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Chapter 1341

In the island nation of Tokyo, the Ministry of War, the new Minister of War Hata Toshiroku's face is very ugly. He had just returned from the Prime Minister's Office, and was scolded by the new Prime Minister Minai Mitsumasa, so his face would not be any better.

The replacement speed of the cabinet in the island country is often very fast, and it is often possible to replace the cabinet once in a few months. This also caused the upper-level politics of the island country to be very unstable. Fortunately, the local government in the island country is relatively stable, and at the same time, it has a good system. The turmoil in the high-level political situation will not affect the local area. This allows the island society to maintain stability.

Now is a time of war, and the influence of the military of the island country * has greatly increased, which has also strengthened their control over the cabinet. Whether it is the army or the navy, they all want to send their own people to the throne of the prime minister of the cabinet. In that case, it is undoubtedly possible to obtain more benefits from the war more directly. It's just that both the army and the navy need to compromise with each other before they can reach an agreement. Otherwise, only the civil servant faction can win. It is precisely because of this that the former Prime Minister Mitsumasa Minet was appointed as the prime minister.

The original army faction believed that as long as the army could win the Nanyang battlefield, they would have enough strength to drive the navy out of power. But now, the army has stumbled in Borneo. The Lanyin Front Army with more than 200,000 people suffered a devastating blow, and now there are only less than 30,000 people left lingering. Such a disastrous defeat was undoubtedly a slap in the face for the island army who wanted to open up the situation in Nanyang.

"Come here, please come here, Your Excellency the Chief of Staff and the Director of Education!" Commanded the Sixth General Hata Jun.

"Hi, Your Excellency Lu Xiang!" The secretary immediately went to make a call.

Soon, Army Chief of Staff General Prince Kanin Gongzaihito and Director of Education General Yamada Otosan rushed to the office of the Sixth General Hata Toshi. They obviously already knew the news of the disastrous defeat of the Lanyin front army, which made their faces very ugly. Especially Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Palace was a little embarrassed. After all, General Hisao Nishio, the commander of the Confederate Army, took up the post with his strong support. If the southern army can win the battle, then he will also have face. But now, the war is not going well. Maybe someone in the army wants to replace General Hisao Nishio as the commander of the Southern Army.

Although the war situation in Nanyang is a bit difficult, if they can win, it will undoubtedly be equivalent to obtaining the promotion road to marshal! This is undoubtedly what every general in the army desires.

"You two must have known about the Southern Army's Lanyin Front Army, right? Your Excellency the Prime Minister is very dissatisfied with this! That's 200,000 people! They were defeated and wiped out by the Germans so quickly. If this continues, we think it is simply impossible to defeat the Germans in Nanyang and Australia!" said General Hata Toshi.

"Indeed, the Germans deserve to be the most powerful army in the world. Their powerful combat power has undoubtedly been demonstrated to the fullest." General Yamada Otozo sighed.

As the education director of the island army, he knows that there is a big gap between the island army and the world's first-class army. But he also believed before that this gap may be made up by the courage of the officers and soldiers. But now, he realized how big the gap between the two sides was. And these gaps are simply impossible to make up for with courage or will to fight.

"The Germans are equipped with too many tanks and armored vehicles. The 23rd Army is equipped with more than 500 tanks and a large number of armored vehicles. I am afraid that none of our tank divisions have so many tanks! Let alone let's say, the German Army has four armies in Nanyang and Australia, that's a total of more than 2,000 tanks!" General Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Palace said with a wry smile.

The six generals of Shun Hata and the third general of Yamada became very ugly. There is no doubt that more than 2,000 tanks are undoubtedly a very terrifying number, as if a mountain is pressing on their hearts.

"The German tanks are very powerful. On the Russian battlefield, the Russian armored forces were almost useless. Our tanks are probably not the opponents of the Germans. Maybe we should find a way to develop more powerful tanks. Powerful tanks. Or get a batch of more powerful tanks from the Americans. Otherwise, there is no way to fight the Germans." Prince Xianyuan Gong Zairen continued.

General Hata Jun nodded: "I will report to the cabinet, let the cabinet discuss with the Americans. The Americans want us to open up the situation in Nanyang, and may provide us with more support. However, the American Whether the tanks can compete with the German tanks is still unknown. However, the Americans have no shortage of resources, and their tanks will at least be stronger than our tanks."

"In addition to tanks, we can also increase the speed of research and development and equipment of anti-tank weapons. The 37mm tank guns equipped by our troops can hardly penetrate the armor of the main German tanks. Although our soldiers are very brave, but letting them rush towards German tanks and armored vehicles with explosive packs and cluster grenades is still very tragic. Although our warriors are not afraid of death, such sacrifices are not worth it." Yamada General Yi San said.

"Well, I will say hello to the arsenal. The 37mm caliber anti-tank gun can't penetrate the German tank armor, then develop a larger caliber anti-tank gun! Our war with the Germans will continue. It's been a long time. It is necessary to develop a large-caliber anti-tank gun as soon as possible." General Hata Toshi said.

After the topic reached here, it paused temporarily. Neither Prince Xianin Gong Zaijin nor General Yamada Otsan said anything. They knew that the next topic would probably be about General Hisao Nishio, the commander of the Southern Army. It's no secret that some bigwigs in the army are dissatisfied with the performance of General Nishio Hiszo, and they know it very well.

Whether General Hisao Nishio can continue to be the commander of the Southern Army depends not only on the attitude of the three chiefs of the Army, but also on the performance of the Southern Army on the Nanyang battlefield. As long as the Southern Army wins the Nanyang battlefield, the position of General Nishio Hisao will naturally be as stable as Mount Tai. However, if the southern army

not only failed to win the battle in Nanyang, but lost troops and lost generals, then General Nishio Hisao would naturally have no way to stay in the position of commander of the southern army.

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"Your Excellency, Minister of War, I know that General Hisao Nishio's performance is not satisfactory. However, he has not been serving as the commander of the Southern Army for a long time. In such a short period of time, if he wants to make too many achievements, That was already very difficult. What's more, the enemy we are facing is the world's number one German army. Therefore, I hope to give General Nishio Hisao another chance!" said General Prince Hanin Gong Zaijin.

No matter what, General Nishio Hisao is the candidate he supports as the commander of the Southern Army. If he is replaced due to unfavorable performance, it will also have a great impact on his prestige. For the sake of his own face, General Prince Xianyuan Gong Zairen also hoped that General Nishio Hisao could continue to stay in the position of commander of the Southern Army, and it would be best if he could make some achievements.

Hata Jun six generals were expressionless, while Yamada Otsan frowned.

In the army of the island country, there are countless people who want to replace General Hisao Nishio. Even the six generals of Toshiro Hata may not have no intention of letting his own people replace General Nishio Hisao.

It's just that Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Gong said this again, which made the six generals of Hata Jun have to give each other another face.

In the current island country, the emperor has only played a symbolic role. However, the influence of the royal family is still very large.

"Okay, Your Royal Highness, then give General Hisao Nishio another chance! However, if the situation in Nanyang cannot be opened for a long time, then we have to change people. We don't have enough time to wait any longer. .The longer the battle drags on, the worse it will be for us!" said the Sixth General Hata Toshi.

