Division are making every effort to build positions. They've been working on this since retreating here before. Because they know that the strength of the Japanese army is several times that of theirs. Therefore, they also know that if they do not rely on fortifications, even if they can withstand the attack of the island army, their own casualties will be very large.

Major General Eric Hansen, Commander of the 225th Infantry Division of the German Army, Major General Felix Steiner, Commander of the 228th Infantry Division, and Major General Abraham, Commander of the 23rd Heavy Artillery Brigade, are gathering at the headquarters to discuss the current battle situation.

"It seems that the islanders really took the bait. They really thought that we had suffered heavy losses in the previous battle. That's why they marched to Kinabatangan without any scruples. I look forward to it when those islanders know all this. What kind of expression will it be after it's all a trap." Major General Eric Hansen had a smile on his face.

"The islanders are too rampant. They are looking for death if they attack so rashly!" Major General Felix Steiner seemed to be very disdainful of the islanders.

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"I have to admit that the army of the island country is still very brave in combat. At least I have never seen that the army of any country can still attack bravely after being bombarded by 210mm heavy artillery, as if it is not afraid of death at all." Major General Abraham said.

Major General Eric Hansen and Major General Felix Steiner nodded repeatedly. The bravery and bravery of the island army really shocked them a lot.

"Indeed, the fighting will of the army of the island country is very tenacious, which is undoubtedly unmatched by the armies of other countries. Of course, the fighting will of the army of our German

Empire will definitely not be worse than that of the army of the island country!" Eric Hansen said the major general.

"Unfortunately, it is not decades ago now. The disparity in strength is difficult to make up for with courage. No matter how tenacious the army of the island country is fighting, they will lose in this battle. The Imperial Army will take them All resolved." Major General Felix Steiner said with great certainty. With Germany's military strength, if the main force hadn't been dragged elsewhere, it would be easy to get rid of the island country.

"How long does the command require us to hold out at Kinabatangan?" Major General Abraham asked.

"I don't know! Maybe we have to hold on until they think the time is right. I know that the 23rd Armored Division, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division, and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division are nearby. It's just that they are very well concealed and have not been attacked by the islanders. It's just a discovery. After the islanders are beaten to death in front of our defense line, they will launch an attack and eliminate the islanders in one fell swoop! In this case, the islanders can be severely injured. Perhaps, we can be in Borneo Maybe we can continue to persevere." Major General Eric Hansen said.

"Even if we can hit the islanders hard in this battle, it may be very difficult to hold on to Borneo. The islanders' strength is too obvious. Up to now, they are still coming from The domestic transport of troops to the Philippine Islands. I have to admit that the Americans handed over the Philippine Islands to the islanders, which created a very big trouble for us. Using the Philippine Islands as a springboard, the islanders can ensure the safety of the sea transportation line and attack Southeast Asia and Australia," said Major General Felix Steiner.

"Well, forget about those strategic issues. Anyway, before our main force is free, we can drag the islanders to Nanyang and Australia. The problem before us now is to resist the attack of the island army. Then wipe them all out!" Major General Eric Hansen said.

The German army has made preparations in Kinabatangan, and is waiting for the island army to launch an attack.

On the morning of March 9th, the two island armies arrived at Kinabatangan one after the other. After they arrived, they immediately surrounded Kinabatangan, as if they wanted to wipe out all the German troops here.

That afternoon, the 55th Division, 31st Division, 49th Division and 53rd Division of the Island Army launched an attack on the German positions in Kinabatangan from four directions.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The island army's 75mm mountain artillery and field artillery fired wildly. Many divisions of the Japanese army are equipped with mountain artillery regiments. These mountain artillery regiments are equipped with 36 cannons. Most of the regiments are equipped with 75mm mountain artillery or 75mm field artillery. Only a small number of divisions are equipped with 105mm howitzers. It can be seen that the artillery strength of the Japanese Army is not at the same level as that of the German Army.

The divisions under the Lanyin Front Army, except for the 2nd Division and the 18th Division, which are four-unit divisions, and before the subordinate artillery regiments have 105mm howitzers, the rest of

the divisions, the subordinate regiments are almost all Mountain Artillery Regiment. This also makes the cannons they equip almost all 75mm mountain cannons or field cannons.

The artillery shells fell on the German defense line, bursting into clusters of flames. However, the German soldiers had already hid in the fortifications. The mountain artillery and field artillery of the island army did not pose a great threat to the German fortifications.

"The artillery strikes back, suppress the artillery of the islanders!" Major General Abraham ordered.

The 72 210mm howitzers of the heavy artillery brigade were also divided into four positions to deal with enemies from four directions. The same is true for the artillery of the 225th and 228th Infantry Divisions. The two infantry divisions have a total of 36 150mm heavy howitzers, 54 105mm light howitzers and 108 75mm field guns.

The artillery of the German army launched a fierce counterattack against the artillery of the Japanese army. When these cannons fired, the momentum of the island nation's artillery was suppressed at once. One by one shells fell on their artillery positions, destroying their cannons and killing their artillery. Especially the shells of those large-caliber heavy artillery caused great losses to the artillery of the island country.

Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai, Lieutenant General Masazai Honda, and the division heads of the armies of other island countries all looked very ugly when they saw this situation. Although they don't want to admit it in their hearts, it is the truth. In terms of artillery, there is undoubtedly a very big gap between the island army and the German army.

"Baga! Damn the Germans, the artillery is too powerful! After we occupy the South Seas and Australia, we don't have to worry about resources. At that time, we will be able to equip the troops with more and better weapons." Large-caliber artillery!" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan said through gritted teeth.