General Prince Xianyuan Gong Zairen nodded, he knew that the sixth general Hata Jun had already given him a face.

Although General Yamada Otsan was somewhat unwilling, he still wisely kept silent. Although he is also a general, he is still one of the three chief officers. But the director of education's gold content among the three chief executives is far inferior to the first two.

After the meeting, General Prince Xianyuan Gong Zairen immediately asked his secretary to send a telegram to the Southern Army Command, asking General Nishio Hisao to return to the country immediately, and he needed to explain to him face to face.

After receiving the telegram, Admiral Hisao Nishio felt a little uneasy. He knew that the disastrous defeat of the Lanyin Front Army this time made him lose points in front of the top army. It may even threaten his current position. However, if he is allowed to leave his current position, he will be very unwilling. After all, leaving as a loser means that he may not be able to step into a higher position in his life.

"Tukada-kun, prepare a plane for me, I want to rush back to China immediately!" General Hisao Nishio ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander." Lieutenant General Tsukada was hesitant to speak.

General Nishio Kozo knew what Lieutenant General Tsukada was worried about, so he patted him on the shoulder and said, "Don't worry, there will be no problem. If you want to remove my position, His Royal Highness must have made it clear." Besides, although the Lanyin Front Army suffered a disastrous defeat, hasn't the vanguard of the 14th Front Army already landed in Borneo? The Germans did not continue to attack. Therefore, the situation did not continue to deteriorate."

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

General Hisao Nishio left Manila on a seaplane of the Army Aviation Corps and returned to Tokyo all the way.

In the morning of the second day, he appeared in the office of General Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Palace. Although he was very tired, General Hisao Nishio forcibly pulled himself together.

"Sit down, Nishio-kun." General Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Palace said.

"Hi, Your Royal Highness." General Nishio Hisoka looked very respectful in front of Prince Zaijin of Xianyuan Palace.

"How is the war in Nanyang?" General Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Palace asked.

"His Royal Highness, the Lantian-Indian Front Army suffered heavy losses. The attack of the German armored forces caused us heavy losses. The Lanyan-Indian Front Army is now an organized unit, and there are only two independent mixed brigades left. In addition, there are only more than 10,000 remnants and defeated generals. These remnants and defeated generals no longer have the courage to fight any more, and have been frightened by the Germans. However, the 35th and 41st armies of the 14th Front Army have already begun to land. Follow-up The troops will also start landing on Borneo as soon as possible. The Germans did not launch an attack. Therefore, the battle situation in Borneo is temporarily stable." General Nishio Hiszo said.

Actually, he was also relieved when he learned that the German army did not take advantage of the situation to attack Sennaport and Lahad Datu. If Sennaport and Lahad Datu were recaptured by the Germans, the situation would be really bad. At that time, he didn't know how to face it. Maybe he really might be dismissed because of this.

General Prince Xianyuan Gong Zairen nodded: "Mr. Xiwei, many generals have expressed their opinions on the recent performance of the Southern Army. So, you should understand what I mean."

"Hi, Your Royal Highness. Thank you for your support, otherwise, I'm afraid I'll be kicked out of my humble position." General Nishio Hiszo said he was very grateful.

"Nishio-kun, this time, Your Excellency Lu Xiang gave me a face and did not hold the southern army accountable. However, such a thing can't happen again. If it happens again, I have nothing to do." Prince Xianyuan Gong Zairen The general reminded.

General Nishio Hiszo nodded repeatedly, of course he knew how many people were staring at the position under his buttocks. If Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Palace hadn't strongly supported him, he wouldn't have been able to sit in this position at all. I don't know how many people are waiting for him to make a mistake, and then kick him out of this position!

"Mr. Nishio, the most important point is that the Southern Army must open up the situation on the battlefield in Nanyang. Not only we are paying attention to this, but the cabinet ministers are also paying attention, and even the Americans are also paying attention. If it is delayed If the situation is changed, I am afraid it will have a very bad impact." General Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Palace continued.

"His Royal Highness, please rest assured, I know what to do? Next, the 14th Front Army will all land on Borneo. Then the 7th Front Army, the 18th Front Army, and the 2nd Army will all land on Borneo. We will Attack the Germans with an overwhelming advantage. Even if they have a strong armored force, the terrain of Borneo is not suitable for armored forces to fight. The final victory must belong to us!" General Nishio Hisao was full of confidence Said. He has made up his mind to fight this battle with all his strength.

General Prince Xianin Gong Zairen nodded, and was quite satisfied with General Nishio Hiszo's answer.

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When he walked out of the General Staff Headquarters, General Hisao Nishio felt his back was wet with sweat. Although in front of General Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Palace, he seemed to be very confident. But only he himself knows how difficult it is to open up the situation in Nanyang.

However, General Nishio Hiszo knew. Now he has no way out, he can only go one way to the dark. If he chooses to give up and back down now, then he probably has no future at all. If you fight hard and win, maybe everything will be different. Not reconciled to retiring from active service like this, General Hisao Nishio chose to fight with all his strength.

Of course, this also means that in the next time, the Southern Army must launch a large-scale offensive. Only in this way will it be possible to open up the situation. As for how much loss will be paid in the battle, it is not something that General Nishio Hiszo is concerned about.

General Nishio Hisao can also feel that General Prince Zairen of Xianyuan Gong is also a person who only cares about the result and not the process. No matter how many people die, as long as they can win in the end, they will be satisfied.

After leaving the General Staff, General Hisao Nishio did not return to Manila immediately. Instead, he visited Lieutenant General Hideki Tojo, Director of Army Aviation, and hoped that the Army Aviation would give them greater support in the upcoming operations.

Lieutenant General Tojo Hideki naturally agreed to General Nishio Hiszo's request. He also wants to go to a higher position, which makes him have to get the support of more people. Especially the support of the important generals in the army is very necessary.

Subsequently, General Hisao Nishio went to the Armament Department, where he received an order from General Prince Hanin Gong Zairen to dispatch a large number of anti-tank weapons from the

Armament Department to Nanyang. General Nishio Hiszo knew that if he wanted to defeat the German army, he had to defeat the German army's powerful armored force. Otherwise, everything is empty talk.

In addition, the training department is also a place where Admiral Nishio Hiszo needs to visit. The Lanyin front army has suffered such a large loss this time, and it will undoubtedly require a lot of soldiers and officers if it is to be rebuilt. If you don't deal with them well, no one can guarantee that there will be no problems.

After finishing all this work, General Nishio Hisao returned to Manila on March 14.

Lieutenant General Tsukada took a group of generals from the headquarters to greet him at the airport. Seeing General Hisao Nishio getting off the plane with a smile on his face, Lieutenant General Tsukada Ko and the others put their hearts that had been hanging in their stomachs back into their stomachs. If General Nishio Hiszo was dismissed, then they would probably be dismissed as well. The new commander must have his own confidants to arrange, and it is impossible to follow the old man.

"Your Excellency, you have worked hard all the way!" Lieutenant General Tsukada went up to meet him.

"Tukada-kun, is the situation in Nanyang still stable?" General Hisao Nishio was stable.

"Your Excellency, the situation is fairly stable. The main forces of the 35th Army and 41st Army have already landed in Borneo. The Germans did not launch an attack. But we did not launch an attack either, for fear of being ambushed by the Germans again." Said Lieutenant General Tsukada Gong.