The Lieutenant General Honda on the side also nodded again and again. The resources of the island country are so scarce that it is very difficult for the army of the island country to equip more large-caliber artillery. After all, those artillery pieces are too resource-intensive. In addition, the main resources and financial resources of the island countries were tilted towards the navy, which greatly restricted the development of the army. So much so that there is undoubtedly a very big gap between the island country's army and the world's first-class army. Once on the battlefield, this will make the Japanese Army pay an extremely heavy price for it. Even, they had to use their lives to make up for these gaps.

At this time, the fighter planes of the Luftwaffe's 5th Aviation Group also rushed to the battlefield and joined the bombing of the island army. These fighters have been transferred from the eastern Borneo airport to the western Borneo airport. But they were still able to provide strong air support to the German Army.

Dive bombers and ground attack aircraft launched an attack on the artillery positions of the island army. When these bombers finished dropping their bombs and swaggered away, the artillery on Daoguo Road had already suffered heavy losses.

"Baga! Where's our fighter plane? Why hasn't it appeared yet? Don't they come after the Germans blow up our heads?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo said with anger.

"General, both the 3rd Air Force and the 4th Air Force have sent fighter planes to reinforce us. However, they are still on their way!" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong reported.

The fighter planes of the Army Air Force of the island country will take off from the airport in the Philippine Islands, which is undoubtedly much farther than the German fighter planes taking off from the airport in western Borneo. In addition, the fighter performance of the Luftwaffe is much stronger than that of the Japanese army aviation. In every air battle, the loss of the Japanese army aviation is much more than that of the Luftwaffe. This has also caused many pilots of the army aviation of the island country to be a little wary.

Although the island army's fighting will is very tenacious, they are naturally not so brave when it is obvious that they must die.

In order to seize air supremacy, the island army aviation also tried to attack the Luftwaffe's airport in Borneo. It's just that the large-scale air search radar equipped by the German Air Force made the island country's army aviation plan finally aborted. They had to continue to compete with the Luftwaffe for consumption. But it is clear that such severely unequal battle damage will cause the island country's army aviation to suffer greater and greater losses. After that, they may no longer be able to support the consumption of war.

"There is no air support, and no artillery support. Under such circumstances, it is too difficult to eliminate those islanders!" Lieutenant General Honda shook his head involuntarily. Obviously, he knew that this would undoubtedly be another tough battle for them.

"Honta-kun, there is no way around it. The Germans have too great an advantage. Compared with them, we have a huge gap in equipment. In order to win, we can only ignore the casualties." Sakura Lieutenant General Jing Shengsan also sighed.

Although, these generals of the island army are almost all hard-hearted people. They have never taken the lives of ordinary soldiers seriously, thinking that these soldiers are nothing more than consumables for victory. However, the huge loss will still make them moved. After all, although the island country has a population of 70 to 80 million, it can be regarded as a populous country. But if in order to win this war, all the young people are sent to the battlefield and let them die, even if they can win in the end, the island country probably has no future for development.

"Order the divisions to attack! Even without artillery support, we will definitely be able to destroy those Germans!" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo ordered. Although he knew that after such an order was issued, it would inevitably result in bloodshed.

Lieutenant General Benta was a little helpless, but he had no choice but to do so.

"Warriors of the Empire, go! Defeat the Germans and kill them all!" Countless island soldiers, led by low-level officers, began to attack. They held bayonet-mounted rifles, stepped on bowed legs, bravely faced the rain of bullets from the German army, and attacked the German army's position. In order to break through the German defense line in one go, the island army invested the main force in this wave of offensive.



The 143rd and 144th Infantry Regiment under the 55th Division, the 124th and 138th Infantry Regiment under the 31st Division, the 153rd and 168th Infantry Regiment under the 49th Division, The 128th Infantry Regiment and the 151st Regiment of the Infantry under the 53rd Division all went on the offensive. The eight infantry regiments invested at one time have a total strength of more than 20,000 troops. You must know that these are all front-line combat troops, excluding other second-line troops and civilian personnel, which can be regarded as the main force invested.

"Empire Onboard! His Majesty Onboard!"

Countless island soldiers, shouting slogans, bravely launched an attack.

But what greeted them was the shells that fell like raindrops.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The artillery shells exploded in the ranks of the island army, and countless human bodies were torn to pieces under the tremendous power. Surrounded by gravel and mud, the shrapnel that shot out harvested life.

Although the army of the island country lined up in skirmish lines when attacking. However, under the heavy shelling of the German army, it still suffered heavy losses. After the artillery of the Japanese Army suffered a devastating blow from the joint German artillery and air force, they could only rely on the mortars and grenades that accompanied the infantry to fight back.

It's just that the German artillery obviously has an overwhelming advantage. So much so that the island army was completely suppressed during the battle.

The real threat to the Japanese army is still the machine gun firepower. When the island army broke through the blockade of artillery shells and rushed to the front of the German defense line, what greeted them was the powerful machine gun firepower of the German army.

"Da da da!" Large-caliber heavy machine guns, general-purpose machine guns and squad machine guns all started shooting. The automatic rifles, semi-automatic rifles, and submachine guns equipped by ordinary German soldiers have a rate of fire far higher than the 38-type rifles equipped by the Japanese army. So much so that the dense rain of bullets directly blinded the army of the island country. Countless officers and soldiers of the island country army were hit by bullets and fell to the ground screaming. Undoubtedly, under the powerful firepower of the German army, the attack of the island country army was smashed and bloody, and suffered heavy losses.

"Damn it, how come the Germans are so powerful?"

"How many machine guns do they have? Are the Germans rich enough to equip every soldier with a machine gun? In that case, how can this battle be fought?"

In the face of the powerful firepower of the German army, the attack of the Japanese army was completely contained. Many island soldiers could only lie on the ground, listening to the bullets whizzing past their heads. This feeling is enough to make the scalp numb.

"Come on!"

A second lieutenant officer of the island country army, brandishing a samurai sword in his hand, bravely led his subordinates to charge.