After all, the attack power of the German armored forces was too powerful, and several main divisions of the Lanyin Front Army were easily defeated. This made the 14th Front Army a little worried, for fear that it would follow in the footsteps of the Lanyin Front Army.

General Hisao Nishio nodded, without saying anything, got into the car and returned to his headquarters.

Afterwards, General Hisao Nishio ignored the rest and immediately summoned Lieutenant General Masharu Honma, commander of the 14th Front Army.

"Mr. Honma, in view of the current situation of the Lanyin Front Army, the battle situation in Borneo can only be maintained by the 14th Front Army." General Hisao Nishio said.

Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma's expression was very serious, and he knew that this undoubtedly meant a lot of pressure. The disastrous defeat of the Lanyin Front Army shocked him greatly.

Although, the 14th Front Army has more troops and stronger strength than the Lanyin Front Army. However, Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma also has no confidence in whether he can defeat the Germans in Borneo.

However, Lieutenant General Masharu Honma also knew that when General Hisao Nishio spoke up, there was no possibility for him to back down.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I will do my best in this humble position!" Lieutenant General Masharu Honma said.

"The 24th Brigade and the 72nd Brigade of the Lanyin Front Army will be temporarily strengthened for you. The other troops will be withdrawn to the Philippine Islands to rest. They will obviously not be able to go to the battlefield for a while. Therefore, the next step is up to you. After you land on Borneo, you can take a temporary defensive position. The 7th Front Army and the 18th Front Army will send reinforcements to Borneo in the shortest possible time. Wait until they also land on Borneo before launching an attack. Alright. I believe that by then we will have enough strength to deal with the Germans!" General Nishio Hiszo said.

Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma nodded, and his face looked better. The 14th Front Army has a strong force, with more than 300,000 people. Although there are more than the German 23rd Army, Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma has no confidence in a real fight. If the 7th Front Army and the 18th Front Army are added, there may be a turning point. The 7th Front Army has 5 infantry divisions, 7 independent mixed brigades, a tank division, a tank regiment and an independent tank brigade, plus other units it belongs to, with a total strength of 20 More than ten thousand people. The 18th Front Army has 7 divisions with a total strength of 130,000 troops.

In this case, the army of the island country has nearly 700,000 people in Borneo, and its total strength is almost three times that of the 23rd Army of the German Army.

With such a large advantage, it should be a certainty that the island army defeated the German 23rd Army.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander, I understand the humble position." Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma nodded.

After receiving the promise from General Nishio Hiszo, Lieutenant General Masharu Honma was relieved a lot.

Next, the army of the island country began to increase its troops to Borneo. Except for the independent and mixed 24th Brigade and 72nd Brigade of the defeated Lanyin Front Army who stayed to continue fighting, the rest of the remnants withdrew to the Philippine Islands to rest. Lieutenant General Hebe Zhengsan, the commander of the Lanyin Front Army, was relieved of his post and returned home. Waiting for him, it is estimated that he will retire from active service.

At the same time, the remaining parts of the 14th Front Army of the island country, as well as the 7th Front Army and the 18th Front Army that arrived later, are all landing on Borneo in large numbers.

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Xiana Port, densely packed transport ships and merchant ships are waiting to enter the port. Island soldiers in khaki military uniforms disembarked from the ships one by one, lined up under the command of the officers, and then left the pier.

These troops are all troops under the jurisdiction of the Southern Army of the Island Army. The 14th Front Army, the 7th Front Army and the various units of the 18th Front Army are all arriving in Borneo by transport ships and merchant ships, preparing to participate in the war.

There are also fighter planes of the Japanese army air force hovering in the sky. In order to avoid being attacked by the Luftwaffe, the 3rd Air Force and 4th Air Force of the Island Army Air Force have spent a lot of money. Make sure there are dozens of fighter jets in the air at all hours of the day. Once

the Luftwaffe dispatches fighter planes, they will dispatch more fighter planes. This also made it impossible for the Luftwaffe to send dive bombers and ground attack aircraft to bomb these transport ships and merchant ships. Simple fighter jets pose little threat to these sea targets.

"Phew!"

A FW-190 fighter jet quickly passed over the sky of Xiana Port. Several Type 1 fighter jets of the Japanese Army Aviation Corps are chasing after them. However, their speed was too slow, and they could only watch the FW-190 fighter jet fly away.

The German Air Force now uses these FW-190 fighter jets to perform reconnaissance missions. Their speed advantage makes it impossible for the island country's army aviation to catch up.

The army of the island country increased its troops to Borneo through Siena Port and Lahad Datu, which made the German 23rd Army very vigilant. After all, although they dealt a devastating blow to the Lantian and Indian front forces in the Battle of Kinabatangan before. However, the islanders will definitely be on guard after suffering this loss. It is almost impossible to replicate such a victory again. Therefore, the next battles will probably be tough ones. In this regard, the 23rd Army did not care about it. Although the Japanese army has an absolute advantage in terms of strength, it is not so easy to truly defeat the 23rd Army. As for the complete annihilation of the 23rd Army, that is even more delusional.

Brunei City, 23rd Army Command. Lieutenant General William Adam was reading the information sent by the Air Force.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, it seems that the islanders are still increasing their troops crazily! They are undoubtedly trying to defeat us through their superiority in strength." Lieutenant General William Adam had a contemptuous smile on his face.

"Yes, General. Although the weapons and equipment of the islanders are not good, their combat effectiveness is still very strong. Especially in night battles, they are very brave and often cause us great losses. If they continue to fight The increase in troops may pose a greater threat to us," said Major General Erwin Vilo.

Lieutenant General William Adam nodded: "The combat courage of the islanders is indeed admirable. However, in the face of great strength, courage cannot make up for the gap in strength. From the beginning, I am worth it. If the islanders attack Borneo with all their strength In the case of Borneo, our 23rd Army alone will not be able to defend here. However, even if we have to evacuate Borneo in the end, we will inflict an unimaginable price on the islanders. Let them know that if you want to make an enemy of the Empire , the consequences will be very serious. I hope that before we evacuate Borneo, we can cause greater losses to the islanders. The Lan-Indian Front Army that destroyed them before is just an appetizer!"

Major General Erwin Willow nodded. He had been worried that after they dealt a devastating blow to the Lantian Army of the Island Army, whether William Adam would change his original idea and want to stick to it Borneo is gone. In that case, I am afraid that the 23rd Army will really be trapped here. Although their strength is very strong, they are undoubtedly still at a disadvantage in the face of the island army that can continuously receive reinforcements. In the end, I am afraid that he was consumed by the army of the island country and died here. Of course, they can also cause great casualties to the island army.

"Keep an eye on the reinforcements of the islanders! When they launch an attack, order our troops to retreat immediately. Leave the entire eastern part of Borneo to them!" Lieutenant General William Adam ordered.

If you want to stick to the eastern part of Borneo, it will undoubtedly make several infantry divisions of the German army have to fight **** battles with the superior army of the island country. In that case, the loss will definitely not be small. Instead of wasting precious troops like that, it is better to take the initiative to retreat and fight another big battle with the army of the island country where the conditions are favorable. In that case, perhaps the possibility of winning is even greater.