However, the oncoming bullets turned him into a honeycomb in an instant. His team was also severely damaged in a very short period of time, and it was almost completely lost.

"Your Excellency, the German firepower is still very strong. The attacking troops have lost a lot. I am afraid it will be difficult for us to break through the German defense line in a short time." Major General Yanpan Haoxiong said with a somewhat ugly face.

"Damn! How could this be? Didn't it mean that the Germans had been severely injured in previous battles? But why are their combat effectiveness still so strong?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōzo could not believe what he saw.

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According to the island army's vision, the German 225th Infantry Division and 228th Infantry Division had already suffered heavy losses when they retreated. Therefore, when they attacked Kinabatangan, they would not receive much resistance. Even if you will pay a lot of losses, it should be within an acceptable range. But now, the performance of the German army is much stronger than they expected.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan couldn't help but frowned. Now he began to think about whether the German army retreated after being severely injured. However, if the German army was not severely damaged, why did they take the initiative to retreat? That would be too strange, right?

"Your Excellency, Commander, is there any conspiracy in this?" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong asked.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōzo's expression became even uglier. If there is really some conspiracy in it, aren't they in danger?

"No, the main force of the Germans is not here. If it is a conspiracy, the Germans don't have enough power to do anything to us! As long as we wipe out all the German troops entrenched here, even if there is really some conspiracy, We can also deal with it!" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōzo said.

Perhaps, Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo himself subconsciously didn't want any conspiracy to exist. Therefore, he will deny it.

Major General Yanpan Haoxiong nodded, and he also knew that if it was really a conspiracy, then they might be finished. Therefore, he would rather believe that this is not a conspiracy.

It's just that, no matter how you look at it, it looks like self-deception. But the generals of the army of these island countries obviously don't care so much.

"Your Excellency, perhaps it's just that the Germans are still struggling. As long as we continue to attack, we will definitely be able to crush their counterattack and eliminate them!" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong said.

"Yes, I also tend to think that the Germans are struggling. Order the troops on the front line to continue to launch a fierce attack, and we must get rid of those Germans in the shortest possible time!" Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai ordered.

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

Although the loss of the island army is very large. However, under the orders of the generals, the island army still had no choice but to bite the bullet and launch an attack. Countless fresh lives, under these orders, turned into cold corpses.

In the sky, fighter planes of the Luftwaffe launched an attack. Those fighter jets used machine guns or aviation machine guns to straf the island army on the ground, further causing greater casualties to the island army. And those dive bombers went straight to important targets, which frightened the generals of the island country army and had to place their headquarters in a more secret place. Otherwise, if you are not careful, you will lose your own life.

Ordinary soldiers of the island country army are brave and fearless in battle. But these generals cherished their lives very much. They have already passed the desperate stage, and now is the time to enjoy the glory and wealth, so naturally they will not be so stupid as to leave their lives here. Of course, once they were cornered, they had no choice but to work hard. It's just that whenever possible, they will cherish their own lives.

"Woo!"

There was a sharp and piercing whistling sound, and a dive bomber was diving and dropping bombs. They dived and dropped their bombs at a nearly ninety-degree angle, looking as if they had malfunctioned and were about to crash.

A heavy aerial bomb fell down, quickly hit the target, and a violent explosion occurred.

When the gunpowder smoke cleared, a huge crater appeared on the ground. A mortar of the island country army that was originally here has been blown up, leaving only parts flying around. As for those artillerymen, they had already been blown to pieces.

"Baga! Where's our aviation unit? Send a telegram to urge them to arrive as soon as possible!" Seeing that many officers and soldiers of his own side died under the German air strikes, Lieutenant General Sakurai shivered with anger.

Fortunately, after more than ten minutes, the fighter planes of the Japanese army aviation finally arrived at the battlefield. The fighter unit of the Luftwaffe immediately went up to meet them, and started a fierce battle with the fighter jets of the Japanese army aviation. The dive bombers and ground attack aircraft immediately withdrew from the battle. After all, after the advent of the island nation's army aviation, it has become an air battle between fighter jets from both sides. If the bomber remains on the battlefield, it will be very threatening.

Under the cover of the fighter unit of the Army Air Force of the island country, the air strike of the Luftwaffe had to come to an end. However, the island army's attack still failed to achieve any effect. On the contrary, in the face of the powerful firepower of the German army, heavy losses were paid.

"Sakurai-kun, the Germans' defensive firepower is too strong. Without artillery support and air support, it is difficult for us to break through their defense line." Lieutenant General Honda Masaai looked dejected.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo nodded unwillingly, and he had to admit it.

"Sakurai-kun, I suggest suspending the attack and launching the attack after night. In that case, maybe we can still open up the situation." Lieutenant General Masai Honda suggested.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo also agrees with this point. When there is no other way, launching a night attack may be the only way.

That night, the Japanese army once again launched a violent night attack. However, this time the German army was also well prepared. In the fierce battle one night, the Japanese army certainly caused the German army to pay a lot of casualties. However, it still failed to break through the German defense line, let alone wipe out all the German troops. At the same time, the loss of the island army in the battle was greater than that of the German army.

Under such circumstances, the island army's attack undoubtedly suffered a major setback.

Although during the daytime battle on March 10, the island army's offensive was still very fierce. But apart from leaving a lot of corpses, they didn't achieve any decent results. Instead, the island army suffered more and more losses.

The German army was also keenly aware of the heavy losses of the Japanese Army.

Lieutenant General William Adam, commander of the German 23rd Army, decisively issued an order to counterattack, requiring the German 23rd Armored Division, 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division to launch an attack on the morning of March 11 and annihilate all of them in one fell swoop. The island nation's army gathered around Kinabatangan.

After receiving the order, the German 23rd Infantry Division, the Mechanized 221st Infantry Division and the 222nd Infantry Division were immediately ready to attack. They are lurking in the dense forest, and they have already endured enough. Now that the order to counterattack was finally issued, they all breathed a sigh of relief.

On March 11, the German army's large-scale counterattack finally kicked off.

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Although the 23rd Armored Division of the German Army was formed after the German Army began large-scale mobilization, it is still a powerful armored force. The entire armored division has a tank regiment, two armored regiments, and a heavy tank battalion equipped with Tiger tanks. The other tanks are all 'Black Panther' tanks.

The 23rd Armored Division has more than 300 tanks and a large number of armored vehicles. Possesses extremely powerful armor assault capability. However, it is difficult for the armored forces to launch a large-scale attack in Nanyang. Because there are dense jungles and rivers here. At the same time, the transportation facilities are very bad. Whether it is the "Tiger" tank or the "Black Panther" tank, it seems that they are too heavy. So that in places with poor traffic facilities, it is easy to get stuck in the mud pit and cannot break free.

The 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division each have hundreds of "Black Panther" tanks, as well as a large number of armored vehicles. Although the assault strength is weaker than that of the 23rd Armored Division. However, there is no army in the island country army that can resist it.

Although the island army has successively developed many tanks and armored vehicles. But can those steel plates and rivets welded together be called tanks? In front of the German tanks, it is estimated that there is only one life to be crushed. What's more, even such vulnerable tanks are regarded as treasures by the island army, and they have never been put into the Nanyang battlefield at all. Therefore, when faced with the attack of the German armored forces, the island army can only rely on a small number of anti-tank weapons to deal with it. What's more, I'm afraid it depends on the warriors of the island country army to carry forward the style of not fearing death, holding explosive packs or cluster grenades, and launching suicide attacks.

"Guys, get ready to attack! Let those island monkeys see what is the most elite army!" Major General Paul, the commander of the German 23rd Armored Division, had a contemptuous expression on his face. He didn't pay attention to the island army at all, even though the island army fought very bravely, and the will to fight without fear of death was admirable. However, in his eyes, the combat methods and equipment of the Japanese army are still the same as in the last world war. In the face of the powerful German Army, this is absolutely vulnerable.

"Yes, General!" Several regiment and battalion commanders under the 23rd Armored Division were also gearing up, looking impatient.

Just after 7 am, the camouflaged tanks and armored vehicles of the 23rd Armored Division drove out of the dense forest and began to attack the island army. At the same time, the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division also launched an attack.

For a while, German tanks and armored vehicles formed a huge torrent of steel and rushed towards the island army.

The 31st Division of the Island Army, which attacked from the west, became the first target to be attacked.

At this moment, the main force of the 31st Division of the Japanese Army is deployed in the direction facing Kinabatangan. And in the fierce battle of the previous two days, this division has suffered heavy losses. Nearly half of the three main infantry regiments suffered casualties. Those deployed in the rear are all second-line troops.

"Boom!"

The engines of tanks and armored vehicles roared, and they rang together, as if they were thundering.

"What's going on? Is it going to rain?" An island army soldier asked with some puzzlement. But the sun is clearly still shining in the sky! But then, he couldn't help opening his mouth wide.

From the dense forest in the distance, a huge tank turned out. The long main gun is facing them.

Immediately afterwards, more and more tanks emerged from the dense forest.

"Tanks...tanks! German tanks!" the island soldiers exclaimed.

"Your Excellency, Captain, there are a large number of German tanks behind us!" A low-level officer reported to the commander of the 31st Regiment of the Supplies Regiment, Hisashi Nonaka, with a look of horror.

"What? How is this possible?" Colonel Hisashi Nonaka looked like he had seen a ghost.

"Boom! Boom!"

The sound of the explosion had already sounded, and Colonel Hisaji Nonaka's expression changed drastically.

"Order the troops to start blocking immediately, and report to the division commander immediately!" Commander Hisashi Nonaka ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Captain!"

Although, they are nothing more than heavy soldiers, and they are inferior to the infantry regiment in terms of equipment and combat literacy. However, Colonel Nonaka Hisaji had no other choice. In this case, he could only order the troops to bite the bullet and push forward.

"Boom! Boom!"

Hundreds of German tanks appeared, and the officers and soldiers of the Japanese army were almost scared to pee. They have never seen such a scene before, the huge tanks are like monsters that want to eat people.

The tank guns of the tanks fired continuously to eliminate the threatening targets.

At the same time, the machine guns on the tanks also began to shoot, reaping the lives of the army officers and soldiers of those island countries.

Under the impact of the German armored forces, the hastily built defense line of the 31st Regiment of the Japanese Army's Supplies was broken through almost instantly.

Countless island soldiers were killed by German tanks, and many were even directly crushed to death.

After breaking through the defense line of the Japanese Army, the German army directly attacked the core position of the 31st Division of the Japanese Army.

"Nani? There are a lot of German tanks behind us? How is this possible?" Lieutenant General Kotoku Sato, head of the 31st Division of the Japanese Army, also looked in disbelief when he heard the news.

"Your Excellency, Division Chief, this is absolutely true. The 31st Regiment of the Supplies is doing its best to resist. But they obviously can't last long." Chief of Staff Kato Kuniji reported.

"Order the 58th Infantry Regiment to reinforce the 31st Regiment of the Supplies. Then, immediately report this to General Sakurai Shozo!" Lieutenant General Kotoku Sato reported with a serious face. He knew that this time they might be in danger.

The 58th Infantry Regiment of the Island Army is an elite regiment. But in the battle to attack Kinabatangan, the losses were not small. While they were hastily deploying their defenses, the German armored forces had already attacked their positions. Facing the charge of hundreds of tanks and a large number of armored vehicles, the 58th Infantry Regiment of the Japanese Army was completely desperate.