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

As time went by, more and more troops from the island country army landed on Borneo. On March 26, all the troops of the 14th Front Army, the 7th Front Army and the 18th Front Army of the Island Army had gathered in Siena Port and Lahad Datu. In addition, the 2nd Army, 18th Army, 37th Army, and 38th Army under the Southern Army are also heading to the Philippine Islands from the island country. In order to open up the situation on the Nanyang battlefield, the army of the island country also tried its best to send more troops over.

Under such circumstances, General Hisao Nishio, the commander of the Southern Army, confidently issued an order to attack. He asked the 14th Front, the 7th Front Army and the 18th Front Army to start from Sinar Port and Lahad Datu, sweep across the entire eastern part of Borneo, and eliminate the several infantry divisions deployed by the German army here.

As for the 23rd Armored Division, 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division under the 23rd German Army, they have withdrawn to Brunei after destroying the Lantian Army of the island country. Now in eastern Borneo, there are only five infantry divisions including the 225th Infantry Division and the 228th Infantry Division.

However, the German Army had no plans to fight the island army. After learning that the island army had begun to attack, the German infantry divisions retreated in an orderly manner. They took all the supplies they could and retreated along the road in cars and trucks.

It is almost impossible for the island army, which is traveling on two legs, to catch up with them. It can only watch the German army retreat.

At the same time, perhaps because of the lessons learned by the Lanyin front army, the island army worried about falling into the trap of the German army again. Therefore, they were also cautious when chasing them, for fear of any traps.

This allowed the withdrawal of the German army with little interference. Several infantry divisions safely retreated to the periphery of Brunei City, and began to build positions to prepare for the next battle.

Chapter 1345

"Your Excellency, Commander, Kinabatangan is empty. General Suzuki Sosaku, Commander of the 35th Army, reported that when they arrived, the Germans had already retreated!" Major General Lin Yixiu, Chief of Staff of the 14th Front Army of the Japanese Army, reported road.

"What? The Germans have already retreated?" Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma frowned.

In order to ensure that the Germans can be defeated in battle, the island army is fully prepared this time. Waiting until the 14th Front Army, the 7th Front Army, and the various ministries under the 18th Front Army arrived, the attack was launched. But I didn't expect that the Germans would retreat on their own initiative, which made Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma a little confused.

"Is there any conspiracy in this?" Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma asked subconsciously.

The previous disastrous defeat of the Lanyin Front Army made him a little worried.

"Your Excellency, Commander, it is still unclear. However, this cannot be ruled out." Lin Yixiu said.

Obviously, the German army easily destroyed the Lan-Indian Front Army with its main force, which has already shocked the generals of the Japanese army.

"Let the Army Aviation Corps send an aircraft to reconnaissance, and then proceed to the next step after confirmation!" Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma ordered.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Major General Lin Yixiu replied.

Subsequently, the 7th Front Army and the 14th Front Army also successively reported that the German troops had withdrawn. Such a result made the generals of the island army a little at a loss. None of them knew why the German Army retreated? It's as if they clenched their fist and ended up punching the air.

Unable to do anything, the commanders of several front forces could only report the news to the Southern Army Command, and asked the Southern Army Commander General Hisao Nishio to decide what to do next.

General Hisao Nishio, the commander of the Southern Army, was also very surprised when he learned that the German army had retreated across the entire line from eastern Borneo. Originally, he thought that a major war would break out in eastern Borneo. Even he has already prepared for the heavy losses of the various ministries under the Southern Army. But I didn't expect that the Germans took the initiative to retreat?

"Tukada-kun, are you sure it's not a conspiracy by the Germans?" General Nishio Hiszo was also a little worried.

"Your Excellency, Commander, it should not be a conspiracy. The troops on the front line have been confirmed again and again. The Germans really retreated this time. Perhaps, they learned that we sent a large number of troops to land on Borneo, so they dare not continue to fight with us. Let's continue the confrontation," Lieutenant General Tsukada said.

General Hisao Nishio thought for a while, then shook his head: "Although we have sent a large number of troops to land, it is almost impossible to scare the Germans. The Germans must have Their purpose. However, no matter what they do, our purpose is clear, that is to occupy the entire Borneo and completely defeat the Germans!"

Lieutenant General Tsukada Gong nodded.

"Order the troops on the front line to continue the offensive. However, during the offensive, be as vigilant as possible and don't fall into the trap of the Germans." General Hisao Nishio said.

Obviously, General Hisao Nishio has always been worried about the fact that the Lanyin front army fell into the trap of the German army, which resulted in the loss of the entire front army.

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

"However, Your Excellency, Commander. Now we have three front armies in Borneo. If the three front armies go their own way, problems are likely to arise. Then the Germans seized the opportunity and defeated them one by one." Lieutenant General Tsukada reminded road.

General Nishio Hiszo nodded, he knew that this problem was very likely to arise. Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma, commander of the 14th Front Army, Lieutenant General Shizuo Tanaka, commander of the 7th Front Army, and Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura of the 14th Front Army were not people who would easily obey the orders of others. If they are allowed to command the troops by themselves, there may be big problems in the end.

"How about this, send a telegram to the front line, and let Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma be responsible for controlling the other two front forces!" General Nishio Hiszo made a decision. The reason why he let Lieutenant General Masaki Honma be responsible for controlling the other two front armies was that Lieutenant General Masaki Honma was the oldest and very capable. On the other hand, it is because the 14th Front Army has the most powerful troops.

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

When General Nishio Hiszo's order was issued, no matter what Lieutenant General Shizuo Tanaka and Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura thought in their hearts. But they can only accept the order and temporarily obey the command of Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma.

Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma is full of ambition, and he wants to take advantage of this opportunity to defeat the German 23rd Army and establish his reputation and position in the army.

Under the order of Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma, the 14th Front Army, the 7th Front Army and the 18th Front Army of the island country army began to attack across the board and occupied the entire East Borneo. However, during the march, they have also been vigilant to avoid falling into the trap of the German army.

Fortunately, the German army has indeed shrunk its troops to the vicinity of Brunei City, and their advance can be regarded as safe and sound.

Lieutenant General Masharu Honma and others breathed a sigh of relief after finding out the truth and knowing that the main force of the German 23rd Army had gathered around Brunei. However, the main force of the German 23rd Army has gathered near the city of Brunei, which is obviously even more difficult to deal with. This made Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma and the others feel great pressure.

At this moment, the German 23rd Army is making full preparations for the battle. The 5 infantry divisions, 2 mechanized infantry divisions, 1 armored division and 1 heavy artillery brigade assembled in Brunei City, as well as the reconnaissance brigade, engineering brigade, supply brigade, etc. of the group, are doing their best to build fortifications. The intention is to build the surrounding area of Brunei

City into a solid defensive position. In the next battle, it will resist the attack of the island army and cause as many casualties as possible to the island army.

At the same time, the 5th Aviation Group of the Air Force also stepped up its attack and began to compete with the island country's army aviation for air supremacy. This makes the air battle more and more tragic. The losses of the 3rd Air Force and 4th Air Force of the Island Army Air Force have also become larger and larger.