Although some island soldiers were very brave, they rushed towards the tanks of the island army with explosive packs and cluster grenades, but they still could not save their fate of being crushed.

The entire 58th Infantry Regiment collapsed in less than 20 minutes. A large number of officers and soldiers were killed, and the rest were terrified.

Of course, the 31st Division of the Japanese Army also did not last long.

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"Da da da!"

The heavy machine gun on an armored vehicle fired wildly, knocking down the island army soldiers one by one.

Not far from this armored vehicle, a 'Black Panther' tank is slowly advancing. The tank gun was aimed at a machine gun fire point.

"Boom!" After a cannon rang, the fire point of the machine gun was blown away.

The German 23rd Army assembled an armored division and two mechanized infantry divisions to launch an attack, which was very powerful. Under the attack of these troops, the 31st Division of the Japanese Army had no chance of stopping it for a short time.

There were crippled troops fleeing everywhere. Even the brave island army lost its courage under the attack of the German army. After all, this way of fighting was something they had never seen before, and they hadn't even thought about it.

The hatch behind the half-track armored personnel carrier opened, and heavily armed German soldiers got out of the vehicle one by one, and began to clear the surrounded island army with the assistance of armored vehicles and tanks.

Major General Paul, the commander of the 23rd Armored Division, has issued an order, hoping to resolve the battle within two hours. Even if it cannot completely eat the 31st Division of the Japanese Army, its main force must be wiped out. After all, there are still several divisions of the island army, waiting for them to attack!

"Go to hell, German!"

A brave island soldier rushed towards a Tiger tank with a cluster grenade in his arms. However, before rushing to the front of the tank, he was sieved by the infantry following the tank.

I have to admit that the soldiers of the Island Army are very brave, especially when the animal nature in their bones is aroused. They dared to launch a suicidal attack on the German armored forces that had completely taken advantage.

However, their attack method is very unlikely to succeed. German tanks and armored vehicles are not alone. There are infantry fighting alongside tanks and armored vehicles. While tanks and armored vehicles provide protection and fire support to the infantry, they are also protected by the infantry and prevent the enemy from getting close.

Under the crazy attack of the German armored forces, the 31st Division of the Japanese Army could not hold on at all. A large number of troops were interspersed and surrounded by the German army, dispersed, and the command fell into chaos. Even so, not many people in the island army surrendered. After they are in a desperate situation, they will continue to fight. Of course, the consequence of this is nothing more than being completely annihilated by the German army.

Lieutenant General Shōzo Sakurai, Commander of the 28th Army of the Island Army, and Lieutenant General Honda Masai, Commander of the 33rd Army, met early in the morning. There is no doubt that Kinabatangan is not an easy city to conquer. The German troops stationed here are not so easy to destroy. The difficulty of this battle has exceeded their expectations, and it has completely turned into a tough battle. After two days of fighting, they have already paid a lot of losses. Even launching a night battle did not take advantage of the slightest advantage. This made Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo and Honda Masai very anxious.

You know, the troops they command at this moment are the main force of the Lanyin front army. Except for the two independent mixed brigades stationed in Siena Port and Lahad Datu respectively, the rest of the troops have been dispatched. If this fails to capture Kinabatangan and eliminate the German troops entrenched there, they will be helpless in the next battle.

"Sakurai-kun, what can you do?" Lieutenant General Honda Masai asked.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan shook his head, and now he is helpless.

"Could it be possible that we still have to continue to attack? Even if it is paid for by human life, it has to be valuable! It can't be lost like this for nothing!" Lieutenant General Honda Zhengcai sighed.

"The firepower of the Germans is so powerful that they have a great advantage in defensive operations. It is indeed very difficult for us to eliminate them without strong enough artillery fire or air support.

"Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan also looked helpless.

Although, after the island country declared war on Germany, the senior generals of the island country army knew that Germany would be the biggest opponent they encountered. However, only after they actually fought against the German army did they realize that the German army was stronger than they imagined!

"Your Excellency, Commander, something is wrong!" Major General Yanpan Haoxiong suddenly broke in.

Lieutenant General Sakurai Shōsan couldn't help but frowned. He didn't like to see such rude behavior. However, with outsiders present, he couldn't say much.

"What's wrong?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo asked coldly.

Major General Yanpan Haoxiong of course knew that he had offended Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo, but how could he care so much at this moment!

"Your Excellency, the 31st Division was attacked by the Germans. The Germans mobilized tens of thousands of people, hundreds of tanks and a large number of armored vehicles to storm the 31st Division's position. Now the 31st Division is still struggling Support. However, I'm afraid it won't last



long. General Kotoku Sato has sent a telegram requesting tactical guidance." Major General Iwanan Gokuma reported.

"What? How is this possible?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo was stunned.

"Is this news true?" Lieutenant General Honda also looked shocked.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander. The Germans have launched a counterattack." Major General Yanpan Haoxiong said.

"Baga! Trap! This is a trap set by the Germans. The reason why they voluntarily evacuated Siena Port and Lahad Datu is to lure us into being fooled! I didn't expect them to secretly gather superior forces here." Sakurai Sho The third lieutenant general suddenly realized.

Lieutenant General Honda Honda also thought of this. Judging from the performance of the German army at Kinabatangan, they did not look like a severely damaged unit at all. However, they couldn't figure out why the German army had to voluntarily withdraw since it was not severely damaged. Now it seems that everything can be explained. The Germans have only one purpose in doing this, and that is to attract more island armies and then eliminate them in one fell swoop.

"Damn the Germans, their appetite is really big! They want to wipe out the main force of our entire Lanyin front army! Are they not afraid of being overwhelmed?" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo's face was quite ugly. He was shocked and angry at the thought that they had fallen into the trap of the German army. He knew that if they failed this time, they would really die without a place to bury them.

"Sakurai-kun, the German counterattack has already begun, we must prepare early. Otherwise, we will really be eaten by the Germans!" Lieutenant General Honda Masai had a serious face.

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"Order all troops to defend well. Deploy anti-tank weapons and prepare to resist the German attack!" Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo ordered.

"The hundreds of tanks and armored vehicles of the Germans are probably not so easy to resist!" Lieutenant General Honda frowned.

"Honta-san, under such circumstances, we can only hope that we can resist the German attack. Otherwise, the consequences will be very serious. As for retreat, it is even more impossible. Once we retreat, we will be followed by the Germans. In the end, it will inevitably turn into a rout." Lieutenant General Shozo Sakurai said.

Lieutenant General Benta nodded. He also knew that once the troops were defeated, the consequences would be even more unimaginable. At that time, all their troops will be easily divided and surrounded by the Germans, and then wiped out.

"Sakurai-kun, I'm going back there to sit in charge. No matter what, I have to find a way to persevere!" Lieutenant General Honda Masai said.

"Okay, Honda-kun. I hope God Amaterasu can bless us." Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo sighed.

Lieutenant General Benta didn't say much, turned around and left. Now that the situation is urgent, he must gather his troops as soon as possible, hoping to resist the German attack in the next battle.

The troops commanded by Lieutenant General Benta include the remnants of the 18th Division and the 56th Division under the former 33rd Army, as well as the 49th Division, the 53rd Division and the independent mixed 105th Brigade. However, in the battle to attack Kinabatangan, the 49th Division and the 53rd Division suffered heavy losses. This made him have no confidence in resisting the German attack.

Similarly, Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo is also gathering troops. The 31st Division was fiercely attacked by the German army, and it was obviously a disaster. Therefore, the only troops he can count on are the remnants of the 2nd Division and the 54th Division under the 28th Army, and the 55th Division and the 33rd Division that arrived on the battlefield later. Moreover, the 33rd Division also suffered a lot of losses in the attack on Kinabatangan. Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo did not know whether they could withstand the attack of the German armored forces.

The demise of the 31st Division of the Island Army was faster than Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo and Lieutenant General Honda Masai had expected. Although the 31st Division suffered a lot of losses in the previous battles, there are still tens of thousands of people. They thought that the 31st Division could last at least three or four hours, giving them enough time to prepare.

But in fact, in less than two hours, the main force of the 31st Division was wiped out by the German armored forces. Lieutenant General Kotoku Sato, head of the division, committed seppuku. Only a small number of troops managed to escape.

After the 31st Division of the Japanese Army was eliminated, the German army was divided into two groups. The 23rd Armored Division was divided into two parts, leading the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division to attack the enemy in the north and south of Kinabatangan.

Though, these armor forces are split in two. However, it still has a very strong assault capability. At least, it is undoubtedly very difficult for the island army, which lacks armored weapons and anti-armored weapons, to resist the attack of the German armored forces.

The battle soon continued. More than two hundred tanks led a large number of armored vehicles to attack the position of the 33rd Division of the Japanese Army. Although the Third Lieutenant General Sakurai has ordered the remnants of the 2nd Division and the 54th Division to also join the battle, strengthening the strength of the position. However, in the face of the German armored offensive, the island army fought back desperately, but the effect was very small.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The anti-tank guns of the island army fired. Under the control of the soldiers, these 37mm anti-tank guns accurately hit the moving tanks.

However, the following results left them dumbfounded. Because the tank that was hit only paused for a while, and then continued to move forward.

"Baga! How could this be? Can't our anti-tank guns penetrate German tanks?" An army officer of an island country looked shocked.

The other officers and soldiers suddenly didn't know what to do. Some people even felt their legs go weak from fright. Even anti-tank guns can't deal with German tanks, there is no way to go on this battle.

You must know that in order to guard against the anti-tank firepower of the Japanese army, the German armored forces deliberately put the rough-skinned and thick-skinned "Tiger" tanks at the forefront when attacking. At a long distance, small-caliber anti-tank guns simply cannot penetrate the thick armor of the 'Tiger' tank. Unless it is very close, it is possible to be penetrated.

The anti-tank guns of the island army fired, not only did not achieve any results, but exposed themselves, which immediately attracted a burst of German tanks.

Shells fell from the sky one by one, covering all the anti-tank firepower of the island army. These anti-tank firepower points were pulled out one by one by German tanks.

Without the threat of these anti-tank firepower points, the advancing speed of the German armored forces will naturally be faster.

"Da da da!"

When the German tanks broke through the defense line of the island country army and the machine guns began to roar, the massacre had already begun.

The German armored forces that rushed into the island country's army defense line went on a rampage, using tank guns, machine guns, and even tracks to wantonly massacre the islanders.

Countless soldiers of the island nation don't know what to do in the face of such a fighting method? After watching their comrades fall one after another, they finally couldn't take it anymore.

So, some people dropped their weapons, turned around and fled.

The power of role models is infinite, if one person runs away, others will follow suit immediately.

This quickly caused the island army to flee. A large number of soldiers from the island nation turned around and fled regardless of the officer's scolding. They have been frightened by the German armored forces, and they have no courage to continue fighting.

When Third Lieutenant General Sakurai learned that the frontline troops were fleeing, his whole body was like a thunderbolt. He originally thought that the troops on the front line would be able to hold on for a while no matter what. But I didn't expect that their performance would be so vulnerable.

With no alternative, Lieutenant General Sakurai Shozo had no choice but to order a retreat. The 55th Division of the Japanese Army, which suffered almost no losses, immediately began to retreat. However, under the pursuit of the German armored forces, how could they escape? After being caught up, the retreat immediately turned into a rout.

At the same time, the troops commanded by Lieutenant General Honda Honda also failed to withstand the German attack. If there is no other way, they can only flee all the way to Lahad Datu.