At the same time, the German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet also received a request from the 23rd Army, requesting them to send a main fleet to the South China Sea secretly to prevent the island navy from dispatching capital ships to bombard Brunei. After all, this place is located by the sea, completely within the range of the battleship's main guns.

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The main force of the German 23rd Army has shrunk back to the vicinity of Brunei City. This has allowed the island army to move in eastern Borneo without any hindrance. In just one week, the entire eastern part of Borneo fell into the control of the island army.

It's just that when the German army retreated, it took away all the supplies that could be taken away, and even those that could not be taken away were destroyed. Including those airports etc. Even the roads were damaged a lot. This makes it impossible for the island army to take advantage of the infrastructure here even if it occupies eastern Borneo. However, being able to successfully occupy eastern Borneo made the generals of the island army very satisfied. After all, the Lanyin Front Army was almost completely lost before and did not achieve this goal.

On April 3, Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma, Commander of the 14th Front Army of the Japanese Army, and Lieutenant General Shizuo Tanaka, Commander of the 7th Front Army, and Lieutenant General Nakamura Akito, Commander of the 18th Front Army were in Belulan. Although everyone has the same military rank, the positions are also equivalent. However, the Southern Army Command has issued an order that Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma will be responsible for controlling the 7th Front Army and the 18th Front Army. This made Lieutenant General Shizuo Tanaka and Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura only able to obey the orders of Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma.

"Tanaka-kun, Nakamura-kun. The Germans are afraid of our strength, and have now voluntarily withdrawn from eastern Borneo. This is undoubtedly a good thing for the empire. However, the German 23rd Army entrenched near Brunei City. However, they still pose a great threat to us. If we cannot eliminate these Germans, we will not be able to completely occupy Borneo, and we even have to worry about being counterattacked by them. After all, although their strength is not as good as ours, but the attack power is very powerful, so we have to guard against it. Otherwise, once the Germans seize the opportunity, the fate of the Lanyin Front Army may be a lesson for us!" Lieutenant General Masaharu Honma said.

Lieutenant General Shizuo Tanaka and Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura both looked unhappy. The Germans defeated the Lanyin Front Army in just one day and almost wiped out the Front Army. Such strength really made them terrified. Together, these three front armies have a total strength of nearly 700,000 troops, much more than the German 23rd Army. However, none of the front forces has

the strength to deal with the German 23rd Army alone. Therefore, they must act together. Otherwise, it is very likely that they will be defeated by the Germans one by one.

Besides, the goal of the Southern Army Command is very simple. That is to defeat the German 23rd Army and occupy the entire Borneo. They, the troops under the Southern Army, must do their best to complete this task.

"The Germans withdrew from East Borneo in one go and gave up so much territory, making it even more difficult to deal with! They are near Brunei City and have a very strong force. If we want to defeat them, I am afraid we will have to pay a lot The price." Admiral Tanaka said with a frown.

Lieutenant General Masharu Honma and Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura couldn't help nodding. They were also very clear about the strength of the German army.

"The Germans are indeed strong, but if we want to occupy Borneo, or even attack Indochina and Australia, we have to defeat them. Otherwise, the strategic goals of the empire will not be achieved! It is already April, The main force of the Germans in Europe is about to move again. Once Bu Russia is really unable to withstand the German attack, then the consequences will be very serious." Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura reminded.

"Mr. Nakamura is right, we are running out of time. Therefore, even if we have to pay a heavy price, we must get rid of the Germans as soon as possible!" Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma said.

Lieutenant General Shizuo Tanaka and Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura nodded again and again. They are very clear that this means that the price they paid in this battle may not be too small. However, as long as the German 23rd Army can be defeated, everything will be worth it.

"Honma-kun, the headquarters ordered us to obey your orders, then we will unconditionally support your decision. So, how to fight next, you make the decision!" Lieutenant General Tanaka Shizuo said.

Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura also nodded, although he was more or less unwilling, but he could only obey the order. What's more, they are all on the same boat now. If the boat sinks, no one can escape.

Homma Yaharunaka nodded in satisfaction: "Tanaka-kun, Nakamura-kun. I think about it this way. If we want to attack Brunei, we have to cross Vitti Mountain and Crocker Mountain. At present, there is only one road to cross these mountains The Germans must have deployed heavy troops on strategically important places. If we want to cross these two mountains, I am afraid we will have to pay a lot of money."

"Although Borneo is rich in resources, the infrastructure construction is very poor. Except for the roads built by the Germans on the island, there are no other roads at all. Therefore, in addition to advancing along the roads, There is no other choice at all." Lieutenant General Tanaka Shizuichi said.

This also means that they have to attack strategically important places heavily fortified by the German army. And in that case, surely the loss would not be so small?

"Is there no other way?" Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura asked.

"If we go through those dense forests, our losses will probably be even greater. When the Lanyin Front Army was attacked by German armored forces, many soldiers chose to flee into the dense forests. However, almost all of those soldiers died in the dense forests. Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma shook his head.

Lieutenant General Shizuo Tanaka and Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura looked very ugly. They also knew that the dense forest was too dangerous, and at most only a small number of elite troops could be allowed to pass through. If a large army wants to enter the dense forest, it is no different from courting death.

"Another way is to detour. From the northeastern coast of Borneo, bypass Crocker Mountain, and advance westward along the coastal road. However, successive attacks from here will also be blocked by the Germans. And it will take a lot of time. But the advantage is that it can force the Germans to divide their troops to stop us, so as to further bring out our superiority in military strength." Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma continued.

"Mr. Honma, let's make a detour. If we advance along the coast road, we may be blocked by the Germans. However, we can seek the support of the navy. Let the navy use the main guns of the battleship to help us defeat the Germans. Defense." Lieutenant General Tanaka Shizuki said.

Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma nodded: "I think so too. Then, let's divide our troops into two groups and advance towards Brunei City!"

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"Next, I will send a telegram to the headquarters, asking your Excellency to coordinate with the navy. If the navy can dispatch some fleets to reinforce us, then our plan to advance along the coastal road will have a high probability of success. But the only thing to worry about is that the Germans also have a very powerful navy. The last naval battle between the navy and the Germans was not successful, but also suffered a lot of losses." Masahiro Honma frowned. This is also what the generals of the army are most dissatisfied with the navy.

"Those guys in the navy are really useless. They spent most of our military expenditures, but they still can't defeat the Germans. You know, the Germans have only two fleets in the Pacific Ocean, and their overall strength is not as good as that of the German Navy. Thirty percent of the total strength. They can't even beat the German navy, how can they defeat the German navy?" Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura said disdainfully.

"Yes! If those military expenses were not misappropriated by the navy, we might be able to equip more artillery, machine guns, anti-tank guns and armored combat vehicles. In that case, our strength will not be surpassed by the Germans so much. There are too many." Lieutenant General Tanaka Shizuki also looked unwilling.

In order to support the development of the navy, the island army has made great sacrifices over the years. Most of their equipment is even maintained at the level of the previous world. This put them at a complete disadvantage in the battle with the German army.

If the navy of the island country can defeat the German navy in a naval battle and thus give the army more support in this war, the generals of the army may not have so much dissatisfaction.

However, the navy ultimately failed. This naturally made the army generals very dissatisfied. Many army generals are accusing the navy of influencing the island nation's overall strategic plan.