Chapter 1339

Xianna Port, Lanyin Front Army Command.

After the Lanyin Front Army gained a firm foothold in Borneo, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo couldn't wait to move the headquarters from Zamboanga to Port Siena. In his view, the next step is for them to continue to attack.

Although, with the strength of the Lanyin Front Army, it seems impossible to defeat the German 23rd Army. However, after the arrival of the troops of the 14th Front Army, they will be able to have a greater advantage. It is not impossible to defeat the German 23rd Army.

Major General Taro Nakanaga, Chief of Staff of the Lanyin Front Army, broke into the office of Lieutenant General Masazo Kawabe with an anxious expression on his face.

"Ah!" A scream sounded. I saw a female officer bowing her head under Lieutenant General Kawabe Masazo.

"Nakae-kun, what are you doing? Why don't you knock on the door?" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo was furious.

Major General Nakayataro never thought that he would break through such a thing.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I am very sorry, I have an urgent military report!" Major General Nakayataro said with his head down.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Masazo waved at the female officer, and the female officer quickly retreated.

"Tell me, what happened?" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo asked. He knew that Major General Nakayataro would not be so rash if there was no emergency.

Could it be that the troops attacking Kinabatangan suffered heavy losses again? Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo thought secretly. He was also very dissatisfied with the battle at Kinabatangan. More than 100,000 elite troops besieged there, but they did not win, but suffered heavy losses, which made him very annoyed. If he didn't have any more troops in his hands, he might want to replace those guys.

"Your Excellency, Commander, just received the report. The Germans dispatched a large number of armored troops to attack our troops in Kinabatangan. The 31st Infantry Division was the first to be attacked by the Germans, and I am afraid it will not last long. Others I am afraid that the several divisions of the Germans will not be able to withstand the attack of the German armored forces." Major General Taro Nakayaga reported.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Masamune's face has changed drastically at this moment. He never imagined that how could the situation of the battle change so much in such a short period of time? Although they were unable to attack Kinabatangan for a long time, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo was not too worried about it. He believed that although their losses were great, they also caused considerable casualties to the Germans. If this continues, a breakthrough will soon be achieved. But now, the German army actually launched a counterattack, and still dispatched a powerful armored force to counterattack. This undoubtedly means that everything is different.

"How could this be? Didn't we get the news that the main force of the Germans is still in Brunei?" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo said with anger on his face.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I am afraid that we have all been deceived by the Germans. They have already dispatched troops to the vicinity of Kinabatangan, waiting for us. They even took the initiative to retreat from Sena Port and Lahad Datu, just to lure us. We were fooled. All of this is simply a trap." Major General Taro Nakayaga said.

"Baga!" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo immediately cursed. The Germans actually set up a trap for them, but they jumped into it stupidly. Such a result made it difficult for him to accept, because he behaved like a fool.

"Your Excellency, the Germans are too cunning, so we were fooled." Major General Taro Nakayaga continued.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Masami nodded repeatedly, as if agreeing with this point.

"Hey! It's true that the Germans are too cunning. We didn't notice it for a while, so we fell for it!" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo said.

However, if you want to attribute the responsibility to the fact that the Germans are too cunning, and then want to get away with it, is it too easy? What's more, several main divisions under the command of the Lanyin Front Army are still resisting the German attack.

"Send a telegram to Sakurai-kun and Honda-kun, telling them to resist the German attack and not let the war worsen!" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo said.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Major General Nakayaga Taro replied.

However, they all know very well that it is almost impossible for the front-line troops to resist the attack of the German armored forces. Therefore, they may have to prepare for the worst.

When Major General Nakayataro was about to leave, a staff officer ran in.

"Report, General Sakurai sent a call. The 31st Infantry Division has been wiped out by the Germans. Now the Germans are launching a fierce attack on other troops. The German offensive is too fierce, and our army may not be able to resist it!" Staff Officer reported.

Lieutenant General Kawabe Masanori's face suddenly turned pale, and he knew that the worst outcome might be about to happen.

"Send a telegram to General Nishio Hiszo, telling him that we have been hit by a strong counterattack from the Germans. It is already difficult to resist the German attack, please ask for tactical guidance!" Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander." Major General Nakayataro immediately went to send a telegram.

The attack of the German army was more violent and faster than Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo and others had imagined.

A torrent of steel made up of tanks and armored vehicles swept across the island army's positions and easily broke through their defenses.

When the army of the island country began to be defeated across the board, the German armored forces followed and attacked.

Human legs are definitely unable to run over the tracks of tanks and armored vehicles, as well as the wheels of cars. This also caused many fleeing island armies to be overtaken by German armored forces and then intercepted.

Although the officers and soldiers of the army of these island countries were very heroic, after discovering that they must die, they not only did not surrender to the German army, but fought bravely to the end.

Of course, the final result was undoubtedly all killed by the German army.

But even so, it did not change the result of the destruction of the Lanyin Front Army of the island country army.

Although it is only more than 20 kilometers from Kinabatangan to Xianna Port. It is only 30 kilometers to Lahad Datu. However, this distance has become the road to death for the island army.

The armored troops of the German army chased the Japanese army along the road, and they were easily able to catch up with them.

Except for the generals and officers of the island army who were sitting in the car before they could escape, almost all the soldiers of the island army who were traveling on their legs were intercepted.

In order to escape for their lives, some people also fled the road and fled into the dense forest. However, that's not safe either. The poisonous snakes, poisonous insects and other things that can kill people inside made the islanders who escaped into it almost die.

In the end, less than 10,000 people participated in the siege of the island army of Kinabatangan and fled back to Sinar Port and Lahad Datu. The entire Lanyin front army has also suffered a devastating blow.

## Chapter 1340

Manila, Island Army Southern Command.