"There is no need to talk about the navy. They don't want to fail, but there is no way to undo the current result. What we can do now is to win the war for the empire as much as possible." Masaharu Homma Said.

"Mr. Nakamura, I want the 18th Front Army to implement the plan to advance westward from the coastal road. Before that, the 14th Front Army and the 7th Front Army will cross the Vitti Mountains and attack Crocker Mountain to attract the main force of the Germans. At that time, the 18th Front Army will be able to advance along the coastal road. With the support of the navy, it may be able to break through the German blockade and enter Brunei. If it is not good enough, it will be able to attract a group of German troops, creating an opportunity for us to break through Crocker Hill." Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma said.

Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura's face was a little solemn, but he finally nodded. The 18th Front Army has only 130,000 people. Once it is attacked by the main force of the German army, the possibility of being defeated will be very high. However, if the support of the navy can be obtained, there is still a high chance of breaking through the city of Brunei when the main force of the German army is attracted by the 7th Front Army and the 14th Front Army. At that time, it will mean a huge credit.

"Honma-kun, the 18th Front Army will do its best!" Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura said.

Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma nodded: "Masters, this battle is about the future of the empire. It is also about our future. This time, we must do our best to defeat the Germans in one fell swoop! Let the Germans know that they Although we are number one in the world, we are not weak either!"

"Hi!" Lieutenant General Shizuo Tanaka and Lieutenant General Akito Nakamura nodded heavily. As Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma said, this battle is not only related to the fate of the island nation, but also to their own future. After the disastrous defeat of the Lanyin Front Army, Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo has been dismissed from his post. If they failed to defeat the Germans and were hit hard instead, they would probably end up in the same fate as Lieutenant General Kawabe Shozo. Therefore, they must do their best.

After this meeting, Lieutenant General Masahiro Honma immediately reported the plan to the Southern Army Command in Manila. General Hisao Nishio, commander of the Southern Army, approved this battle plan. He does not interfere with the specific operations of the troops below, and only cares about the final result. At the same time, General Hisao Nishio also sent a telegram to the General Staff, hoping that they could coordinate with the navy and let the navy come forward to assist the southern army in defeating the Germans on Borneo.

The strength of the island nation's navy is still recovering. After more than a month, although it has recovered a lot. But overall, it is still far from being able to return to its peak state. In particular, a large number of cutting-edge warships have not yet entered service, so there are not many warships that can be dispatched by the navy of the island country. But the army has made a clear request, and the navy of the island country has no way to refuse. It can only promise the army and will do its best to support them.

The 18th Army of the Island Army began to detour to the northeast of Borneo, preparing to advance westward along the coastal road.

On the other hand, the 7th Front Army and the 14th Front Army of the Island Army crossed Mount Vitti and advanced aggressively towards Brunei City along the highway. The eyes are the same.

Although there are mountains and dense forests, the island army seems to be full of confidence in this battle. After all, the 7th Front Army and the 14th Front Army of the Japanese Army combined have more than half a million people, which is more than twice the size of the 23rd Front Army of the German Army. If it weren't for the terrain and transportation facilities on Borneo that restricted their performance, they would have a greater advantage in battle.

The actions of the army of the island country naturally cannot escape the surveillance of the German army. The German reconnaissance unit is active in the dense forest, monitoring the Japanese Army. At the same time, the fighter planes in the sky were also attacking the Japanese army marching on the ground in addition to air combat with the Japanese army aviation, and reported their every move to the German 23rd Army.

Lieutenant General William Adam, commander of the German 23rd Army, made deployments based on the actions of the island country army.

The 226th Infantry Division of the German Army was dispatched to Beaufort to block the 18th Front Army of the Island Army advancing along the coastal road. Although, it is difficult to resist the army of more than 100,000 island countries with less than 20,000 troops. However, in the case of narrow terrain, it is difficult for the army of the island country to exert its superiority in strength.

The 227th Infantry Division and the 229th Infantry Division are stationed in the valley between Sipidan and Lawas. This is the only exit on the road over Crocker Hill. If the island army wanted to cross Crocker Mountain, it would have to forcibly pass through the dense and dangerous rainforest.

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"Your Excellency, Commander, the forward of the islanders has already passed Danan, and it is only more than 30 kilometers away from our defense line. It is expected that they will launch an attack the day after tomorrow at the latest." Erwin, the chief of staff of the 23rd Army. Major General Willow reported.

Lieutenant General William Adam nodded: "How many people are there in the forward troops of the Islanders?"

"According to the information obtained so far, it is the 35th Army under the 14th Front Army of the Island Army, including four infantry divisions and an independent mixed brigade, with a total strength of nearly 80,000 troops! Behind the 35th Army is the 35th Army The 41st Army. In addition, the other main infantry divisions of the 14th Front Army are also behind, only a few days away. As for the 7th Front Army of the Island Army, it is at the end!" Major General Erwin Vilo said.

"Are there more than 80,000 people? There are still a lot of troops. Are the 227th Infantry Division and the 229th Infantry Division ready? Next, they will be needed to withstand the fierce attack of the islanders." Lieutenant General William Adam Said.

It is almost unnecessary to know that the next attack of the island army will be quite violent. After all, the 14th Front Army and the 7th Front Army of the Japanese Army have a total of more than 500,000 people, which is more than ten times that of the German 227th Infantry Division and 229th Infantry Division.

Although the powerful German 23rd Armored Division, 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division are still in Brunei. But the terrain of Crocker Hill is obviously not suitable for the play of armored forces. Therefore, in the next battle, they will not be able to help much. As for the 225th Infantry Division and the 228th Infantry Division, they have suffered considerable losses in previous battles and are now resting. Unless the battle situation is very unfavorable, otherwise, they will not be easily dispatched.

The other three infantry divisions of the German 23rd Army, namely the 223rd Infantry Division, the 224th Infantry Division and the 230th Infantry Division, are located in western Borneo. There is still vast territory to defend here. If the island army launches a landing operation in these areas, it will be tantamount to attacking the weakness of the 23rd Army.

"Your Excellency, the 227th Infantry Division and the 229th Infantry Division are ready. We are in the valley of Crocker Mountain, and we are fully prepared. Once the Island Army launches an attack, they will definitely be able to meet them. The blood is broken, and the loss is heavy." Major General Erwin Vilo obviously has great confidence in this battle.

Lieutenant General William Adam nodded. He was also very confident about his troops.

"However, the islanders must pay special attention to their night attacks. Once they are unable to break through our defenses, they will definitely adopt this method." Lieutenant General William Adam said.

In the previous battles, the island army has repeatedly used night raids to attack the German army. The Japanese army knows very well that the German army's firepower is very strong. If they attack during the day, they will pay extremely heavy losses in the face of the German army's powerful firepower. Only by attacking at night can this be effectively avoided. At the same time, they will give full play to their own strength in strength.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I have already explained to the 227th Infantry Division and the 229th Infantry Division. They pulled up three barbed wire fences in front of the position. At the same time, they planted a large number of mines. The flares are also very well prepared. Once the island country people really want to launch a night attack, we will definitely make them pay extremely heavy losses." Major General Erwin Vilo said.

Lieutenant General William Adam was relieved.