In the past few days, General Hisao Nishio, the commander of the Southern Army, is in a pretty good mood. The Lantian-Indian Front Army has successfully landed in Borneo, and officially launched an attack on the German army. Although, the battle may be a bit difficult. But General Nishio Shouzo believes that all this will be a good start. After the island nation's army continuously lands on Borneo, the balance of victory will definitely tilt towards them.

In addition to paying attention to the battle of the Lanyin Front Army in Borneo, General Nishio Hisao is also urging the 14th Front Army to hurry up and land on Borneo. In addition, the 7th Front Army and the 18th Front Army under the Southern Army also had to speed up to the Philippine Islands. Once the island army has completely occupied Borneo, the next step is to attack Indochina and Australia. At that time, more troops will need to be invested.

"After the 14th Front Army lands on Borneo, with the strength of the Lanyin Front Army and the 14th Front Army, it should not be a big problem to defeat or even eliminate the German 23rd Army. At that

time, only the German army in the Indochina Peninsula will be left The 11th Army and Australia's German 12th Army and 24th Army.

The 11th Army is one of the elite German armies. It is powerful. If you want to destroy them, it will be very difficult. Our casualties will not be small. After all, that is the first-line troops of the German army! However, if you want to completely occupy Nanyang, you must eliminate them! No matter how high the price is, we must ensure victory! General Nishio Hiszo looked at the map and said secretly.

General Hisao Nishio knew very well that if the island nation wanted to occupy Nanyang and Australia, it had to eliminate the four German armies deployed here. And it is necessary to eliminate these German troops in the shortest possible time. Otherwise, once the time drags on, it is very likely that there will be variables. And this is exactly the problem they need to face.

"The two armies of the German army in Australia are even more difficult to deal with. The area there is too large, and if you want to occupy it all, you need to invest a lot of troops. Besides, Australia's flat terrain is very suitable for armored forces to fight. And these are all Our disadvantage!" Admiral Hisao Nishio continued his analysis.

The army of the island country does not invest much in armor power, which makes their armor combat power completely at the third-rate level among the world's armies. The tanks equipped are small tanks with weak armor, and they may be able to deal with infantry without anti-armor weapons. But if you want to engage in an armored battle with the enemy's powerful armored forces, you will undoubtedly seek your own death.

These are all things that worry General Nishio Hiszo. Their enemy is the German Army, which is known as the number one in the world. Apart from the superiority of troops, the island army seems to have no other advantages at all.

"Bang bang!" There was a knock on the office door.

"Come in!" General Nishio Hiszo said.

The Chief of Staff of the Southern Army, Lieutenant General Tsukada Gong, walked in with a serious face.

Seeing Lieutenant General Tsukada's appearance, General Nishio Hiszo suddenly had a bad feeling in his heart.

"Tsukada-kun, what happened?" General Hisao Nishio asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the battle in Borneo has changed. The elite armored units of the German 23rd Army suddenly appeared in Kinabatangan and launched an attack on the army of the Lantian Front Army that was besieging Kinabatangan. Against the attack of the German armored forces with hundreds of tanks and a large number of armored vehicles, the troops of the Lanyin Front Army may not be able to withstand the attack!" Lieutenant General Tsukada said.

"What? How did this happen? Didn't the information I got before say that the main force of the Germans is still in Brunei? How could it be possible to suddenly appear in Kinabatangan? What did those intelligence personnel do?" Hisao Nishio The general cursed.

"Your Excellency, the Germans may have premeditated this. When we just launched the landing operation, their armored forces secretly arrived at Kinabatangan. After they were ready, they arrived at Kinabatangan. Hong Kong and Lahad Datu retreated. All of this is a trap. But the Lanyin front army probably didn't realize it at all. So, now they have fallen into the trap of the Germans." Lieutenant General Tsukada said with a sad face.

General Hisao Nishio's face was also very ugly, because not only the Lanyin front army did not expect that this would be a trap for the Germans. Didn't even they think that all this is a trap? However, this would be a devastating blow to the Lanyin Front Army and even the entire Southern Army.

"Once the Lan-Indian Front Army is severely damaged or even wiped out by the Germans, the consequences will be unimaginable. Even Senna Port and Lahad Datu will be recaptured by them. Therefore, Commander, we must make preparations early!" Said Lieutenant General Tsukada Gong.

General Hisao Nishio nodded his head. If the Lanyin Front Army is severely injured or wiped out, the consequences will indeed be very serious. If Sennaport and Lahad Datu were recaptured by the German army again, it would really make things worse.

"Send a telegram to Honma-kun to let the 14th Front Army speed up. In any case, we must ensure that Senna Port and Lahad Datu are in our hands! In addition, send a telegram to Kawabe-kun, even if they all die in battle, we must Keep Sennaport and Lahad Datu!" General Hisao Nishio ordered.

If Sennaport and Lahad Datu are recaptured by the Germans, they may have to fight another tragic beach landing. Also, that would take a lot of time. This will be very unfavorable to the island army.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General Tsukada immediately went to send a telegram.

The 14th Group Army of the Island Army has already started its landing plan in Borneo. The 35th Army and 41st Army under the 14th Group Army will land in Sinar Port and Lahad Datu respectively.

The 35th Army is a powerful infantry army with four divisions and an independent mixed brigade. Although the 41st Army has only one 8th Division, there are several corps and detachments under its command, and its strength is also not to be underestimated. watch for.

It's just that the news that the Lanyin front army was unfavorable in the battle in Borneo and suffered a devastating blow was spread back to the mainland of the island country almost immediately.

After the new Prime Minister Mitsumasa Minai learned of the news, he was furious and demanded that the army must come up with a countermeasure. After all, the Lanyin Front Army is a powerful force with more than 200,000 people. Now it has almost lost everything, which is undoubtedly a heavy blow to the island army. At the same time, this is also related to the next operations of the island army, and it must be dealt with carefully.