In the plan of Lieutenant General William Adam, after the end of this battle, the German 23rd Army had to withdraw to the west of Borneo. Perhaps it will once again use that terrain to fight a big battle with the Japanese army. But if the loss of the troops is too great, this plan may be cancelled, and they will be withdrawn directly to the Malay Peninsula. Therefore, Lieutenant General William Adam hoped that they could make the island army pay a heavy price in this battle. In this way, the German army can last longer in the next battle.

After all, Nanyang is too far away from the mainland of Germany, but very close to the mainland of the island country. The islanders can receive reinforcements continuously. However, the German army will not be able to withdraw its hand to reinforce Nanyang until the main force of the German army has solved Bu Russia. Therefore, before that, they need to completely hurt the islanders, and let them pay the greater the loss, the better.

"What about the 18th Army of the Island Army?" Lieutenant General William Adam asked.

The 18th Army of the Island Army bypassed the northeastern part of Borneo, and then advanced along the coastal road, which also attracted the attention of Lieutenant General William Adam. Although, the strength of the 18th Front Army of the Japanese Army is relatively small. However, it can still pose a great threat to them.

"Your Excellency, Commander, the 226th Infantry Division has already established a position on the Beaufort line. The position extending from the seashore to Crocker Hill is only five kilometers away. With the strength of the 226th Infantry Division, it is enough to defend this section of the defense line." It's very tight." Major General Erwin Willow said.

"If the island army launches an attack, there is nothing to be afraid of. Our intensive firepower is enough to make them pay a heavy price. The only thing to worry about is that the island people use other methods. For example, if their capital ships attack the first The positions of the 226th Infantry Division opened fire. That would be enough to make the 226th Infantry Division pay an unbearable price." Lieutenant General William Adam reminded.

"General, we have already contacted the navy. The two 'Derfflinger-class' battleships of the Pacific Fleet and the three 'Blücher-class' battlecruisers of the Indian Ocean Fleet have all arrived in the waters near Lion City. Standby. Once the attack of the 18th Army of the Island Army begins, they will arrive in the waters north of Beaufort to guard against the attack of the Island Navy." Major General Erwin Vilo said.

"In addition, the Pacific Fleet will dispatch two aircraft carrier battle groups into the South China Sea to prevent the main force of the island nation's navy from entering the South China Sea!" Rear Admiral Erwin Vilo continued.

Although the island navy suffered heavy losses in previous naval battles, the four aircraft carriers of their 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron are still intact. The lost carrier-based aircraft and pilots must have been replenished after more than a month. Once the capital ship formation of the island navy fails to help the island army win, their aircraft carrier team is very likely to fight. Therefore, we have to guard against this.

"With the support of the navy, it seems that there is no problem in resisting the attack of the islanders. Even with the support of the navy, we can launch a counterattack and defeat the 18th Front Army of the island army. Now we are ready for everything. Waiting for the islanders to come and die!" Lieutenant General William Adam laughed.

Chapter 1349

Marching in rugged mountains is already very difficult. Especially if the road is still in the dense forest, it is even more dangerous. Poisonous insects, snakes and ants can kill a person at any time.

Even the German 23rd Army did not dare to go deep into the dense forest when it was fully prepared. The large amount of medicines they prepared, including deworming medicines, enabled them to build a defense line on the edge of the dense forest to ensure their own safety. However, the island army will not work. They simply weren't prepared for it. This also made the non-combat attrition of the Japanese army very serious during the war.

Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki, Commander of the 35th Army of the Island Army, watched with a blank expression as the military doctor covered the soldiers who died of poisoning with white cloth. He no longer knew how many soldiers in his army were killed by poisonous insects, snakes and ants. Of course, Major General Tomomi Haru, Chief of Staff of the 35th Army, probably knew it well. From the time they entered the dense forest to the present, the entire 35th Army has lost more than 3,000 people. This is equivalent to the disappearance of an infantry regiment. Such a loss may not be a big deal to the 35th Army, which has nearly 80,000 people. However, this is only the beginning. As the fighting continues, it is unknown how many more people will die here.

"Youjin-san, is the logistics department still unable to send us enough medicine? There is not enough medicine, let alone defeating the Germans, I am afraid that our officers and soldiers will be killed by those poisonous insects and ants first." Suzuki Lieutenant General Zong Zuo had a frosty expression on his face.

"Your Excellency, Commander, you have already contacted the Front Army Command. The Front Army Command does not have enough medicines, so it can only communicate with the country. However, I guess there is no way to do it in the country. In the end, we can only ask the Americans for help." Major General Tomochi Miharuru said.

Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki's face suddenly became even uglier. If he really had to wait until he got enough medicine from the Americans, the day lily might be cold. At that time, I don't know how many officers and soldiers of the island country army will die in the mouths of these poisonous insects, snakes and ants. The non-combat attrition alone is enough to make them drink a pot.

"Your Excellency, Commander, there is no way. We were not prepared for this war at all. We never expected that Nanyang's relief would be so bad." Major General Tomochi Miharuru continued.

"Forget it, there is no way. No matter what, the battle must continue! Order the troops to speed up the march. They must reach the destination before tomorrow morning. Then, start the attack from tomorrow afternoon. Warriors of the Empire You guys, even if you are going to die, you have to die vigorously, you can't die so uselessly!" Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku ordered.

In the eyes of Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki, it is undoubtedly very worthless to die in the mouths of these poisonous insects, snakes and ants. Only dying in battle with the Germans is truly valuable.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Major General Tomokami Miharuru nodded, he knew what Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki meant.

In the eyes of these army generals, the lives of ordinary soldiers are not important at all, they are just tools to win the war. As long as they can win, they will never care no matter how many people die.

Under the urging of Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki, the 35th Army of the Japanese Army once again accelerated the marching speed.

On the morning of April 11, the 35th Army of the Japanese Army had arrived in front of the defense lines of the German 227th Infantry Division and 229th Infantry Division.

The long-distance march made the officers and soldiers very tired, so Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku did not immediately order an attack, but asked the quartermasters to let the officers and soldiers have a good lunch. All kinds of canned meat and canned fruits that are usually reluctant to eat were also distributed, which made the officers and soldiers of the Japanese army very satisfied.

Of course, many people also know that this is probably a hearty lunch before death. After this meal it's time to go to hell. If you don't do it well, you have to lose your own life.

However, as ordinary soldiers, they have no other choice but to follow orders, and they can only pray for the blessing of God Amaterasu.

Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki called several division heads and brigade heads under the 35th Army to discuss the next battle.

The 35th Army has 4 divisions and an independent mixed brigade. Among them, the 16th Division is a four-unit division with two infantry brigades and four main infantry regiments. The other 30th Division, 100th Division and 102nd Division are three-unit divisions. The independent and mixed 54th Brigade is a brigade with more than 7,000 people.

"Gentlemen, we have finally arrived here after going through untold hardships. Your Excellency the Commander of the Front Army asked us to launch an attack as soon as possible to break through the German defense line. Although I know that the German firepower is very strong, which makes Their defense force is also very strong. If we launch an attack, we will pay heavy casualties. However, for the future of the empire, we must fight the Germans. Our sacrifice will be valuable. Once the empire wins With the victory of this war, we are all heroes of the empire." Lieutenant General Suzuki Sosaku said.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Several division heads and brigade heads replied.

"According to the information we got, there are only two German infantry divisions in front of the German defense line. Our strength is fully twice that of theirs. I believe that we will be able to defeat them." Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki Then he said.

But the division heads and brigade heads didn't think so. Although their strength is twice that of the German army, if they really want to fight, they are probably not the opponents of the German army. Not to mention that they took the initiative to attack, while the Germans were on the defensive. The superiority of the German army's strength can be brought into full play. No need to think about it, this will cause them to pay extremely heavy losses during the attack.

"The offensive in the afternoon was initiated by the 30th Division and the 54th Division of the independent mixed degree. I hope you can start with success!" Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki said.

Suddenly, Lieutenant General Kobayashi Asaburo, head of the 30th Division, and Lieutenant General Hojo Tenkichi, head of the independent mixed 54th Brigade, looked a little unhappy. Generally speaking, the brigade commanders of independent mixed brigades all have the rank of major general. Hojo Tengji

was able to serve as the brigade commander of the independent and mixed 54th brigade with the rank of lieutenant general, which means that he has very deep qualifications.

However, since Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki had clearly issued an order, they had no way of refusing it and could only accept the order. Otherwise, it is disobedience.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander!" Lieutenant General Asaburo Kobayashi and Lieutenant General Hojo Tenkichi replied.

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On the other side of Crocker Hill, the defense lines of the German 227th Infantry Division and the 229th Infantry Division. After nearly half a month of careful construction, the German officers and soldiers of these two infantry divisions have built a solid line of defense in the valley of the mountain pass.

The entire line of defense is more than ten kilometers long, guarding the only exit of Crocker Mountain. If the island country army wants to cross Crocker Mountain, it can only pass through here. The rest of the places are all places with high mountains and dense forests, and it is impossible to march through large troops.

The German army dug three trenches on this line of defense. Barbed wire fences were stretched between each trench and landmines were planted. The trenches are connected by traffic trenches.

In front of the first trench, a fairly large minefield was buried and three barbed wire fences were pulled up.

Behind the line of defense is the artillery position. The heavy artillery brigade under the German 23rd Army, the artillery regiments under the 227th Infantry Division and the 229th Infantry Division, and the field artillery battalions of each infantry regiment. In addition, the artillery regiments of the 225th Infantry Division and the 228th Infantry Division also have field artillery battalions, and all of them have been strengthened. Although these two infantry divisions suffered a lot of losses in the previous battles. But the main losses were artillery, and little was lost to infantry. In this defensive operation, these artillery can also come in handy.

As for the artillery of the 221st Mechanized Infantry Division and the 222nd Mechanized Infantry Division, they went to reinforce the 226th Infantry Division.

With the German army carefully building a solid line of defense and at the same time gathering a large number of cannons, it is conceivable that the island army wants to break through the German line of defense. The final result is undoubtedly that the army of the island country was bruised and **** in the face of the strong defense of the German army.

The German army undoubtedly hopes to pass through these lines of defense and consume as much of the island army's vital force as possible. It would undoubtedly be the best if hundreds of thousands of island country troops could be wiped out in front of the defense line.

Major General Leizer, commander of the 227th Infantry Division of the German Army, and Major General Manteuffel, commander of the 229th Infantry Division, were speaking. The division

headquarters of the two are not very far apart. After all, this line of defense is in charge of these two infantry divisions, and they need to work together.

"The islanders are coming, and they are expected to launch an attack soon. Next, let's watch our performance." Major General Laize seemed relaxed, and was not frightened by the massive attack of hundreds of thousands of enemy troops.

"We have done what we should do. The next thing to do is to enjoy the process of fighting. Of course, this process may be very cruel and bloody. However, that is for the islanders. Major General Manteuffel laughed. He seemed to have seen that the island army had suffered heavy losses in front of their defense line. That was certainly what he wanted to see.

"This time our mission is to slaughter those islanders. I think God will forgive us. After all, islanders are not believers in God." Major General Lazer said.

"Haha, General Lazer, you are right. Sending those islanders to **** may be a task entrusted to us by God!" Major General Manteoffel looked deeply convinced.

"By the way, is the air force ready to contact? I don't want the planes of the islanders to drop bombs on our heads." Major General Lazer asked.

The Army Aviation of the island country, although it has been at a disadvantage in the battle with the 5th Aviation Group of the Luftwaffe. However, it has to be admitted that the Japanese army aviation still has certain strength. Since this period of time, the two sides have been fighting for air supremacy. Although many fighter planes were shot down, the Japanese army aviation still persisted.

"The air force is ready. The air search radar has been working. Once the islanders' planes are found, our air force will take off fighter jets to cover us. The islanders want to drop bombs on our heads, then Impossible!" Major General Manteoffel seemed very confident in the strength of his own air force.

Major General Lazer nodded, so he felt relieved. Perhaps when they are attacked by the army of the island country, the air force can still provide them with fire support. In that case, they will undoubtedly have greater confidence in holding the line of defense and resisting the attack of the Japanese army.

Just after one o'clock in the afternoon, after lunch, the island army, who took a half-hour rest by the way, began to form a team and prepare to launch an attack. Lieutenant General Asaburo Kobayashi, head of the 30th Division of the Japanese Army, and Lieutenant General Hojo Tenkichi, head of the 54th Independent Mixed Brigade, have both given orders to attack.

In this offensive, the 30th Division of the Island Army will invest in two infantry regiments at one time, namely the 74th Infantry Regiment and the 77th Infantry Regiment. The independent and mixed 54th Brigade will also invest in four infantry brigades in this attack. It can be regarded as having invested the main force.

"Fire!" With the order of Otsuka Otsuka, the commander of the 30th Field Artillery Wing, 36 75mm field guns and 12 75mm mountain guns began shelling.

In addition, the mountain artillery squadrons of the three infantry regiments under the 30th Division also joined in with a total of 12 75mm mountain artillery.

The 12 75mm mountain guns and 6 75mm field guns of the brigade-affiliated artillery team of the independent and mixed 54th Brigade also started shelling.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

As these mountain artillery began to shell, shells hit the German defense line one after another.

However, when the shelling of the island country army just started, the German officers and soldiers on the position had already drilled into the anti-gun holes. Therefore, the shelling of the Daoguo Road was at most destroying some fortifications on the position, and did not cause too many casualties to the German army.

What's more, the mountain artillery and field artillery of the island army are not very powerful. It is simply impossible to seriously threaten the German army.

"Yoxi! Our artillery is still very strong. An infantry division and an independent mixed brigade can assemble 36 75mm mountain artillery pieces and 42 75mm field artillery pieces. Such strength is already quite It's tough." Lieutenant General Sosaku Suzuki watched the artillery performance of the Japanese Army with a telescope, and nodded with satisfaction.

From the perspective of East Asia, although the artillery strength of the army of the island country has not improved much in the past two decades, it is already ahead of other countries. However, compared with the world's first-class army, the gap between them is undoubtedly very large.

At least, in front of the artillery of the German Army, they have no advantage at all.

"Your Excellency, if the artillery from the other three divisions can be added, it may be able to play a greater role!" Major General Tomochi Miharuru reminded.